



TIGER TEAMS

Rapid response solutions to aid communities after natural disasters

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ABOUT US

A photograph of a tropical island at sunset. In the foreground, several large, blue studio lights are mounted on tripods, arranged in a line. The background shows palm trees and a sunset over the ocean. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.

Entertainment unions regularly work in logistically challenging locations and put to field hundreds of skilled workers and assets. Professional personnel and assets are present on all major islands.

CHALLENGES

EMERGENT NEEDS

Government aid, assets, and personnel, on any level, take time to organize and deploy. Evacuees need immediate relief.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Emergency shelters at capacity/over capacity have greater needs than they're able to provide.

RESOURCE LOGISTICS

Transportation between islands and storage of/housing for aid, assets, and personnel.

TRAINING/CERTIFICATIONS

Access to disaster areas are restricted authorized personnel. Authorization process is often determined "on the day".

SOLUTIONS



RAPID DEPLOYMENT

Industry professionals rapidly deploy assets and personnel into logistical challenges daily. Entertainment workers can be deployed at a moment's notice



EMERGENCY SHELTER SUPPORT SOLUTIONS

Portable power distribution, temporary shelter construction, public address (PA) systems, small craft shipping/transport, and comms systems



AVAILABLE PERSONNEL

IATSE 665 represents 800 members. A wide range of skilled, professional entertainment technicians and equipment companies reside in every county



CERTIFIED TO OPERATE

Entertainment workers maintain industry standard certifications to operate a wide array of equipment. If county/state/federal agencies require specific certifications, training is a major element in the culture of our union



HOW WE GET THERE

IDENTIFY ASSETS

Entertainment industry related personnel (portable power distro, grips, riggers, etc), assets (tow plant generators, PA systems, temp shelter, etc) should be assessed and engaged with

VIGILANCE IS KEY

Once teams, assets and training are identified, continuous training programs must be established to maintain consistency

DESIGNATE ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

Each County identifies certifications/trainings/etc that certify access for tiger teams to disaster/relief zones to expedite aid. County certs/training aligns with State/Fed/etc.

TESTED

Local 665 and the IATSE provided immediate support following the Maui fires

SUMMARY

Tiger teams can provide immediate assistance to communities after a natural disaster. Once the appropriate county/state/federal certifications/training courses are identified and completed, rapid response teams can expedite aid to affected areas. The goal is to buy time for communities in the immediate aftermath while awaiting government aid.

