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<b>1. Ambulance Strike Team (AST)/Medical Task Force (MTF) System Development</b>	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	<p>AST/MTF Leader Trainings continue to be conducted on an ongoing basis as requested. A training was conducted on July 30, 2015 in Contra Costa County with 50+ students in attendance. Additional courses in Northern, Southern and Central California are scheduled over the next 6 months. The curriculum continues to improve. Information regarding the AST Program can be found at: <a href="http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Ambulance_Strike_Team">http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Ambulance_Strike_Team</a>.</p> <p>The Disaster Medical Support Units (DMSUs), which support and have affiliated Ambulance Strike Teams are strategically placed with local EMS Agencies and ambulance providers throughout the State. All available DMSUs have been distributed providing a total of 41 DMSUs with affiliated ASTs in the State.</p>
<b>2. California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) Program</b>	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	EMSA continues its reorganization of the CAL-MAT program with a strategic focus on balancing resources with anticipated response needs. Efforts are presently focused on identifying the appropriate Civil Service route for hiring CAL-MAT personnel. A target for response readiness following reorganization has been set for January 1, 2016.
<b>3. CAL-MAT Cache</b>	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	EMSA has completed bi-annual inventory maintenance on all three CAL-MAT caches. Medical supplies and pharmaceuticals are 100% accounted for and ready for immediate deployment. The biomedical equipment is currently undergoing annual maintenance. In addition, EMSA has created a CAL-MAT training cache, using expired medical supplies, to be used by team members during full scale training exercises.
<b>4. California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM)</b>	Jody Durden, ext. 702	The Regional Disaster Medical and Health Specialists (RDMHSs) conduct EOM training on an ongoing basis. The EOM Workgroup resumed monthly meetings in February 2015 for the purpose of revising the EOM based on lessons learned since the initial 2011 release.
<b>5. California Crisis Care Operations Guidelines</b>	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	This project is on hold at this time as EMSA and CDPH assess priorities due to current fiscal challenges.
<b>6. Disaster Interest Group (DIG)</b>	Patrick Lynch, ext. 467	The DIG has been suspended due to the re-prioritization of DMS staff projects.

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<p><b>7. Disaster Healthcare Volunteers (DHV) of California (California's ESAR-VHP program): Registering, Credentialing &amp; Mobilizing Health Care Personnel</b></p>	<p>Patrick Lynch, ext. 467</p>	<p>Valley Fire, Lake County: Nine MRC units and one DHV County unit deployed volunteers in response to the Valley Fire in Lake County. Approximately one hundred volunteers were deployed.</p> <p>The DHV Program has over 21,000 volunteers registered. Over 18,800 of these registered volunteers are in healthcare occupations.</p> <p>All 58 counties have trained System Administrators. EMSA provides routine training and system drill opportunities for all DHV System Administrators.</p> <p>Over 8,600 of the 21,000 DHV registered responders are Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) members. EMSA trains and supports DHV System Administrators in each of the 41 participating MRC units.</p> <p>EMSA has distributed copies of the "DHV Volunteer Handbook." This handbook informs volunteers about the state's DHV Program, and provides information about deploying in response to a disaster.</p> <p>DHV System Administrator training, DHV user group webinars, and quarterly DHV drills are ongoing.</p> <p>EMSA publishes the "DHV Journal" newsletter for all volunteers on a tri-annual basis. The most recent issue was released on September 11, 2015. The winter edition will be released in mid-January of 2016.</p> <p>The DHV website is: <a href="https://www.healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov">https://www.healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov</a>.</p> <p>The DHV Deployment Operations Manual (DOM) is available on the EMSA webpage: <a href="http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Media/Default/PDF/DHV_DOMRevisionFebruary21-2012.pdf">http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Media/Default/PDF/DHV_DOMRevisionFebruary21-2012.pdf</a></p> <p>The "DHV Journal" is available on the DHV webpage of the EMSA webpage: <a href="http://www.emsa.ca.gov/disaster_healthcare_volunteers_journal_page">http://www.emsa.ca.gov/disaster_healthcare_volunteers_journal_page</a>.</p>

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<p><b>8. Exercises and Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)</b></li> <li>• <b>Medical Health Operations Center Support Activities (MHOCSA)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Statewide Exercises:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>California Capstone 2015 - 2016</b></li> </ul>	<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 (MHOCSA) course is being revised and is in final review for consistency with the Public Health and Medical EOM. EMSA expects course to be offered by California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) in Spring 2016.</p> <p>California Capstone 2015 was based on the Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Plan Scenario and response. EMSA participated in the multi-day Emergency Operations Center (EOC) exercise in May 2015. The lessons learned in the exercise will be tested in upcoming exercises.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2015 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (2015 SWMHE)</b></li> </ul>	<p>Nirmala Badhan, ext. 1826</p>	<p>On November 19th, 2015 the EMS Authority will participate in the Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE) in partnership with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The exercise is designed as a multiphase exercise program for statewide participants to exercise response to an influenza pandemic. The SWMHE will include objectives for Ambulance Services, Community Clinics, EMS Agencies, Fire Services, Hospitals, Law Enforcement, Long Term Care Facilities, Medical Examiners/Coroners, Offices of Emergency Management, and Public Health. The jurisdiction-specific objectives were designed this year to further enhance participants' exercise play.</p>
<p><b>9. Hospital Available Beds for Emergencies and Disasters (HAvBED)</b></p>	<p>Nirmala Badhan, ext. 1826</p>	<p>EMSA continues working with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and other partners to integrate hospital data collection that meets federal HavBED requirements.</p>

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<p><b>10. Hospital Incident Command System (HICS)</b></p>	<p><a href="mailto:hics@emsa.ca.gov">hics@emsa.ca.gov</a></p>	<p>The Fifth Edition of HICS was released in May of 2014 and is available on the EMSA website for download: <a href="http://www.emsa.ca.gov/disaster_medical_services_division_hospital_incident_command_system">http://www.emsa.ca.gov/disaster_medical_services_division_hospital_incident_command_system</a>.</p> <p>The 2014 revision project did not include the development of education and training materials. Refer to the list of HICS Trainers to view vendors which have identified themselves as providers HICS training based on The HICS Guidebook, Fifth Edition: <a href="http://www.emsa.ca.gov/media/default/HICS/HICS_Training_2.pdf">http://www.emsa.ca.gov/media/default/HICS/HICS_Training_2.pdf</a>. The California Emergency Medical Services Authority does not endorse or recommend any provider. If you are a trainer that would like to be added to this list, please send a request to: <a href="mailto:hics@emsa.ca.gov">hics@emsa.ca.gov</a> along with your contact information.</p> <p>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: <a href="mailto:hics@emsa.ca.gov">hics@emsa.ca.gov</a>.</p>
<p><b>11. Medical Sheltering</b></p>	<p>Bill Campbell, ext. 728</p>	<p>The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released the guidance entitled “California Guidance and Toolkit for Sheltering Persons with Medical Needs” in October 2014. This document will be used as a foundational document when EMSA has the staff resources to revise the “Emergency Medical Services Field Treatment Site (EMS FTS) Guidelines.”</p>
<p><b>12. Mission Support Team (MST) System Development</b></p>	<p>Michael Frenn, ext. 435</p>	<p>Based on lessons learned from the last two full scale exercises conducted by EMSA (Golden Guardian 2012 at Sacramento State University 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 now being sent to local governments to permit compensating them for their employee’s participation when deployed by EMSA on an MST.</p>

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<p><b>13. Response Resources</b></p>	<p>Craig Johnson, ext. 4171</p>	<p>The Mission Support Team (MST) caches are undergoing bi-annual inventory maintenance. Additional supplies are being added to the cache based on After Action Reports following the Urban Search and Rescue 2015 exercise. In addition, the RRU is currently working to add I.T. equipment to improve MST networking and Internet functionality in the field. The RRU has begun conducting audits on the 41 DMSU vehicles located around the State. During the audits, EMSA will verify that all the DMSU vehicles are being properly maintained and utilized according to written agreements. Twelve audits have been completed so far with no major problems noted. The biomedical equipment for the California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) caches is currently being serviced. General annual maintenance for generators and fleet vehicles has been completed.</p>
<p><b>14. Regional Disaster Medical/Health Specialists (RDMHS) Program and Medical Mutual Aid System</b></p>	<p>Nirmala Badhan, ext. 1826</p>	<p>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 RDMHSs have been instrumental in the response to recent events such as the Butte and Valley Wildfires in California.</p>
<p><b>15. Mobile Field Hospital (MFH) Program</b></p>	<p>Craig Johnson, ext. 4171</p>	<p>Three 200-bed MFHs are being stored in Sacramento, California. Due to a loss in program funding the MFHs are no longer considered rapidly deployable. However, the MFH shelters remain a viable asset and can be deployed to support a response. In addition, EMSA will continue to work with the RDMHC program to pre-identify sites for a MFH deployment. The identified sites remain viable options for CAL-MAT, ACS, and other Federal resources. Although the MFH program is without funding, EMSA continues to try to identify alternatives to sustain this valuable program without stressing the State budget.</p>
<p><b>16. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)</b></p>	<p>Sheila Martin, ext. 465</p>	<p>41 MRC units 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 webinars. Over 8,600 of the DHV Program's 21,000 volunteers are Medical Reserve Corps volunteers.</p> <p>Two Southern California MRCs (Riverside County MRC and MRC of Los Angeles County) will be key participants in the November Statewide Medical Health Exercise. Riverside County MRC will receive and distribute the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) for the Southern California Region and LA County will have various PODs to simulate the administration of prophylaxis for the LA County area. EMSA will provide support in the DHV System for this exercise.</p>

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<b>17. Statewide Emergency Plan (SEP) Update</b>	Jody Durden, ext. 702	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.
<b>18. Emergency Medical Services Field Treatment Site (EMS FTS) Guidelines</b>	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	The revision of this document is on hold as EMSA has insufficient staff resources to complete a review at this time.
<b>19. Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Response Plan</b>	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	EMSA continues to participate in the validation of the Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Plan. EMSA participated in the SoCal Rocks exercise that was held in March 2015. The SoCal Rocks exercise was designed to examine the processes required to establish, communicate and coordinate public health and medical resource needs. The scope of this design included the coordinated efforts of local, state, federal, and private sector partners in response to a catastrophic earthquake in Southern California.
<b>20. Patient Movement Plan</b>	Jody Durden, ext. 702	The Statewide Patient Movement Workgroup met on October 22, 2015. The first draft of the California Statewide Patient Movement Plan is being reviewed by the workgroup.
<b>21. Bay Area Catastrophic Earthquake Plan</b>	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	EMSA participated as part of the Medical Planning Group for this plan revision and anticipates that the draft plan for public comment will be released soon.
<b>22. Northern California Catastrophic Flood Response Plan</b>	Nirmala Badhan, ext. 1826	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. Work on the plan will continue in 2015 and 2016.