

## Capability Standard – Damage Assessment Capability

Damage Assessment is the capability to conduct damage and safety assessments of civil, commercial, and residential infrastructure and to perform structural inspections, and mitigation activities. The capability includes being able to provide contractor management, construction management, cost estimating, technical assistance, and other engineering services to support and manage response and recovery operations.

**Associated Target Capability** – [Structural Damage Assessment](#). Additional information on building this capability can be found on page 545 of the U.S Department of Homeland Security’s September 2007 document: *Target Capabilities List: A Companion to the National Preparedness Guidelines*.

**Desired Outcome** – The desired outcome of this capability is that accurate situation needs and damage assessments occur. The full range of engineering, building inspection, and enforcement services are implemented, managed, and coordinated in a way that maximizes the use of resources, aids emergency response, implements recovery operations, and restores the affected area to pre-event conditions. Mitigation projects to lessen the impact of similar future events are identified and prioritized.

**The jurisdiction has created and maintains an Emergency Operations Plan and a Resource Manual that:**

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| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Identifies the agencies and the actions they will take to conduct and coordinate damage assessments on private property (homeowners, businesses, renters).  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Identifies the agencies and the actions they will take to coordinate damage assessments on public property (government, private, non-profit).   |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Identifies the agencies and the actions they will take to collect, organize, and report initial damage assessment information within the first 12 to 36 hours of the disaster/ emergency.   |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Identifies and describe the actions they will take to request supplemental state/federal assistance through the state emergency management agency.  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Includes copies of the damage assessment forms used locally (state-adopted or state-recommended emergency management agency’s damage and needs assessment form or a county equivalent). Note: These may be attached as a tab to the plan. |

Comments and Notes:

**A fully-functioning Damage Assessment capability for emergency response operations should address:**

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| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | The jurisdiction’s damage assessment operations have been established, are maintained in EOP/SOP/SOG, and addresses the following elements: |
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- The jurisdiction has identified agencies or individuals to conduct private damage assessment.
- The jurisdiction has identified agencies or individuals to conduct public damage assessment.
- The jurisdiction has established and maintained roster of local damage assessment team members.
- The jurisdiction has conducted training and coordinated preplanning activities for damage assessment team members.
- The jurisdiction has developed procedures for integrating federal, state teams into local damage assessment teams for larger disasters.

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## Capability Assessment - Administration, Finance, and Direction and Control

- 1 2 3 4 5      The jurisdiction has engaged an integrated team to develop this capability.
- 1 2 3 4 5      The jurisdiction has developed an integrated plan for this capability.
- 1 2 3 4 5      The jurisdiction has identified the hazards/threats that would necessitate the application of this capability.
- 1 2 3 4 5      The jurisdiction's local responders have the necessary training to effectively carry out this capability.
- 1 2 3 4 5      The jurisdiction has access to the necessary resources to effectively carry out this capability (either local or identified through MOUs).
- 1 2 3 4 5      The jurisdiction's local responders have received the necessary training to be able to carry out this capability.
- 1 2 3 4 5      The jurisdiction's local responders have the expertise to carry out this capability.
- 1 2 3 4 5      The jurisdiction has tested this capability within the last year through exercise or activation.

**Scale Key:**

- 1- The jurisdiction has not started to develop this measure.
- 2- The jurisdiction has started to develop this measure, but we are not far along in the process.
- 3- The jurisdiction has developed this measure, but it needs to be improved.
- 4- The jurisdiction has fully developed this measure.
- 5- The jurisdiction has fully developed and tested this measure.