



# ND Department of Emergency Services

*"Ensuring a safe and secure homeland for all North Dakotans"*

**Regional Response VISION:** *An Integrated CBRNE response throughout North Dakota*

## Phase 1

Bomb Squad  
SWAT  
HAZCHEM

## Phase 2

Search & Rescue  
Urban-Search & Rescue  
Structural Collapse  
Underwater Search & Rescue

## Phase 3

All Hazards

## June 2010 Regional Response Coordinator Update:

### Equipment Highlights:

**BOMB:** Regional Bomb squads have been training with their new ICOR robots.

**SWAT:** Regional swat teams have been training with their new Bearcat Armored Vehicles.

**HAZCHEM:** Regional Anchor departments are awaiting the arrival of the new Hazardous Materials response vehicles and most have ordered and received specialized equipment to be put into those vehicles to be used for a regional response.

**MASS CASUALTY:** Both Fargo and Bismarck have received and outfitted their Ambuses and are available for a regional response.

**Personnel Highlights:** Rebecca (Becky) Ault, NE Regional Coordinator, resigned effective May 21 to become the Grand Forks PSAP Director. The northeast region is currently being served amongst the three regional coordinators until the position is filled as follows:

Dwight Stewart: Steele, Trail, Grand Forks, Pembina and Walsh.

Bob Wetzler: Benson, Pierce, Rolette, Towner and the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation.

Joe Lies: Wells, Eddy, Cavalier, Ramsey, Griggs, Nelson Counties and the Spirit Lake Nation.

**Training Highlights:** IMAT COML members were trained on the Gateway Communication Systems along with DOT personnel.

### Planning Highlights:

- The Policy Network has reviewed the Hazardous Materials Administrative Rules and Response Protocols and the ND Type III IMAT Mobilization Guide and suggested changes are being made at this time.
- The Advisory Committee roles and responsibilities were reviewed and suggested changes will be implemented in the coming months.
- A State of North Dakota Recommended Mutual Aid Agreement has been developed and is in its final steps before being distributed. The template meets all of the FEMA required nine elements. Regional Coordinators will be assisting in distributing this document throughout their regions.

### **Communications Highlights:**

- Following public input meetings, final revisions, based upon public responder input were made to the Statewide Frequency Management Plan. The Plan was approved during the May 4, 2010 State Interoperable Executive Committee meeting. Programming requirement meetings will be held in June for jurisdictions and vendors. The 2009 SHSP programming grants will be released after that time frame to begin the programming process.

### **Phase II Panning:**

#### **Description of Phase 2 capabilities**

##### **Search and Rescue**

A search and rescue mission conducted in a rural area often given to farming or to woodland and is usually sparsely to moderately populated. May include areas of wilderness generally uncultivated, uninhabited and often inaccessible by road.

##### **Urban Search and Rescue**

A search and rescue mission conducted in moderately to heavily populated areas given primarily to business and residential development.

##### **Structural Collapse**

A search and rescue mission of persons from collapsed buildings or other urban and industrial entrapments. Structure collapse may include dangers associated with live electrical wires, broken natural gas lines and other hazards.

##### **Underwater Search and Rescue**

The use of aircraft, surface craft, specialized submarine equipment and rescue teams to search for and rescue personnel in distress on or below the surface of the water.

Descriptions derived from definitions from United States Search and Rescue Task Force Glossary and Acronyms at [www.ussartf.org/glossary](http://www.ussartf.org/glossary).

Regional Coordinators have developed a survey to gather information regarding existing Search and Rescue capabilities. This information will aid in the development of a risk assessment, gap analysis, and Search and Rescue asset identification process. A Technical Resource Committee will be formed utilizing local expertise for Search and Rescue planning initiatives this fall, coordinated by Southwest Regional Coordinator Dwight Stewart.

### **In Closing:**

- As always, if you have questions regarding regional response, or would like to schedule a visit to your area for a regional response update, call your regional response coordinator. We will continue our effort to strengthen capabilities and improve communications. Thank you for your assistance and commitment to public safety. Together we can achieve our vision of an integrated CBRNE response throughout North Dakota.

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