



Iowa's Public Health Response Teams

- PHRTs assist local partners across Iowa in responding to public health emergencies. These include severe weather events, disease outbreaks, or large-scale disasters.
- PHRT members are volunteers from health care institutions, local public health and environmental health agencies, county medical examiner's offices, private industry, Office of the State Medical Examiner, and IDPH staff.
- Iowa's volunteer response partners have been an important part of the public health response system since the first team was established in 2003.

The Four PHRTs

- **Iowa Volunteer Disaster Medical Assistance Team (IA-DMAT)** provides medical care during public health emergencies.
- **Environmental Health Response Team (EHRT)** provides environmental health monitoring services such as air and water quality, waste water system, and food services.
- **Logistical Support Response Team (LSRT)** provides logistical support for all PHRTs. The team also assists with transporting, setup and management of IDPH's Mobile Health Care Facility.
- **Iowa Mortuary Operational Response Team (IMORT)** provides identification services and care for decedents following a mass fatality event.

Volunteer Requirements

- Volunteers should be willing and able to deploy anywhere in the state for 24 to 96 hours.
- Each team requires training related to its unique activities. Additional trainings may be required for specific positions.
- All PHRT team members are required to have taken the following basic trainings:
 - IS 100: Introduction to the Incident Command System
 - IS 200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
 - IS 700: Introduction to National Incident Management System
 - Hazmat Awareness or Basic Disaster Life Support
- IDPH coordinates regularly scheduled required team meetings.

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