

EMAT Personnel



NEMA maintain a New Zealand Emergency Management Assistance Team (NZEMAT) of 46 individuals that constitute a multi-disciplinary team, recruited from central and local government and emergency services. The team are trained in personal and inter-personal skills designed to enhance the effectiveness of the incident management team across all hazards and all risks.

The purpose and structure of EMAT is to provide specialist capability enhancement to assist and support the affected incident controller and their incident management team manage an emergency. EMAT helps ensure that New Zealanders receive a consistent level of support in any emergency, wherever and whenever it happens.

Capability and Capacity

EMAT's can be deployed into a post-incident austere environment with the ability to be self-sufficient and able to live and operate with minimal overhead required from the requesting agency.

The EMAT cadre is managed day-to-day by the Deployable Capabilities team within the National Emergency Management Agency. In a response, EMAT members work with and for the Incident Management Team and the Controller. The deployment of team members is managed by NEMA duty staff or the National Crisis Management Centre (NCMC), if activated.

EMAT members are issued and trained in comprehensive personal equipment, uniform and PPE, enabling them to deploy and operate effectively after a severe emergency in a self-sustainable capacity for up 14-days.



EMAT representation

The EMAT cadre is drawn from personnel working in a wide range of qualifying agencies. Qualifying agencies include central and local government agencies, the emergency services and New Zealand Defence Force. These personnel have significant experience in crisis response and emergency management in a range of settings in New Zealand and overseas.

Current EMAT members are drawn from:

- Auckland DHB
- Canterbury CDEM
- Christchurch City Council
- Department of Conservation
- Department of Internal Affairs
- Emergency Management Bay of Plenty
- Emergency Management Otago
- Fire and Emergency New Zealand
- GNS Science
- Hurunui District Council
- Manawatū District Council
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
- Ministry of Social Development
- National Emergency Management Agency
- Nelson-Tasman CDEM Group
- New Zealand Red Cross
- New Zealand Trade & Enterprise
- Northland CDEM Group
- Pike River Recovery Agency
- Statistics New Zealand
- St Johns
- Te Puni Kōkiri
- Timaru District Council
- Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office
- West Coast CDEM Group
- Whangarei District Council
- Whanganui District Council

