

**Emergency Medical Services Authority  
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<b>1. Ambulance Strike Team (AST)/Medical Task Force (MTF) System Development</b>	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. EMSA is preparing to issue approximately 200 additional cards.</p> <p>AST/MTF Leader Trainings continue to be conducted on an ongoing basis. EMSA recently conducted a class in San Bernardino. The AST Program Manual is located on the EMSA website at <a href="http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Media/Default/PDF/AST20Manual20and20PTB206-9-11.pdf">http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Media/Default/PDF/AST20Manual20and20PTB206-9-11.pdf</a>.</p> <p>The Disaster Medical Support Units (DMSUs) are strategically placed with local EMS Agencies and ambulance providers throughout the State. Four additional units were distributed in late 2013 and early 2014. This brings the total number of ASTs with DMSUs to 39 in the State.</p>
<b>2. California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) Program</b>	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, four in the north and four 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 eight 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>
<b>3. CAL-MAT Cache</b>	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	<p>The CAL-MAT caches are currently undergoing bi-annual inventory maintenance. All biomedical equipment has been serviced and properly tagged. The caches are also being updated to remove medical supplies no longer used or required and to replace expired items. CAL-MAT cache 1 is complete, cache 2 and 3 are nearly complete. 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.</p>
<b>4. California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM)</b>	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463	<p>The Regional Disaster Medical and Health Specialists (RDMHSs) conduct EOM training on an ongoing basis.</p>

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<b>5. California Crisis Care Operations Guidelines</b>	Bill Campbell ext. 428	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.
<b>7. Disaster Healthcare Volunteers (DHV) of California (California's ESAR-VHP program): Registering, Credentialing &amp; Mobilizing Health Care Personnel</b>	Patrick Lynch, ext. 467	<p>The DHV Program has over 20,000 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 42 of the state's 44 MRC units participating. Over 8,000 of the 20,000 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 "DHV Volunteer Handbook Pocket Guide." 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 <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> <li>• <b>Cascadia Subduction Zone 2014</b></li> <li>• <b>Golden Guardian 2013</b></li> </ul>	<p>Bill Campbell, ext.728</p> <p>Bill Campbell, ext.728</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 (MHOCSA) course is being revised for consistency with the Public Health and Medical EOM.</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> <p>EMSA participated in several workshops with State and Federal partners that included a Rehearsal of Concept drill that allowed planning and discussion of logistical response and the dependent collaborative efforts that are required. In May of 2014, EMSA Emergency Managers filled the California Emergency Function 8 (EF8) and Agency Representative positions at the State Operations Center and worked with the new web-based Cal EOC program, mission tasking, and Emergency Function/Emergency Support Function (EF/ESF) collaboration.</p> <p>EMSA held the After Action Conference on October 1, 2013. A two day After Action Workshop and Table Top Exercise with key exercise participants was held in April 2014 to address logistical and resource management improvements identified in the After Action Report (AAR.) Individuals were assigned responsibility and courses of action for each of the improvement items. Progress is ongoing. The AAR is available by request.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2014 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (2014 SWMHE)</b></li> </ul>	<p>Nirmala Badhan, ext. 1826</p>	<p>The 2014 Statewide Medical Health Exercise will be held November 20<sup>th</sup>. The selected scenario is an outbreak of the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome-Coronavirus (MERS-COV) though Ebola may be used as an approved alternative. 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 conduct epidemiological investigations. All local health departments are encouraged to participate in the Statewide Exercise.</p>

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<p><b>9. Hospital Available Beds for Emergencies and Disasters (HAvBED)</b></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>
<p><b>10. Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) Revision</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. 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>The 2006 HICS material will remain accessible: <a href="http://www.emsa.ca.gov/disaster_medical_services_division_hospital_incident_command_system_hics">http://www.emsa.ca.gov/disaster_medical_services_division_hospital_incident_command_system_hics</a>.</p>
<p><b>11. Medical Sheltering</b></p>	<p>Bill Campbell, ext. 728</p>	<p>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. The document remains in draft form with CDPH.</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 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 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. 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 has been serviced and is deployment ready. General annual maintenance for generators and fleet vehicles are underway.</p>
<p><b>14. Regional Disaster Medical/Health Specialists (RDMHS) Program and Medical Mutual Aid System</b></p>	<p>Jody Durden, ext. 702</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 earthquake in Napa, CA and in wildfires throughout 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. 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.</p>
<p><b>16. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)</b></p>	<p>Sheila Martin, ext. 465</p>	<p>42 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.</p>
<p><b>17. Statewide Emergency Plan (SEP) Update</b></p>	<p>Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>18. Emergency Medical Services Field Treatment Site (EMS FTS) Guidelines</b></p>	<p>Bill Campbell, ext. 728</p>	<p>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.</p>

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<b>19. Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Response Plan</b>	Jody Durden, ext. 702	EMSA is currently participating in the validation of the Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Plan.
<b>20. Patient Movement</b>	Jody Durden, ext. 702	EMSA has awarded a contract to develop the Statewide Patient Movement Plan. The second workgroup meeting will be held in November 2014.
<b>21. Cascadia Subduction Zone Catastrophic Tsunami/Earthquake Plan</b>	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	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 will participate in the After Action process for this event.
<b>22. Bay Area Catastrophic Earthquake Plan</b>	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	EMSA is participating as part of the Medical Planning Group for this plan revision.
<b>23. Northern California Catastrophic Flood Response Plan</b>	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.