

**Emergency Medical Services Authority
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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>AST/MTF Leader Trainings continue to be conducted on an ongoing basis and several courses are anticipated for 2015. Information regarding the AST Program can be found at: http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Ambulance_Strike_Team.</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. The total number of DMSUs with affiliated ASTs in the State is 41.</p>
2. California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) Program	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	EMSA continues its reorganization of the CAL-MAT program with a strategic focus of balancing resources with anticipated response needs.
3. CAL-MAT Cache	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	EMSA has completed bi-annual inventory maintenance on all three CAL-MAT caches. All biomedical equipment has been serviced and properly tagged. The caches were updated to include removing medical supplies that are no longer used or required and by replacing expired items. In addition, the Response Resources Unit (RRU) is creating a CAL-MAT training cache to be used by team members during full scale training exercises.
4. California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM)	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463	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.
5. California Crisis Care Operations Guidelines	Bill Campbell ext. 428	This project is on hold at this time as EMSA and CDPH assess priorities due to current fiscal challenges.
6. Disaster Interest Group (DIG)	Patrick Lynch, ext. 467	The DIG has been suspended due to the re-prioritization of DMS staff projects.

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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 over 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>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 about to begin the distribution of the “DHV Volunteer Handbook.” This handbook will inform volunteers about the state’s DHV Program, and provide information about deploying in response to disaster.</p> <p>DHV System Administrator training, DHV 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) • Medical Health Operations Center Support Activities (MHOCSA) Statewide Exercises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Capstone 2015 - 2016 	<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 mid-2015.</p> <p>Based on the Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Plan Scenario and response EMSA has participated in the Initial Planning Conference. EMSA's level of participation in this exercise is TBD.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (2015 SWMHE) 	<p>Nirmala Badhan, ext. 1826</p>	<p>The 2015 Statewide Medical Health Exercise will be held in November. The selected scenario is based on an individual with confirmed H5N1 influenza that attends a county fair with over 5000 attendees. Due to media coverage, there is an anticipated surge of patients seeking treatment. All local emergency medical services agencies and 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 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>10. Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) Revision</p>	<p>hics@emsa.ca.gov</p>	<p>The Fifth Edition of HICS was released in May of 2014 and is available on the EMSA website for download: http://www.emsa.ca.gov/disaster_medical_services_division_hospital_incident_command_system.</p> <p>The 2014 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.</p> <p>The 2006 HICS material will remain accessible: http://www.emsa.ca.gov/disaster_medical_services_division_hospital_incident_command_system_hics.</p>
<p>11. Medical Sheltering</p>	<p>Bill Campbell, ext. 728</p>	<p>The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released this 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>12. Mission Support Team (MST) System Development</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 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 were on hold but are being executed to permit compensation to local government when their employees are deployed by EMSA on an MST.</p>
<p>13. Response Resources</p>	<p>Craig Johnson, ext. 4171</p>	<p>The Mission Support Team (MST) caches are undergoing bi-annual inventory maintenance. Administrative supplies are being updated based on After Action Reports following Golden Guardian 2013 exercise. The wireless connectivity capabilities in the MST caches have been updated to improve bandwidth and reliability. The Command, Control and Communications vehicle is being assessed to determine the feasibility of upgrading onboard communications and satellite receivers for improved response capability. The biomedical equipment for the California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) caches are serviced and deployment ready. General annual maintenance for generators and fleet vehicles are underway.</p>

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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 RDMHSs have been instrumental in the response to recent events such as the earthquake in Napa, CA and in wildfires throughout California.
15. Mobile Field Hospital (MFH) Program	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	Three 200-bed MFHs are being stored in Sacramento, California. One of the three MFHs is being maintained in readiness condition and is capable of being deployed within 100 hours of notification. A site assessment tool for 50 and 200 bed MFH site selections is being implemented statewide. 68 sites are currently identified for full 200-bed MFHs. EMSA continues to try to identify alternatives to sustain this valuable program without stressing the State budget.
16. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	Sheila Martin, ext. 465	44 of the 47 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	The revision of this document is on hold as EMSA has insufficient staff resources to complete a review at this time.
19. Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Response Plan	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	EMSA is currently participating in the validation of the Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Plan. EMSA is participating in the planning for the SoCal Rocks exercise that will be held in March 2015. The SoCal Rocks exercise is being designed to examine the processes required to establish, communicate and coordinate public health and medical resource needs. The scope of this design will include the coordinated efforts of local, state, federal and private sector partners in response to a catastrophic earthquake in Southern California.
20. Patient Movement	Jody Durden, ext. 702	Extensive research on existing options and current systems within California has been completed. The Statewide Patient Movement Plan workgroup has met three times, most recently on January 28, 2015. Task groups are being developed to assist with work on specific topics within the plan.

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<p>21. Cascadia Subduction Zone Catastrophic Tsunami/Earthquake Plan</p>	<p>Bill Campbell, ext. 728</p>	<p>This plan was the scenario for the California Capstone Exercise led by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) on May 14, 2014 at the State Operations Center. EMSA participated in the After Action process for this event.</p>
<p>22. Bay Area Catastrophic Earthquake Plan</p>	<p>Bill Campbell, ext. 728</p>	<p>EMSA is participating as part of the Medical Planning Group for this plan revision.</p>
<p>23. Northern California Catastrophic Flood Response Plan</p>	<p>Nirmala Badhan, ext. 1826</p>	<p>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.</p>