

## **Incident Response Coordination Team (IRCT)**

The HHS Incident Response Coordination Team (IRCT), coordinates all deployed Public Health and Medical (ESF #8) assets. It is staffed by a combination of HHS, NDMS Intermittent staff, PHS and other Govt Agency (OGA) staff (such as Veterans Affairs and DOD).

The IRCT consists of the following Incident Command System (ICS) functional areas: Operations, Planning, Logistics, Administration and Finance, and Liaison Officers. The total staff size and component configuration will vary according to the needs of the incident.

The IRCT traditionally deploys as close to the response area as practical. The IRCT Commander (traditionally a Regional Emergency Coordinators) is accountable for executing field activities for the ESF #8/ Federal Health Coordination Official (FHCO). The FHCO serves as the senior-level ESF #8 liaison to State, Tribal, jurisdictional, and other Federal officials.

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