

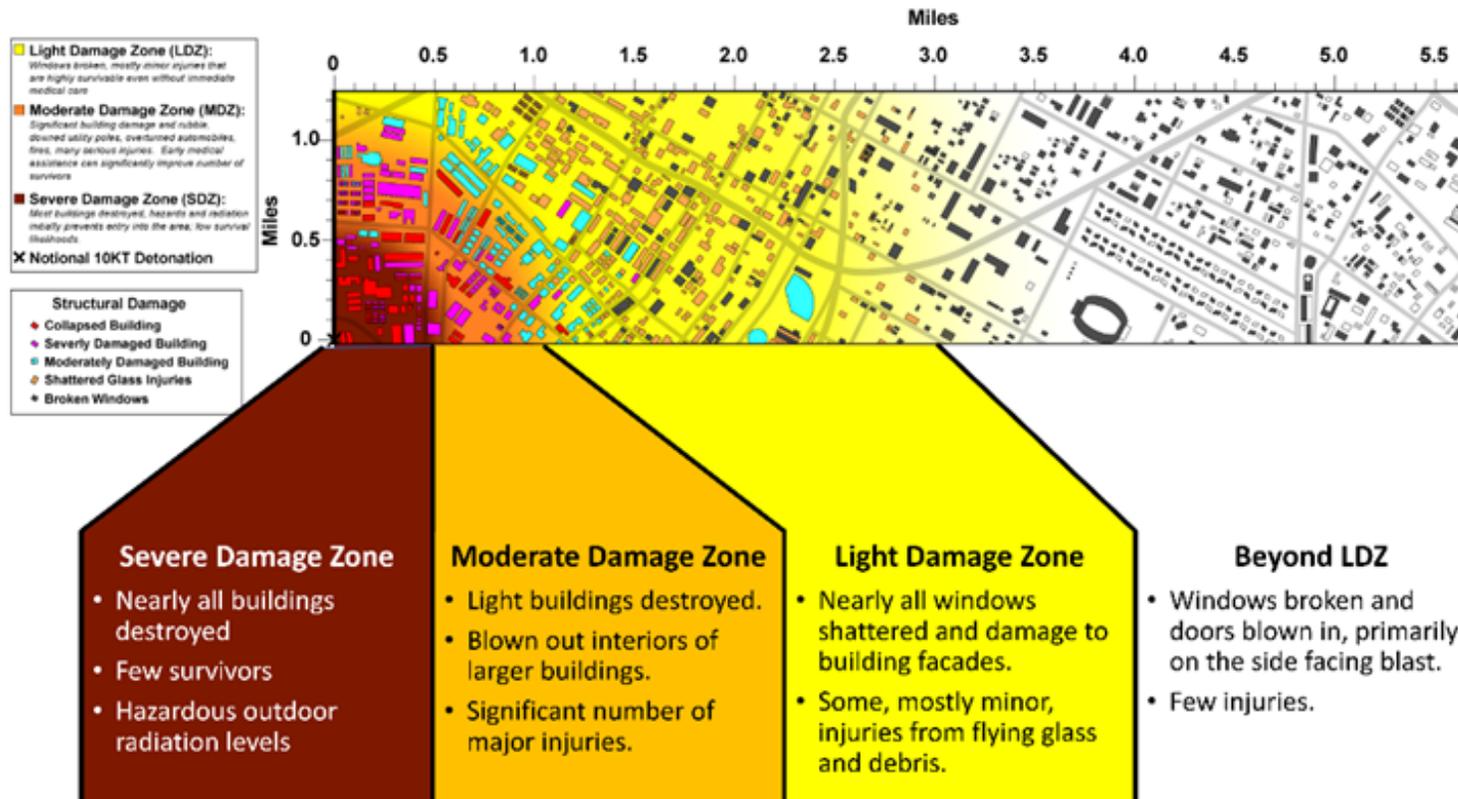
# 2020 ROSS Program Highlights

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- ROSS Program Strategic Plan:
  - Three-year plan has guided several 2020 efforts.
- ROSS Ready Curriculum:
  - Courses may be used by colleges/universities to prepare students in radiological and nuclear emergency response and recovery.
  - Students may choose to later certify as a ROSS after taking the ROSS initial training course and completing a Type 1, 2 or 3 ROSS Position Task Book (PTB).
  - The courses may also be used to support continuing education in the exiting ROSS cadre.



# Virtual Evaluation Scenario Training (VEST)



- Many ROSS PTB tasks require the complex setting of a radiological or nuclear incident or full-scale exercise.
- Incidents of this type too rarely occur and there are too few full-scale exercises to meet the needs of many ROSS who are widely geographically dispersed.
- Will provide a simulated radiological or nuclear incident on the order of that provided by a nuclear reactor accident training simulator.
- Will allow participants to accomplish many ROSS PTB tasks.
- Designed to be run remotely starting fall 2021.
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory with active support from CRCPD HS/ER-4 is developing the initial VEST with a nuclear detonation as its scenario.

# State ROSS Coordinator

- State Radiation Control Program Directors (RCPDs) are critical to ROSS cadre management.
- RCPDs can assist people registering for initial ROSS training and maintaining a roster of ROSS in their state.
- A CRCPD Board of Directors resolution established the State ROSS Coordinator to help RCPDs.
- State ROSS Coordinator Fact Sheet developed to help the RCPDs and State ROSS Coordinators understand their roles.



# ROSS Mentoring Strike Teams

- Supplement the RCPDs and State ROSS Coordinators in cadre management
- There are currently 6 ROSS Mentoring Strike Teams.
- They are led by a Type 1 ROSS and each is assigned 1 or 2 Type 2 ROSS, 4 or 5 Type 3 ROSS and 9 or 10 ROSS candidates working on their Type 3 PTB.
- Their key purpose is to help ROSS accomplish PTB tasks through continuing education and other activities.

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# Radiological Operations Support Specialists

During hazardous radiological preparedness or response operations, the Radiological Operations Support Specialist (ROSS) identifies and provides critical information to responders, key leaders, and decision-makers. The ROSS is a state and local subject matter expert (SME) with the ability to bridge the gap between response and radiological knowledge in order to minimize the impact of a potential or actual incident involving the release of radiological or nuclear materials.

### Announcements

**FOUO Reminder** 8/6/2020 1:09 PM  
by Jeffrey D. Semancik

For Official Use Only (FOUO) Handling Requirements [Reminder on For Official Use Only.pdf](#)

**ROSS Directory** 6/3/2020 5:48 PM  
by Jeffrey D. Semancik

When you first sign in, please enter your information in the ROSS directory.

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### Highlighted Content

- [ROSS PTB Task Completion Documentation Guidance](#)
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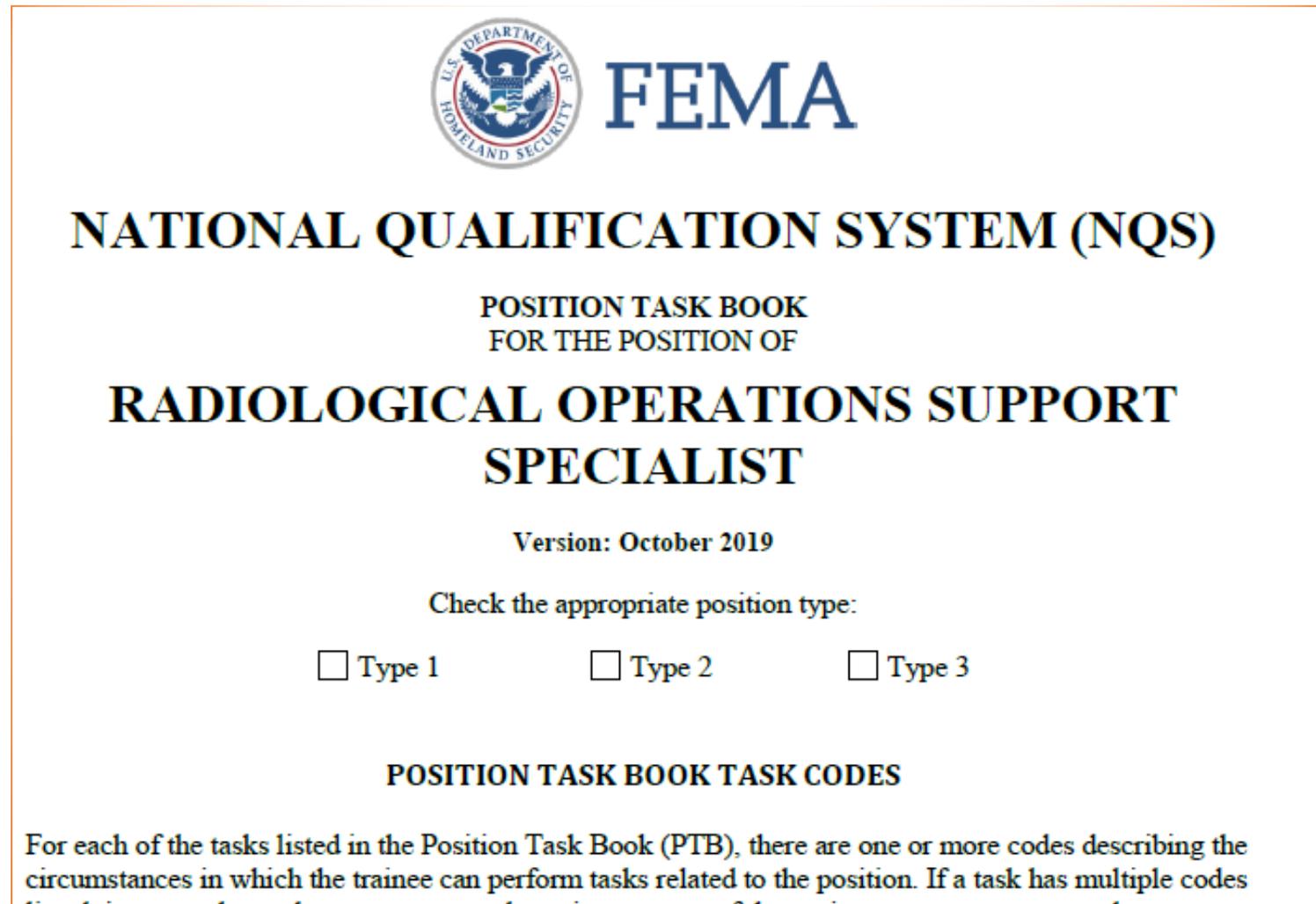
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DHS Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) ROSS Community of Interest

# Guidance on Documenting Past Task Completion

- The 102 people trained as ROSS were assigned PTBs to work on by the ROSS Steering Committee based on the recommendations of HS/ER-4 members who taught the the initial ROSS training courses.
- Many have additional education, training, and experience in their past sufficient to meet the indicators of task completion in the PTBs.
- This guidance describes how ROSS document their past task completion.



 **FEMA**

**NATIONAL QUALIFICATION SYSTEM (NQS)**

POSITION TASK BOOK  
FOR THE POSITION OF

**RADIOLOGICAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT  
SPECIALIST**

Version: October 2019

Check the appropriate position type:

Type 1       Type 2       Type 3

**POSITION TASK BOOK TASK CODES**

For each of the tasks listed in the Position Task Book (PTB), there are one or more codes describing the circumstances in which the trainee can perform tasks related to the position. If a task has multiple codes

# EMAC Webinar

- The FEMA CBRN Office and HS/ER-4 worked with EMAC Coordinator Angela Copple for the National Emergency Management Association on one-hour webinar on ROSS and EMAC.
- Attended by 34 ROSS, 30 representatives from states, 7 FEMA staff and 3 staff from DOE and DHS.
- Copy available from [william.irwin@vermont.gov](mailto:william.irwin@vermont.gov).



# ROSS Initial Training

- Counter Terrorism Operations Support (CTOS) obtained 508 compliance (persons with disabilities) certification of its initial training course.
- CTOS can now present the course again.
- Starting using an online training platform as early as February or March 2021.
- In-person classes will have to wait for the world to return to normal.



**CTOS** Center for Radiological Nuclear Training  
AT THE NEVADA NATIONAL SECURITY SITE

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# ROSS Program Maintenance

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- Presented ROSS Continuing Education at the HPS Mid-year in Bethesda, Maryland in January 2020.
- Three other training opportunities were canceled due to the SARS CoV-2 pandemic.
- The FEMA CBRN Office hosts ROSS Quarterly Calls. On average, fifty ROSS participate in these calls.
- HS/ER-4 develops Competency Maintenance Problem Sets for delivery on the ROSS Quarterly Calls so specific PTB tasks may be accomplished.
- HS/ER-4 continued its maintenance of the ROSS Webpage (<https://www.crcpd.org/page/ROSS-1>).

