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The DSCA Big Picture

- Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) is a Joint mission conducted in an Interagency environment.
- USN is in SUPPORT of a Lead Federal Agency (LFA) generally FEMA for disasters, the FBI and SS for NSSE's, and NIFC for firefighting.
- DSCA is a temporary measure with surplus assets - Military readiness missions have priority.
- Resources are provided based on requirement not asset.
- Provided resources are not region or service specific, they may come from anywhere in the DoD.
- USN is not funded for DSCA and relies on LFA (FEMA, SS, FBI, etc.) reimbursement to cover expenses.
- USN support involving law enforcement activities is limited by law.

DSCA Principles

- USN mission is to fight & win nation's wars
  - Disaster response is NOT a primary mission
  - Civil authorities have primary responsibility
- Goal is response at the lowest possible level
  - Exhaust local resources first, then Mutual Aid
  - Further needs requested up chain: County, State
  - State requests Fed help via Disaster Declaration
- Fed response requires Presidential Declaration
  - Exceptions: Mutual Aid, Immediate Response

DSCA Process for Disasters

USN Lends Support to Civil Authorities when disaster strikes via:

1. Mutual Aid Agreements
2. Immediate Response Authority
3. Presidential Disaster Declaration – NRF Activation – Mission Assignments

MOU/MOA

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

- Agreements between local Commanders and local Authorities to provide services under certain circumstances
- Generally restricted to Firefighting, EMS, and HAZMAT
- Generally reciprocal in nature
- Not to be used to circumvent normal DSCA process

Immediate Response

Requests Assistance

Report to Higher Authority ASAP

LOCAL BASE/REGION COMMANDER

- SAVE LIVES
- PREVENT HUMAN SUFFERING
- MITIGATE GREAT PROPERTY DAMAGE

Personnel and Resources

ISSUES:

- 72 HOURS
- REPEATED USE

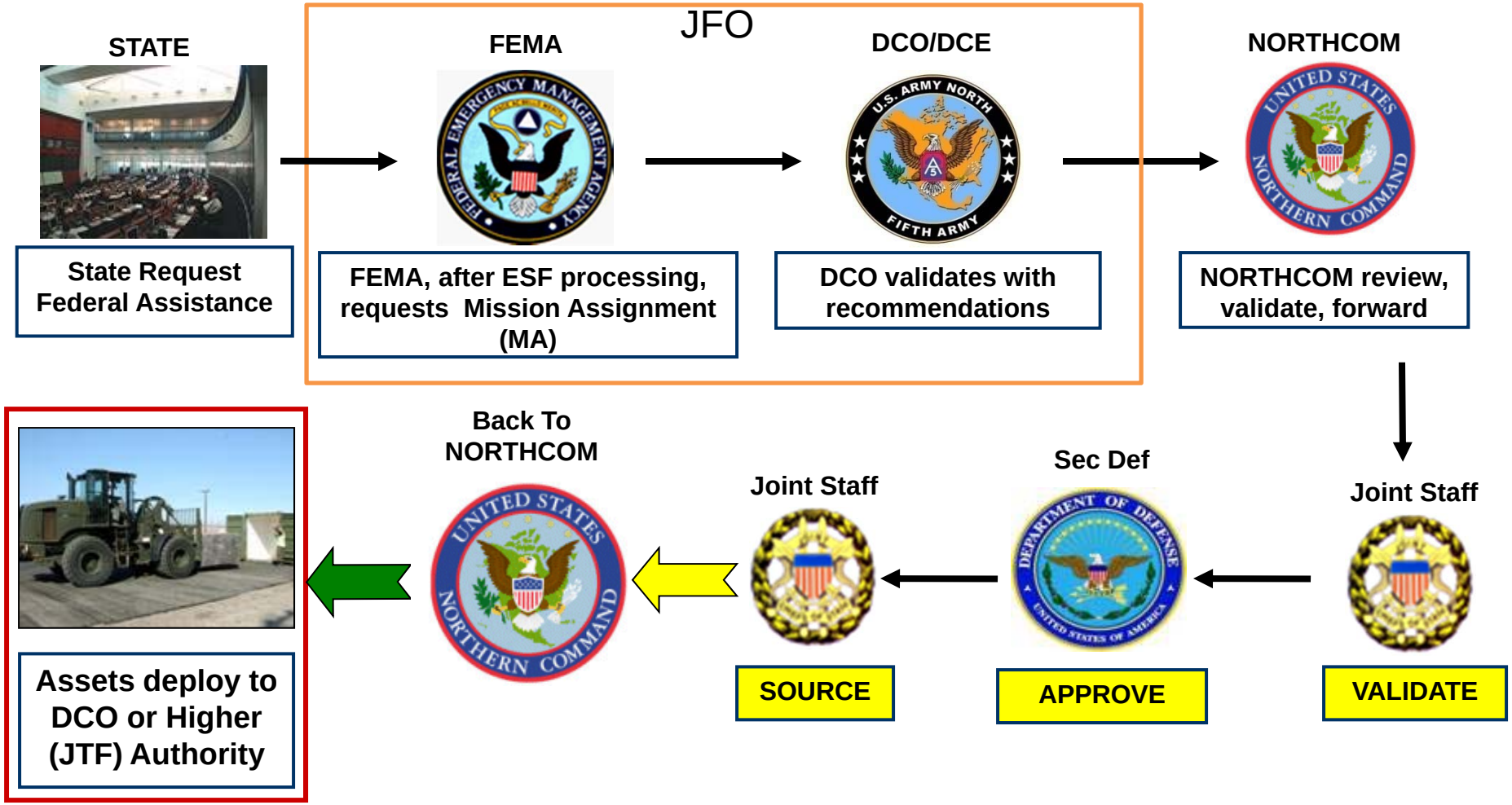
Firefighting

- Wildland firefighting is interagency effort
  - Federal firefighting resources: USFS/NIFC
  - Air National Guard
  - Local assets & Mutual Aid
- USN Historical Support
  - Annual WLFF Training USN/USMC
  - C3F/NRSW/CAL FIRE MOU - HELO IR
  - C3F/CAL FIRE MOU – LCAC Support

Developing a Mission Assignment

- LFA requests a DoD capability (not resources)
- Must meet DoD Criteria for valid mission
- USN forces always in a supporting role

Mission Assignment Process



Criteria for Pre-Scripted Mission Assignment

- Unique DoD capabilities.
- Life saving capabilities.
- Capabilities that can reduce the scope, scale, impact of the incident.
- Time sensitive, ideally staged prior to event occurrence and needed immediately afterwards.

PSMAs: What C3F Can Provide

ESF 1 Transportation

1) **Rotary Wing (Medium)**
2) **Rotary Wing Lift (Heavy)**
3) **Tactical Transportation Support**
4) Strategic Transportation Support
5) Air Component Coordination Element (ACCE)
6) Airborne C2 In Support of First Responders
7) Airspace Control (Ground)

ESF 2 Communications

8) Communications Support to First Responders
9) 25 Users Communications Package
10) 75 Users Communications Package

ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering

11) **Emergency Route Clearance**

ESF 5 Emergency Management

12) Defense Coordinating Officer (DCO) / Defense Coordinating Element (DCE)
13) **Aerial Damage Assessment**
14) **Full Motion Video (FMV) Capability for Incident Awareness and Assessment (IAA)**
15) REPLO Teams to support the DCO
16) SEPLO Team to support the DCO

ESF 6 Mass Care

17) **Prepare Temporary Housing Sites**

ESF 7 Resource Support

18) Mobilization Center
19) **Operational Staging Area**
20) **Fuel Distribution Points – Ground Vehicle Fuel Distribution Points**
21) **Fuel Distribution Points – Military Rotary Wing Aircraft Retail Fuel Point**

ESF 8 Public Health and Medical Service

22) **Rotary Wing Medical Patient Evacuation**
23) **Deployable DOD Temporary Medical Treatment Facility(ies)**
24) Strategic Patient Movement and Airlift (NDMS Activation)
25) Mortuary Affairs Assistance for Remains Recovery and Identification

ESF 15 External Affairs

26) DOD Public Affairs Broadcast Transmission Support to Joint Information Center

SUPPORTABLE BY C3F – routinely exercised

Core C3F DSCA Assets

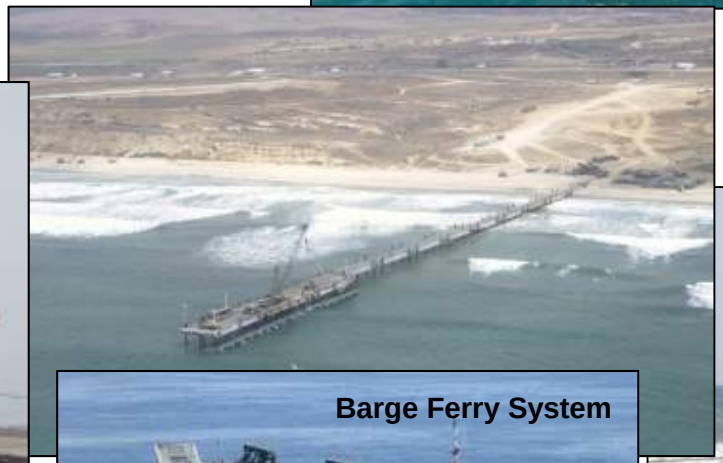
- Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG)
  - LHA, LPD, LSD
  - Landing Craft (LCU/LCAC)
  - Helicopters
  - Fleet Surgical Teams
  - Debris Clearance Teams
- Dive and Salvage

Joint Logistics Over the Shore (JLOTS)

- Provides the ability to discharge equipment/supplies for ESF where seaports are damaged, inadequate, or non-existent.
- TRANSCOM (Military Sealift Command), US Army, and US Navy Joint Operation

In-stream offload

Elevated Causeway



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Causeway

DSCA Summary

USN lends assistance to Civil Authorities:

- When requested
  - Disasters
    - Mutual Aid Agreements
    - Immediate Response Authority
    - Presidential Disaster Declaration – NRF Activation
  - Support of a Lead Federal Agency
    - NSSE (FBI, SS)
    - Standing JTFs (SS, FBI, NIFC)
    - FEMA
- Process
  - Three tiers of C2 response
  - MA generation
  - Pre-Scripted MAs