

# Real Estate's Role in Contingency Operations and Disaster Relief

The St. Louis District Real Estate Divisions capabilities are key assets when providing emergency services for **Contingency Operations and Disaster Relief**. Our dynamic emergency response team is ready to serve any community and the Nation when disaster strikes. We mobilize resources to conduct real estate actions and assist in coping with the consequences of significant disasters, e.g. "911", Hurricanes (Katrina, Rita, Wilma), and the Great Midwest Flood.

## CREST – MILITARY OPERATIONS

The St. Louis District Real Estate Division is instrumental to the **Contingency Real Estate Support Team (CREST)**. We have qualified realty specialists who have received the modified military training in order to deploy and provide real estate services during contingency operations. As a CREST member, the realty specialist may also assist in national emergencies, as needed. Several St. Louis District Real Estate personnel have been deployed to various locations throughout the Middle East as CREST members.

## PRT – DISASTER RELIEF

The St. Louis District Real Estate Division also contributes to the **Planning and Response Team (PRT)**. Under this heading we have realty specialists assigned to support the Temporary Roofing Mission. The scope of this mission can be very broad and complex ranging from providing technical assistance to local governments, to managing and contracting all right-of-way interests involved in executing roof repairs to homes damaged during national disasters.