Virginia Task Force 2

Urban Search and Rescue

Administrative Manual

1.23 Teams & IST Members
Communication
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Guidelines for Communicating with Deployed Teams and IST Members

ISSUE STATEMENT

- To provide deployed communication guidelines with teams (VATF-2, IST Cache Team, Mission Ready Packages (MRPs) and IST Members.
- To provide a Home Base Contact for Teams and IST members Deployed
- To provide guidelines for what type of communication is acceptable while deployed
- To provide guidelines for communication intervals with teams and IST Members

REQUIRED ACTIONS

- Team Leaders and IST members will follow their activation orders while enroute to Point of Arrival
- VATF-2 Home Base will designate a contact for communication with teams and IST members while deployed
- The designee home base contact will establish the method (email, text, conference call) of communications with deployed teams and IST Members.
- Team Leaders and IST members will make all attempts to communicate with their designated Home Base Contact
- The designee home base contact will communicate with deployed Team Leaders and IST members on a 24 hour basis or as the incident dictates
- The designee home base contact will update VATF-2 Program Manager and District Chief responsible for FEMA program