

Defense Coordinating Officer/Element (DCO/E)

The DCO/E operations fosters an interagency approach to enhance local, state, tribal, and federal partnership for disaster preparedness that facilitates long-term recovery, enables state and local governmental self-sufficiency and encourages regional cooperation. Its mission is to conduct Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) operations, coordinating Title 10 forces and resources in the affected areas in support of FEMA with unique capabilities in order to assist citizens in the region. Assigned cadets will assist the DCO/E in development of support plans and facilitate development of disaster management plans and facilitate implementation of Interagency events consistent with U.S. Army North, U.S. Northern Command and USG strategies and to encourage regional resilience to disasters. The DCO/E provides sustainable USG engagements to increase regional capabilities to plan for and respond to disasters. To that end, it establishes rigorous assessment and evaluation processes to ensure stakeholders possess an effective response plan for most likely regional threats. The DCO/E works to promote disaster preparedness rather than disaster response and expects to garner significant efficiencies within the DCSC mission area in a resource constrained climate. Increased national and regional resilience to the effects of disasters minimizes the requirement for intrusive civil-military interventions.

Location:

Headquartered in Atlanta, GA with duty across FEMA Region IV (SC, GA, FL, AL, MS, TN).
CONUS/Fort Drum, NY

Prerequisites:

1) Enrolled in any science or engineering major 2) GPA 3.0 or better; 3) meet current APFT and height/weight standards; 4) No security clearance is required