

RESOURCE: Public Health Rapid Assessment Team (RAT)						
CATEGORY:	Emergency Medical Services (ESF #8)			KIND:	Team	
MINIMUM CAPABILITIES:		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III	TYPE IV	TYPE V
COMPONENT	METRIC					
Overall Function	Primary Mission	Provides an assessment of the situation and capabilities of health and medical resources to fully respond to the event. Evaluates evacuation progress and sheltering issues in the affected area.				
		Experienced and trained to evaluate diverse public health events including health and medical responsibilities of ESF-8	Experienced and trained to evaluate diverse public health events including health and medical responsibilities of ESF-8	Experienced and trained to evaluate diverse public health events including health and medical responsibilities of ESF-8		
	Operational Periods	>24 hours	12-24 hours	<12 hours	<12 hours	
Readiness	Activation Time	Operationally Capable in < 10 minutes.				
Capacity						
	Number of Crew	Team of four consisting of two public health physicians and two public health specialists	Team of two consisting of one public health physician and one public health specialist	Team of two consisting of two public health specialists		
	Personnel Standard	Specialists trained to ICS 400 level with broad level of public health experience. Medical members have recent clinical practice. All members can assume command roles within an ICS structure	Specialists trained to ICS 400 level with broad level of public health experience. Medical members have recent clinical practice. All members can assume command roles within an ICS structure	Specialists trained to ICS 400 level with broad level of public health experience. All members can assume command roles within an ICS structure		
Equipment	Computers					
	Phone					
		Trauma Bag O2 bag and AED Personal Kit Team Life Support Kit Vehicles and Vehicle Kit Communications Kit	Trauma Bag O2 bag and AED Personal Kit Team Life Support Kit Vehicles and Vehicle Kit Communications Kit	Personal Kit Vehicle and vehicle kit Communications Kit		
Communications	Radio Systems	Integrated with Local and Regional EMS and Fire Radio Systems (VHF, UHF, 700, 800 and/or 900)				
	Satellite Systems	Satellite Radio and Telephone System				
	Internet Connectivity	4G/3G Wireless Internet on board with wireless router.				
	COOP					
Supplies						

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Safety						
COMMENTS:	<p>Regarding equipment and supplies, it is determined by number of personnel deployed with team.</p> <p>Able to respond within 4 hours for a 7-10 day deployment anywhere in Texas at the direction of the Commissioner. The team may be deployed in advance of an impending disaster, such as a hurricane.</p> <p>Team is self-reliant for up to 72 hours in an austere environment.</p> <p>Supplies: All vehicles must be SUVs. All logistical support for personnel will be provided through ESF # 8 Logistics.</p> <p>All personnel should have current influenza, tetanus/diphtheria immunizations, Hepatitis A& B series immunizations.</p>					