

Core Capabilities Descriptions

Core Capability:	Planning
Mission Area:	All
Description:	Conduct a systematic process engaging the whole community as appropriate in the development of executable strategic, operational, and/or tactical-level approaches to meet defined objectives.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop approved hazard mitigation plans that address relevant threats/hazards in accordance with the results of their risk assessment within all local, state, tribal, territorial, and Federal partners. 2. Develop operational plans that adequately identify critical objectives based on the planning requirement, provide a complete and integrated picture of the sequence and scope of the tasks to achieve the objectives, and are implementable within the time frame contemplated in the plan using available resources.

Core Capability:	Public Information and Warning
Mission Area:	All
Description:	Deliver coordinated, prompt, reliable, and actionable information to the whole community through the use of clear, consistent, accessible, and culturally and linguistically appropriate methods to effectively relay information regarding any threat or hazard and, as appropriate, the actions being taken and the assistance being made available.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communicate appropriate information, in an accessible manner, on the risks faced within a community after the conduct of a risk assessment. 2. Deliver credible and actionable messages to inform ongoing emergency services and the public about protective measures and other life-sustaining actions and facilitate the transition to recovery.

Core Capability:	Operational Coordination
Mission Area:	All
Description:	Establish and maintain a unified and coordinated operational structure and process that appropriately integrates all critical stakeholders and supports the execution of core capabilities.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mobilize all critical resources and establish command, control, and coordination structures within the affected community and other coordinating bodies in surrounding communities and across the Nation and maintain as needed throughout the duration of an incident. 2. Enhance and maintain command, control, and coordination structures, consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS), to meet basic human needs, stabilize the incident, and transition to recovery.

Core Capability:	Forensics and Attribution
Mission Area:	Prevention
Description:	Conduct forensic analysis and attribute terrorist acts (including the means and methods of terrorism) to their source, to include forensic analysis as well as attribution for an attack and for the preparation for an attack in an effort to prevent initial or follow-on acts and/or swiftly develop counter-options.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prioritize physical evidence collection and analysis to assist in preventing initial or follow-on terrorist acts. 2. Prioritize chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) material (bulk and trace) collection and analysis to assist in preventing initial or follow-on terrorist acts. 3. Prioritize biometric collection and analysis to assist in preventing initial or follow-on terrorist acts. 4. Prioritize digital media, network exploitation, and cyber technical analysis to assist in preventing initial or follow-on terrorist acts.

Core Capability:	Intelligence and Information Sharing
Mission Area:	Prevention, Protection
Description:	Provide timely, accurate, and actionable information resulting from the planning, direction, collection, exploitation, processing, analysis, production, dissemination, evaluation, and feedback of available information concerning physical and cyber threats to the United States, its people, property, or interests; the development, proliferation, or use of WMDs; or any other matter bearing on U.S. national or homeland security by local, state, tribal, territorial, Federal, and other stakeholders. Information sharing is the ability to exchange intelligence, information, data, or knowledge among government or private sector entities, as appropriate.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anticipate and identify emerging and/or imminent threats through the intelligence cycle. 2. Share relevant, timely, and actionable information and analysis with local, state, tribal, territorial Federal, private sector, and international partners and develop and disseminate appropriate classified/unclassified products. 3. Ensure local, state, tribal, territorial, Federal, and private sector partners possess or have access to a mechanism to submit terrorism-related information and/or suspicious activity reports to law enforcement.

Core Capability:	Interdiction and Disruption
Mission Area:	Prevention, Protection
Description:	Delay, divert, intercept, halt, apprehend, or secure threats and/or hazards.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximize our ability to interdict specific conveyances, cargo, and persons associated with an imminent terrorist threat or act in the land, air, and maritime domains to prevent entry into the United States or to prevent an incident from occurring in the Nation. 2. Conduct operations to render safe and dispose of CBRNE hazards in multiple locations and in all environments, consistent with established protocols. 3. Prevent terrorism financial/material support from reaching its target, consistent with established protocols. 4. Prevent terrorist acquisition of and the transfer of CBRNE materials, precursors, and related technology, consistent with established protocols.

Core Capability:	Screening, Search, and Detection
Mission Area:	Prevention, Protection
Description:	Identify, discover, or locate threats and/or hazards through active and passive surveillance and search procedures. This may include the use of systematic examinations and assessments, biosurveillance, sensor technologies, or physical investigation and intelligence.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiate operations immediately to locate persons and networks associated with an imminent terrorist threat or act. 2. Conduct CBRNE search/detection operations in multiple locations and in all environments, consistent with established protocols.

Core Capability:	Access Control and Identify Verification
Mission Area:	Protection
Description:	Apply and support necessary physical, technological, and cyber measures to control admittance to critical locations and systems.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement and maintain protocols to verify identity and authorize, grant, or deny physical and cyberaccess to specific locations, information, and networks.

Core Capability:	Cybersecurity
Mission Area:	Protection
Description:	Protect (and, if needed, restore) electronic communications systems, information, and services from damage, unauthorized use, and exploitation.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement risk-informed guidelines, regulations, and standards to ensure the security, reliability, integrity, and availability of critical information, records, and communications systems and services through collaborative cybersecurity initiatives and efforts. 2. Implement and maintain procedures to detect malicious activity and to conduct technical and investigative-based countermeasures, mitigations, and operations against malicious actors to counter existing and emerging cyber-based threats, consistent with established protocols.

Core Capability:	Physical Protective Measures
Mission Area:	Protection
Description:	Implement and maintain risk-informed countermeasures, and policies protecting people, borders, structures, materials, products, and systems associated with key operational activities and critical infrastructure sectors.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify, assess, and mitigate vulnerabilities to incidents through the deployment of physical protective measures. 2. Deploy protective measures commensurate with the risk of an incident and balanced with the complementary aims of enabling commerce and maintaining the civil rights of citizens.

Core Capability:	Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities
Mission Area:	Protection
Description:	Identify, assess, and prioritize risks to inform Protection activities, countermeasures, and investments.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure critical infrastructure sectors and Protection elements have and maintain risk assessment processes to identify and prioritize assets, systems, networks, and functions. 2. Ensure operational activities and critical infrastructure sectors have and maintain appropriate threat, vulnerability, and consequence

Core Capability:	Supply Chain Integrity and Security
Mission Area:	Protection
Description:	Strengthen the security and resilience of the supply chain.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secure and make resilient key nodes, methods of transport between nodes, and materials in transit.

Core Capability:	Community Resilience
Mission Area:	Mitigation
Description:	Enable the recognition, understanding, communication of, and planning for risk and empower individuals and communities to make informed risk management decisions necessary to adapt to, withstand, and quickly recover from future incidents.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximize the coverage of the U.S. population that has a localized, risk-informed mitigation plan developed through partnerships across the entire community. 2. Empower individuals and communities to make informed decisions to facilitate actions necessary to adapt to, withstand, and quickly recover from future incidents.

Core Capability:	Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction
Mission Area:	Mitigation
Description:	Build and sustain resilient systems, communities, and critical infrastructure and key resources lifelines so as to reduce their vulnerability to natural, technological, and human-caused threats and hazards by lessening the likelihood, severity, and duration of the adverse consequences.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Achieve a measurable decrease in the long-term vulnerability of the Nation against current baselines amid a growing population base, changing climate conditions, increasing reliance upon information technology, and expanding infrastructure base.

Core Capability:	Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment
Mission Area:	Mitigation
Description:	Assess risk and disaster resilience so that decision makers, responders, and community members can take informed action to reduce their entity’s risk and increase their resilience.
Examples:	1. Ensure that local and state governments complete a risk assessment that defines localized vulnerabilities and consequences associated with potential natural, technological, and human-caused threats and hazards to their natural, human, physical, cyber, and socioeconomic interests.

Core Capability:	Threats and Hazard Identification
Mission Area:	Mitigation
Description:	Identify the threats and hazards that occur in the geographic area; determine the frequency and magnitude; and incorporate this into analysis and planning processes so as to clearly understand the needs of a community or entity.
Examples:	1. Identify the threats and hazards within and across local and state governments MSAs, in collaboration with the whole community, against a national standard based on sound science.

Core Capability:	Critical Transportation
Mission Area:	Response
Description:	Provide transportation (including infrastructure access and accessible transportation services) for response priority objectives, including the evacuation of people and animals, and the delivery of vital response personnel, equipment, and services into the affected areas.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish physical access through appropriate transportation corridors and deliver required resources to save lives and to meet the needs of disaster survivors. 2. Ensure basic human needs are met, stabilize the incident, transition into recovery for an affected area, and restore basic services and community functionality. 3. Clear debris from any road, rail, airfield, port facility, waterway for response operations.

Core Capability:	Environmental Response/Health and Safety
Mission Area:	Response
Description:	Conduct appropriate measures to ensure the protection of the health and safety of the public and workers, as well as the environment, from all-hazards in support of responder operations and the affected communities.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify, assess, and mitigate worker health and safety hazards and disseminate health and safety guidance and resources to response and recovery workers. 2. Minimize public exposure to environmental hazards through assessment of the hazards and implementation of public protective actions. 3. Detect, assess, stabilize, and clean up releases of oil and hazardous materials into the environment, including buildings/structures, and properly manage waste.

Core Capability:	Fatality Management Services
Mission Area:	Response
Description:	Provide fatality management services, including decedent remains recovery and victim identification, working with local, state, tribal, territorial, insular area, and Federal authorities to provide mortuary processes, temporary storage or permanent internment solutions, sharing information with mass care services for the purpose of reunifying family members and caregivers with missing persons/remains, and providing counseling to the bereaved.
Examples:	1. Establish and maintain operations to recover a significant number of fatalities over a geographically dispersed area.

Core Capability:	Fire Management and Suppression
Mission Area:	Response
Description:	Provide structural, wildland, and specialized firefighting capabilities to manage and suppress fires of all types, kinds, and complexities while protecting the lives, property, and the environment in the affected area.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide traditional first response or initial attack firefighting services. 2. Conduct expanded or extended attack firefighting and support operations through coordinated response of fire management and specialized fire suppression resources. 3. Ensure the coordinated deployment of appropriate local, regional, national, and international fire management and fire suppression resources to reinforce firefighting efforts and maintain an appropriate level of protection for subsequent fires.

Core Capability:	Infrastructure Systems
Mission Area:	Response, Recovery
Description:	Stabilize critical infrastructure functions, minimize health and safety threats, and efficiently restore and revitalize systems and services to support a viable, resilient community.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decrease and stabilize immediate infrastructure threats to the affected population, to include survivors in the heavily-damaged zone, nearby communities that may be affected by cascading effects, and mass care support facilities and evacuation processing centers with a focus on life-sustainment and congregate care services. 2. Re-establish critical infrastructure within the affected areas to support ongoing emergency response operations, life sustainment, community functionality, and a transition to recovery. 3. Provide for the clearance, removal, and disposal of debris. 4. Formalize partnerships with governmental and private sector cyber incident or emergency response teams to accept, triage, and collaboratively respond to cascading impacts in an efficient manner.

Core Capability:		Logistics and Supply Chain Management
Mission Area:	Response	
Description:	Deliver essential commodities, equipment, and services in support of impacted communities and survivors, to include emergency power and fuel support, as well as the coordination of access to community staples. Synchronize logistics capabilities and enable the restoration of impacted supply chains.	
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mobilize and deliver governmental, nongovernmental, and private sector resources to save lives, sustain lives, meet basic human needs, stabilize the incident, and transition to recovery, to include moving and delivering resources and services to meet the needs of disaster survivors. 2. Enhance public and private resource and services support for an affected area. 	

Core Capability:		Mass Care Services
Mission Area:	Response	
Description:	Provide life-sustaining and human services to the affected population, to include hydration, feeding, sheltering, temporary housing, evacuee support, reunification, and distribution of emergency supplies.	
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Move and deliver resources and capabilities to meet the needs of disaster survivors, including individuals with access and functional needs. 2. Establish, staff, and equip emergency shelters and other temporary housing options (including accessible housing) for the affected population. 3. Move from congregate care to non-congregate care alternatives and provide relocation assistance or interim housing solutions for families unable to return to their pre-disaster homes. 	

Core Capability:		Mass Search and Rescue Operations
Mission Area:	Response	
Description:	Deliver traditional and atypical search and rescue capabilities, including personnel, services, animals, and assets to survivors in need, with the goal of saving the greatest number of endangered lives in the shortest time possible.	
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct search and rescue operations to locate and rescue persons in distress. 2. Initiate community-based search and rescue support operations across a wide geographically dispersed area. 3. Ensure the synchronized deployment of local, regional, national, and international teams to reinforce ongoing search and rescue efforts and transition to recovery. 	

Core Capability:	On-scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement
Mission Area:	Response
Description:	Ensure a safe and secure environment through law enforcement and related security and protection operations for people and communities located within affected areas and also for response personnel engaged in lifesaving and life-sustaining operations.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a safe and secure environment in an affected area. 2. Provide and maintain on-scene security and meet the protection needs of the affected population over a geographically dispersed area while eliminating or mitigating the risk of further damage to persons, property, and the environment.

Core Capability:	Operational Communications
Mission Area:	Response
Description:	Ensure the capacity for timely communications in support of security, situational awareness, and operations by any and all means available, among and between affected communities in the impact area and all response forces.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure the capacity to communicate with both the emergency response community and the affected populations and establish interoperable voice and data communications between Federal, tribal, state, and local first responders. 2. Re-establish sufficient communications infrastructure within the affected areas to support ongoing life-sustaining activities, provide basic human needs, and transition to recovery. 3. Re-establish critical information networks, including cybersecurity information sharing networks, in order to inform situational awareness, enable incident response, and support the resiliency of key systems.

Core Capability:	Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services
Mission Area:	Response
Description:	Provide lifesaving medical treatment via Emergency Medical Services and related operations and avoid additional disease and injury by providing targeted public health, medical, and behavioral health support, and products to all affected populations.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deliver medical countermeasures to exposed populations. 2. Complete triage and initial stabilization of casualties and begin definitive care for those likely to survive their injuries and illness. 3. Return medical surge resources to pre-incident levels, complete health assessments, and identify recovery processes.

Core Capability:		Situational Assessment
Mission Area:	Response	
Description:	Provide all decision makers with decision-relevant information regarding the nature and extent of the hazard, any cascading effects, and the status of the response.	
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deliver medical countermeasures to exposed populations. 2. Complete triage and initial stabilization of casualties and begin definitive care for those likely to survive their injuries and illness. 3. Return medical surge resources to pre-incident levels, complete health assessments, and identify recovery processes. 	

Core Capability:		Economic Recovery
Mission Area:	Response	
Description:	Return economic and business activities (including food and agriculture) to a healthy state and develop new business and employment opportunities that result in an economically viable community.	
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct a preliminary assessment of economic issues and identify potential inhibitors to fostering stabilization of the affected communities. 2. Ensure the community recovery and mitigation plan(s) incorporates economic revitalization and removes governmental inhibitors to post-disaster economic sustainability, while maintaining the civil rights of citizens. 3. Return affected area's economy within the specified time frame in the recovery plan. 	

Core Capability:		Health and Social Services
Mission Area:	Response	
Description:	Restore and improve health and social services capabilities and networks to promote the resilience, independence, health (including behavioral health), and well-being of the whole community.	
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify affected populations, groups and key partners in short-term, intermediate, and long-term recovery. 2. Complete an assessment of community health and social service needs, and prioritize these needs, including accessibility requirements, based on the whole community's input and participation in the recovery planning process, and develop a comprehensive recovery timeline. 3. Restore health care (including behavioral health), public health, and social services functions. 4. Restore and improve the resilience and sustainability of the health care system and social service capabilities and networks to promote the independence and well-being of community members in accordance with the specified recovery timeline. 	

Core Capability:	Housing
Mission Area:	Response
Description:	Implement housing solutions that effectively support the needs of the whole community and contribute to its sustainability and resilience.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess preliminary housing impacts and needs, identify currently available options for temporary housing, and plan for permanent housing. 2. Ensure community housing recovery plans continue to address interim housing needs, assess options for permanent housing, and define a timeline for achieving a resilient, accessible, and sustainable housing market. 3. Establish a resilient and sustainable housing market that meets the needs of the community, including the need for accessible housing within the specified time frame in the recovery plan.

Core Capability:	Natural and Cultural Resources
Mission Area:	Response
Description:	Protect natural and cultural resources and historic properties through appropriate planning, mitigation, response, and recovery actions to preserve, conserve, rehabilitate, and restore them consistent with post-disaster community priorities and best practices and in compliance with applicable environmental and historic preservation laws and executive orders.
Examples:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement measures to protect and stabilize records and culturally significant documents, objects, and structures. 2. Complete an assessment of affected natural and cultural resources and develop a timeline for addressing these impacts in a sustainable and resilient manner. 3. Preserve natural and cultural resources as part of an overall community recovery that is achieved through the coordinated efforts of natural and cultural resource experts and the recovery team in accordance with the specified timeline in the recovery plan.