



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COORDINATION FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER RESPONSE OPERATIONS BETWEEN YOKOSUKA CITY, COMMANDER, U.S. NAVAL FORCES JAPAN AND COMMANDER FLEET ACTIVITIES YOKOSUKA

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes areas of coordination for disaster preparedness and disaster response operations for mutual assistance and support between Yokosuka City, Commander Naval Forces Japan and Fleet Activities Yokosuka.

Disasters can occur with little or no warning. People, facilities and property are vulnerable to a variety of natural and man-made disasters.

Yokosuka City, Commander Naval Forces Japan and Fleet Activities Yokosuka share a common interest in protecting the lives and safety of people working and living in Yokosuka City and Fleet Activities Yokosuka.

Close cooperation and coordination for disaster preparedness and disaster response operations between Yokosuka City, Commander Naval Forces Japan and Fleet Activities Yokosuka can promote timely and effective operations to maintain and restore essential civil services and fleet support functions.

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this memorandum, the definition of disaster includes any calamity originating from a warship including a nuclear-powered warship.

Disaster preparedness is contingency planning and coordination to respond effectively to disasters in order to protect lives and property and maintain and restore essential civil services and fleet support functions.

Disaster response is the authorized and prompt delivery of aid that can be used to alleviate suffering of disaster victims and does not constitute a permanent contribution to the economy.

This includes humanitarian services and transportation, the provision of food, clothing, medicines, beds and bedding, temporary shelter and housing, emergency medical treatment, medical and technical personnel and making repairs to essential services.



PLANNING AND RESPONSE GUIDELINES

When requested and authorized, Yokosuka City, Commander Naval Forces Japan and Fleet Activities Yokosuka may mutually assist each other in disaster response operations.

Such assistance is provided for a limited period using resources not necessary for essential civil services or military and fleet support operations.

Aid provided is of an emergency nature and does not involve general rehabilitation work.

The costs of conducting disaster response operations are in accordance with the laws and regulations of the party offering assistance.

This memorandum applies only to areas under the control of Yokosuka City and Fleet Activities Yokosuka and does not obligate either party to provide any assistance.

AREAS FOR COORDINATION

To promote more effective coordination for disaster preparedness and response, Yokosuka City, Commander Naval Forces Japan and Fleet Activities Yokosuka have agreed to as follows :

Establish points of contact for planning, coordination and information exchange.

Provide notification of any occurrence which may affect the other parties.

Notify the other parties when activating an emergency operations center and crisis action team for disaster response.

Provide periodic damage assessments and advise response measures taken.

Conduct disaster response operations and provide assistance when requested in accordance with national laws, rules and regulations.

Promote disaster preparedness coordination and foster professional development through information exchanges, seminars, conferences, site visits, exercises and capabilities demonstrations.



IMPLEMENTATION

This memorandum is effective upon signature of all parties and remains in effect until terminated.

It may be amended or revised at any time by mutual consent of the parties and may be terminated by mutual consent of all parties or by written notification received 60 days prior to termination from any party.

Yokosuka City, Commander Naval Forces Japan and Fleet Activities Yokosuka agree to develop a Coordination Manual for Disaster Preparedness and Response for coordination procedures to be used in the event of a disaster.

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