

**Emergency Medical Services Authority
Disaster Medical Services Division
Major Program Activities
May 2016**

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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 as requested. In April, courses were conducted in Central and Southern California. A Northern California course is anticipated in late spring. The curriculum continues to improve and a standardized method for tracking units working a strike team is being developed.. 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. All available DMSUs have been distributed providing a total of 41 DMSUs with affiliated ASTs in the State.</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 on balancing resources with anticipated response needs. Efforts which were focused on identifying the appropriate Civil Service route for hiring CAL-MAT personnel have been successful and progress continues towards recruitment. EMSA maintains a response readiness level for this program in accordance with previously published standards.
3. CAL-MAT Cache	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. Annual servicing of the biomedical equipment has been completed.
4. California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM)	Jody Durden, ext. 702	The Regional Disaster Medical and Health Specialists (RDMHS) conduct EOM training on an ongoing basis. The EOM Workgroup is currently in the process of revising the EOM based on lessons learned since the initial 2011 release. Additional Function Specific topics will be added.
5. California Crisis Care Operations Guidelines	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	This project is on hold at this time as EMSA and California Department of Public Health (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. 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 8,800 of the 21,000 DHV registered responders are Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) members. EMSA trains and supports DHV System Administrators in each of the 40 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 January 14, 2016. The spring edition will be released in mid-May of 2016.</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: California Capstone 2015 - 2016</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 initial Medical Health Operations Center Support Activities (MHOCSA) course was offered in Southern California on February 23 & 24, 2016. The curriculum is being updated based on feedback received at that class. Additional classes will be scheduled soon.</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>
<p>2015 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (2015 SWMHE)</p>	<p>Theresa Gonzales, ext. 1766</p>	<p>On November 19th, 2015 the EMS Authority participated in the Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE) in partnership with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The exercise was designed as a multiphase exercise program for statewide participants to exercise response to an influenza pandemic. The SWMHE included 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 to further enhance participants' exercise play. This year's exercise is scheduled for November 17, 2016. The 2016 exercise scenario is a mass casualty incident.</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)</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. 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: http://www.emsa.ca.gov/media/default/HICS/HICS_Training_3.pdf. 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: hics@emsa.ca.gov 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: hics@emsa.ca.gov.</p>
<p>11. Medical Sheltering</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>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 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. Use of CAL-MAT personnel is also being evaluated for suitability with this response capability.</p>

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13. Response Resources	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	<p>The Bi-annual inventory maintenance of the Mission Support Team (MST) caches has been completed. The MST caches are constantly being refined on After Action Reports following exercises and real word deployments. In addition, the Response Resources Unit (RRU) is currently working to add I.T. equipment to improve MST networking and Internet functionality in the field.</p> <p>The RRU has begun conducting audits on the 42 Disaster Medical Support Unit (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. 32 audits have been completed so far with no major problems noted. Annual servicing of the biomedical equipment for the California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) caches is completed. The RRU is currently working to establish a multi-year contract to service the biomedical equipment.</p> <p>General annual maintenance for generators, forklifts, and fleet vehicles has been completed with no major problems noted.</p>
14. Regional Disaster Medical/Health Specialists (RDMHS) Program and Medical Mutual Aid System	Nirmala Badhan, ext. 1826	<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 and the Waterman Incident in San Bernardino County.</p>
15. Mobile Field Hospital (MFH) Program	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	<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 Regional disaster Medical Health Coordinators (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>

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16. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	Sheila Martin, ext. 465	40 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 8,800 of the DHV Program's 21,000 volunteers are Medical Reserve Corps volunteers.
17. Statewide Emergency Plan (SEP) Update	Jody Durden, ext. 702	The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is in the process of updating 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 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.
20. Patient Movement Plan	Jody Durden, ext. 702	The Statewide Patient Movement Workgroup will be meeting next in late spring/early summer. The contractor selected to assist with the development of the plan will be presenting the draft plan to the Workgroup at that meeting.
21. Bay Area Catastrophic Earthquake Plan	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.

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22. Northern California Catastrophic Flood Response Plan	Nirmala Badhan, ext. 1826	EMSA is working with the 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.