

***Virginia Defense Force
(VDF)
Department of Military Affairs
Commonwealth of Virginia***

**Briefing for the 2012 SGAUS
National Convention on the
VDF's Incident Management
Assistance Teams
(IMATs)**

Concept

- The Incident Management Assistance Teams (IMAT) concept was developed through multiple Defense Support of Civilian Authority (DSCA) missions in which gaps were identified during operations relative to mission tracking, personnel accountability (PERSTAT) and logistic accountability (LOGSTAT).

Mission

- The IMAT will serve to provide a liaison/coordination function and enable the information flow between local and state authorities and DMA enabling DSCA.

Operational Procedures

- In response to a declared state of emergency by the Governor;
- DMA activates 4 person IMATs as part of its DSCA response;
- IMATs deploy from home station to an Armory or Locality. IMATs responsible for 72 hour load pack and appropriate gear.

Operational Procedures

- IMATs will be under operational and tactical control of the receiving unit;
- Unit to which attached provides logistic support;
- Primary means of communication is via a TACPAK;
 - Portable commercial comms package using cellular or satellite networks
- IMATs will continue operations until relieved.

Training

- All IMAT personnel will be required to complete ICS Courses 100, 200, 700, 800, 300 (OIC), VDEM WebEOC, and IMAT Training.
- All personnel trained on use of the TACPAK.

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