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"Because of what we were experiencing, all of these disasters happening [that] we were seeing more frequently, more often. That, in conjunction with like terrorist events that we saw with Capitol Hill anthrax. It was just obvious that we couldn't do this just as onscene coordinators, so we had to deploy this Response Support Corps cadre, which is huge. And it just gives us this whole backup system to 'plug and play' as I call it, where you get burned out if you're in travel status for six months. We've got it where you do this plug and play where you can rotate in two or three folks into the same position over the course of a response. That's the only way you can really maintain a response at these big sites."

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