



# DART / Mutual Aid

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# California's Hazardous Materials Disaster Assessment Recovery Teams (DARTs)



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# California's Hazardous Materials

## Disaster Assessment Recovery Teams (DARTs)

### **What drove this effort by the CFB?**

- Previous experience with disasters
- Desire to assist other UPA's
- Firestorms
- CCDEH efforts
- CUPA Forum Environmental Trust Fund Effort



DART?  
Disaster Assessment  
Recovery Teams or  
Response Teams

Need a new name!  
D-RATS?  
HMAT?  
EHMRT



What is the idea  
behind mutual aid?

“If I help you this  
time, you’ll help  
me when I have a  
need.”



DARTs provide  
UPA-to-UPA  
emergency  
assistance  
to support  
recovery and  
mitigation





DARTS perform inspections of buildings, facilities, and residences impacted by a DISASTER



# DART concept Assistance During Large/Significant Disasters – How is that defined?





# Depending on the Disaster Needs are different?? Talking about California Situations??



EARTHQUAKES  
LARGE FIRES  
CIVIL UNREST  
FLOODS  
TSUNAMIS



# Disaster Assessment Work

Major spills/releases addressed

- Need identified for DARTS
- Assessment Tools – eyes, knowledge of industry, training, experience
- Safety is a big issue



# FIRES?...



- Damage Assessment Teams
- HM Assessment / Removal
- Solid Waste / Debris
- EH Issues



# MUTUAL AID ISSUES

- PEOPLE
- STRUCTURE
- TRAINING
- DEPLOYMENT
- COSTS
- LOGISTICS



# PEOPLE

*'are the primary resource'*



- Credentials
- Depends on the need EH/HM
- Many UPAs in FD's
- Types based on capability and PPE
- Respond as teams or as single resources





# TRAINING

*'is necessary and a challenge'*

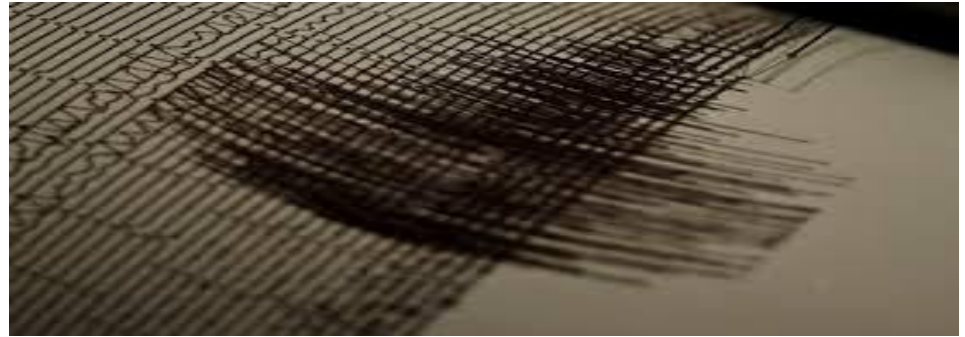


- Plan outlines Training
- Assumes HM Basics
- H&S Training is Critical
- Emergency Management
- Fitness
- Certification/Qualification
- “Trainees”



# DEPLOYMENT

*'regionally first'*



- IC Managers must assess short and long term needs
- Work within ICS – Sustain into recovery/mitigation
- Logistics – be prepared
- Transportation
- Length of Deployment



# DART...

deployment COSTS may be  
REIMBURSED for declared  
emergencies



# Issues

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- Agreements
- Process of requesting resources
- Training
- Drills/Exercises
- Bring in managers to support your operations



# Issues

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- Finalize Mutual Aid Document
- Marketing/Sales
- Advanced ICS Training
- Have to sustain the idea
- Backfilling
- Look at recent experience





DART...



Participation is VOLUNTARY

All UPAs are encouraged to  
PARTICIPATE to create a  
ROBUST mutual aid system



# How quickly will your community recover when disaster strikes?



# DARTs...are your recovery asset!

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