

**Emergency Medical Services Authority
Disaster Medical Services Division
Major Program Activities
June 2014**

Activity & Description	Primary Contact EMSA (916) 322-4336	Updates
1. Ambulance Strike Team (AST)/Medical Task Force (MTF) System Development	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	<p>Since July of 2013 nearly 100 Ambulance Strike Teams (AST) Qualification Cards have been issued by EMSA to Trained AST Leaders.</p> <p>AST/MTF Leader Trainings continue to be conducted on an ongoing basis. EMSA recently conducted a class in Irwindale. The AST Program Manual is located on the EMSA website at http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Media/Default/PDF/AST20Manual20and20PTB206-9-11.pdf</p> <p>The Disaster Medical Support Units (DMSUs) are strategically placed with local EMS Agencies and ambulance providers throughout the State. 4 additional units have been distributed in late 2013 and early 2014. This brings the total number of ASTs with DMSUs to 39 in the State.</p>
2. California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) Program	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	<p>EMSA is reorganizing the CAL-MAT program, including the establishment of two Divisions, one in Northern California and one in Southern California. Eight local units are planned, 4 in the north and 4 in the south. This is being done to streamline the administrative requirements of the program and ultimately reduce program costs. The Disaster Healthcare Volunteer (DHV) system will be modified to reflect the 8 local CAL-MAT Units. Persons registering in DHV can indicate a desire to participate in the CAL-MAT Program and they will be placed on a waiting list until the program is finalized. Nearly 100 persons have indicated interest in the CAL-MAT Program via DHV to date.</p>
3. CAL-MAT Cache	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	<p>The CAL-MAT Cache configuration is being modified to refine the placement of like items with like items to shorten retrieval time of supplies and reduce confusion during a response. Also, the caches are being adjusted to allow easy access to Biomedical equipment for routine maintenance. Inventory management to provide resupply for expired and short items is continually underway for all three caches.</p>
4. California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM)	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463	<p>The Regional Disaster Medical and Health Specialists (RDMHSs) continue to provide EOM training statewide.</p>
5. California Crisis Care Operations Guidelines	Bill Campbell ext. 428	<p>EMSA is in the process of preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of the California Crisis Care Operations Guidelines (CCOG).</p>
6. Disaster Interest (DIG)	Patrick Lynch, ext. 467	<p>The DIG has been suspended due to the re-prioritization of DMS staff projects.</p>

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<p>7. Disaster Healthcare Volunteers (DHV) of California (California's ESAR-VHP program): Registering, Credentialing & Mobilizing Health Care Personnel</p>	<p>Patrick Lynch, ext. 467</p>	<p>The DHV Program has nearly 21,000 volunteers registered. All 58 counties have trained System Administrators. EMSA provides routine training and system drill opportunities for all DHV System Administrators</p> <p>There are two new Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units in Tulare County. The DHV Program now has 43 of the state's 44 MRC units participating. Over 8,000 of the 21,000 DHV registered responders are MRC members. EMSA trains and supports DHV System Administrators in each of the participating MRC units.</p> <p>EMSA is pleased to announce the release of the "DVH Volunteer Handbook." This handbook will inform volunteers about the state's DVH Program, and provide information about deploying in response to disaster.</p> <p>DVH System Administrator training, DVH user group conference calls, and quarterly DHV drills are ongoing.</p> <p>EMSA publishes the "DHV Journal" newsletter for all volunteers on a tri-annual basis.</p> <p>The DHV website is https://www.healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov.</p> <p>The DHV Deployment Operations Manual (DOM) is available on the EMSA webpage http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Media/Default/PDF/DHV_DOMRevisionFebruary21-2012.pdf</p> <p>The "DHV Journal" is available on the DHV webpage of the EMSA webpage http://www.emsa.ca.gov/disaster_healthcare_volunteers_journal_page.</p>

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<p>8. Exercises and Training</p> <p>Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)</p> <p>Medical Health Operations Center Support Activities (MHOCSA)</p> <p>Statewide Exercises: Golden Guardian 2013</p>	<p>Bill Campbell, ext.728</p> <p>Bill Campbell, ext.728</p> <p>Bill Campbell, ext. 728</p>	<p>The California Emergency Medical Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents (with Med-Plus) course is offered on a continuous basis, requiring a minimum enrollment of 12 students.</p> <p>The Medical Health Operations Center Support Activities (MOCSA) course has been developed in conjunction with the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI). A pilot course was completed in January 2012. The course will be offered again in 2014 with revisions made in response to the pilot attendees' suggestions.</p> <p>EMSA held the Golden Guardian After Action Conference on October 1, 2013. A two day Logistics After Action Workshop with key exercise participants was held in April 2014 to identify plans to address gaps defined in the exercise . The After Action Report (AAR) is available by request.</p>
<p>2014 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (2014 SWMHE)</p>	<p>Nirmala Badhan, ext 1826</p>	<p>The 2014 Statewide Medical Health Exercise will be held November 20th. The selected scenario is an outbreak of the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome-Coronavirus (MERS-COV). This year's exercise will test our abilities to contain the spread of illness; activate surge plans with a focus on pediatric populations, ensure the California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual formats and processes are being utilized and test the abilities to conduct epidemiological investigations. All local health departments are encouraged to participate in the Statewide Exercise.</p>
<p>9. Hospital Available Beds for Emergencies and Disasters (HAvBED)</p>	<p>Nirmala Badhan, ext 1826</p>	<p>EMSA is currently working with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and other partners to develop the Request for Offer (RFO) to obtain a commercial-off-the-shelf hospital data collection system that meets federal HavBED requirements.</p>

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10. Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) Revision	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463 hics@emsa.ca.gov	The revision process for HICS Guidebook and Toolkit is complete. The 2014 HICS material was released in May of 2014 and is available on the EMSA website. The 2006 HICS material will remain accessible. The revision project did not include the development of education and training materials. EMSA would like to receive copies of After Action Reports (AAR) and presentations on the use of HICS. This information will aid future revisions. These informative documents should be addressed to the HICS Coordinator via email hics@emsa.ca.gov
11. Medical Sheltering	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has received funding for the project of establishing Medical Shelter Guidelines and is the lead agency for this project. Draft medical sheltering guidelines were distributed to stakeholders for public review and comment. Public comment ended on November 9, 2011. Comments provided by public health and medical stakeholders were reviewed and when appropriate incorporated into the draft document. The final guidelines will be reviewed by the Medical Shelter Workgroup before CDPH releases the guidelines.
12. Mission Support Team (MST) System Development	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	Based on lessons learned from the last two full scale exercises conducted by EMSA (Golden Guardian 2012 at Sacramento State and Golden Guardian 2013 at Moffett Field), the MST program is being reviewed in an effort to structure it to adequately support EMSA's Mobile Medical Assets. Inter-Governmental Employee Exchange Agreements are being executed to permit compensation to local government when their employees are utilized by EMSA on an MST.
13. Response Resources	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	The MST caches have been updated to improve support for wireless networks. Wireless operation was tested during the 2013 Golden Guardian exercise. The updates proved successful; however, areas for improvement were identified and are being addressed. The Command, Control & Communications (C3) vehicle has been updated to enhance wireless connectivity and improve the on-board satellite. In addition, EMSA is currently looking into the feasibility of upgrading the C3 to improve communications capability. The CAL-MAT caches are continually undergoing inventory review to identify expired and short items for replacement.

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14. Regional Disaster Medical/Health Specialists (RDMHS) Program and Medical Mutual Aid System	Jody Durden, ext. 702	The RDMHS program continues to work with EMSA and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) staff in supporting major disaster planning activities in addition to supporting information management processes. The RDMHS were very instrumental in coordinating the Statewide EOM trainings held last year.
15. Mobile Field Hospital (MFH) Program	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	With the reduction of federal grant funds, EMSA has not identified a mechanism to fund the MFHs as of July 1, 2014. Three 200-bed MFHs are being stored in Sacramento, California. A site assessment tool for 50 and 200 bed MFH site selections was implemented statewide. 54 sites are currently identified for full 200-bed MFHs. EMSA continues to attempt to identify alternatives to sustain this valuable program without stressing the State budget.
16. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	Sheila Martin, ext. 465	43 of the 44 MRCs have trained Disaster Healthcare Volunteers (DHV) System Administrators. These MRCs are regular users of the DHV system and active participants in quarterly DHV drills and quarterly DHV user group calls.
17. Statewide Emergency Plan (SEP) Update	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463	The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) updated the Statewide Emergency Plan (SEP) and is moving toward implementing Emergency Functions (EFs). EMSA is a lead participant in the development of the Public Health and Medical Emergency Function of the SEP and is supporting the development of six other EFs.
18. Emergency Medical Services Field Treatment Site (EMS FTS) Guidelines	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	Based on comments received, EMSA is holding the EMS FTS Guidelines for further discussion with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) regarding coordination of the developing guidance documents for Alternate Care Sites (ACS) and Medical Shelters.
19. Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Response Plan	Jody Durden, ext. 702	EMSA is currently participating in the validation of the Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Plan.

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20. Patient Movement	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	EMSA has awarded a contract to develop the Statewide Patient Movement Plan. EMSA also participates with the Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) on the Medical Surge Planning Project, which includes an analysis of patient tracking systems. A draft version of the Patient Tracking Analysis has been completed. Findings from the analysis will be used to assist the State with development of the Statewide Patient Movement Plan and interoperability of patient tracking systems.
21. Cascadia Subduction Zone Catastrophic Tsunami/Earthquake Plan	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	EMSA has been designated as the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) co-lead in conjunction with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Region IX in developing this plan. The Plan was signed by FEMA Region IX and Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) on September 27, 2013 and will be tested during a statewide exercise in 2015.
22. Northern California Catastrophic Flood Response Plan	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	EMSA has provided input to Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the development of the concept of operations for a catastrophic event based upon historically occurring atmospheric rivers that result in catastrophic flooding. Input was provided for "Courses of Action" based on identified response capabilities. An operational framework for the development of local flood plan annexes, training, and exercises is also a primary objective for this plan. The draft plan has been put on hold by Cal OES.