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1. Ambulance Strike Team/Medical Task Force (AST/MTF) System Development	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	<p>The first run of approximately 85 AST Leader Red Cards was distributed in July. A second run of an estimated 100 cards is being prepared pending verification of records.</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>35 Disaster Medical Support Units (DMSUs) are strategically placed with local EMS Agencies and ambulance providers throughout the State. 4 additional units should be distributed by late 2013. This will bring 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	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 now 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.
3. CAL-MAT Cache	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	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 currently underway for all three caches.
4. California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM)	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463	The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and EMSA concluded EOM trainings in all six mutual aid regions in June 2013 and conducted two "Train-the-Trainer" EOM trainings in fall 2013.

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5. Disaster Interest Group (DIG)	Patrick Lynch, ext. 467	The DIG has been suspended due to the re-prioritization of DMS staff projects.
6. Disaster Healthcare Volunteers of California (DHV)(California's ESAR-VHP program): Registering, Credentialing & Mobilizing Health Care Personnel	Patrick Lynch, ext. 467	<p>The DHV Program has surpassed the mark of 20,000 volunteers registered. Over 7,000 of those volunteers are Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) members in 40 of the state's 42 MRC Units. All 58 counties have trained System Administrators.</p> <p>System Administrator training and DHV user group conference calls are ongoing.</p> <p>The Golden Guardian 2013 Full Scale Exercise held at Moffett Field in Santa Clara County on August 21-23, 2013 involved 90 DHV and MRC volunteers that provided staffing for an Alternate Care Site and participated in a day of training. Two county DHV units and eleven MRC units were represented.</p> <p>The DHV website is https://www.healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov. The DHV Deployment Operations Manual (DOM) is available on the EMSA webpage http://192.168.100.211:8000/disaster/Health_Care_Volunteers/documents/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>7. Exercises and Training</p> <p>Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)</p> <p>Medical Operations Center Support Activities (MOCSA)</p> <p>Mission Support Team (MST)</p> <p>Statewide Exercises: Golden Guardian 2013</p>	<p>Bill Campbell, ext.728</p> <p>Bill Campbell, ext.728</p> <p>Michael Frenn, ext. 435</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 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>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 increase MST personnel to support the Mobile Medical Assets.</p> <p>EMSA had the After Action Report (AAR) meeting on October 1, 2013. Program revisions will be made based on the comments from the AAR.</p>
<p>Statewide Exercises: 2013 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (2013 SWMHE)</p>	<p>Nirmala Badhan, ext. 1826</p>	<p>The date for the 2013 Statewide Medical Health Exercise is November 21. The selected scenario is a foodborne illness. This year's exercise will focus on the coordination of surveillance activities and health system capabilities anticipated when managing a medical surge among community healthcare partners. The 2013 SWMHE Workgroup has developed and posted exercise documents to http://www.californiamedicalhealthexercise.com/ .</p>
<p>8. Hospital Available Beds for Emergencies and Disasters (HAvBED)</p>	<p>Jody Durden, ext. 702</p>	<p>EMSA is currently working with CDPH and other partners to develop the Request for Offer to obtain a commercial-off-the-shelf hospital data collection system that meets federal HavBED requirements.</p>

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9. Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) Revision	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463 hics@emsa.ca.gov	EMSA staff are reviewing drafts of the Incident Planning Guides, (IPGs), the Incident Response Guides, (IRGs), Job Action Sheets, (JASs), and HICS Forms. The target for release of the HICS materials is December 2013.
10. Medical Sheltering	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	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.
11. 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 increase MST personnel to support the 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.
12. 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 currently undergoing inventory review to identify expired and short items for replacement.

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13. 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 CDPH staff in supporting major disaster planning activities in addition to supporting information management processes. The RDMHS were very instrumental in coordinating the recent Statewide EOM trainings.
14. Mobile Field Hospital Program (MFH)	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	Three 200-bed MFHs are being stored in Sacramento, California. A site assessment tool for 50 and 200 bed MFH site selections is being implemented statewide. 54 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.
15. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	Sheila Martin, ext. 465	40 of the 42 MRCs have trained 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.
16. Statewide Emergency Plan Update	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463	The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (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.
17. Emergency Medical Services Field Treatment Site Guidelines (EMS FTS)	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	Based on comments received, EMSA is holding the EMS FTS Guidelines for further discussion with CDPH regarding coordination of the developing guidance documents for Alternate Care Sites (ACS) and Medical Shelters.
18. 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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18. Patient Movement	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	EMSA is currently working on a Request For Offer to enlist Contractor support 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.
19. Cascadia Subduction Zone Catastrophic Tsunami/Earthquake Plan	Lee Sapaden, ext. 766	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 Cal OES on September 27, 2013.
20. Northern California Catastrophic Flood Response Plan	Lee Sapaden, ext. 766	EMSA has provided input to 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 delayed due to the Federal government's shutdown. The plan is still to present to the Senior Leaders a draft plan by December 15, 2013.