

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

September 2013

Activity & Description	Primary Contact EMSA (916) 322-4336	Updates
<p>1. Ambulance Strike Team/Medical Task Force (AST/MTF) System Development</p>	<p>Michael Frenn, ext. 435</p>	<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 classes in Modesto and Visalia. Santa Clara EMS conducted a course in late May. The ASTL training power point slides are located on the EMSA website at: http://www.emsa.ca.gov/disaster/AST/default.asp</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> <p>EMSA Publication #215 (Ambulance Strike Team System Manual) is being revised to incorporate updates to the Position Task Book and certification process, as well as incorporate the Emergency Operations Manual (EOM) where appropriate.</p>
<p>2. California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) Program</p>	<p>Michael Frenn, ext. 435</p>	<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, 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.</p>
<p>3. CAL-MAT Cache</p>	<p>Craig Johnson, ext. 4171</p>	<p>CAL-MAT equipment caches have been re-configured to support smaller medical specialty team deployments. All caches are standardized for rapid response. Inventory maintenance to provide resupply for expired and short items is currently underway for all three caches.</p>
<p>4. California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM)</p>	<p>Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463</p>	<p>The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and EMSA concluded EOM trainings in all six mutual aid regions in June 2013 and is preparing to conduct "Train-the-Trainer" EOM trainings in fall 2013.</p>

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

September 2013

Activity & Description	Primary Contact EMSA (916) 322-4336	Updates
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>EMSA Response Personnel Unit staffs are in the planning phase for EMSA's DHV/MRC deployment exercise portion of the Golden Guardian 2013 Mobile Medical Assets Full Scale Exercise in August.</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://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/Health_Care_Volunteers/default.asp.</p>

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

September 2013

Activity & Description	Primary Contact EMSA (916) 322-4336	Updates
<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:</p> <p>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 2013 with revisions made in response to the pilot attendees' suggestions.</p> <p>The Intermediate MST Curriculum has been developed and the first course conducted. As a result of the recent Disaster Medical Response full scale exercise held at Sacramento State in June, the MST Program and curricula are being revised to reflect the lessons learned from that event. Additional courses (Basic and Intermediate) will be scheduled following program revisions.</p> <p>EMSA is planning a Disaster Medical Response Exercise for Golden Guardian 2013 on August 21st, 22nd and 23rd. This year's exercise will provide the opportunity to mobilize, deploy and exercise disaster medical response assets in collaboration with public and private agencies. The California National Guard is providing access to Moffett Airfield in Santa Clara County. The exercise will involve a disaster medical response with two 40 bed Alternate Care Sites, medical caches, disaster medical response teams and other supporting assets. Corrective actions from the EMS Authority GG2012 exercise will be employed in this year's exercise. This federally funded training and exercise is part of the larger California Emergency Management Agency's Golden Guardian 2013 (GG 2013) exercise. GG 2013 is designed to validate the response plans described in the San Francisco Bay Area Concept of Operation's Catastrophic Earthquake Plan.</p>

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

September 2013

Activity & Description	Primary Contact EMSA (916) 322-4336	Updates
<p>Statewide Exercises:</p> <p>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>
<p>9. Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) Revision</p>	<p>Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463 hics@ems.ca.gov</p>	<p>EMSA staffs are reviewing drafts of the Incident Planning Guides, (IPGs), the Incident Response Guides, (IRGs), Job Action Sheets, (JASs), and HICS Forms.</p> <p>The target for release of the HICS materials is Late Fall 2013.</p>

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

September 2013

Activity & Description	Primary Contact EMSA (916) 322-4336	Updates
10. Medical Sheltering	<u>Bill Campbell, ext. 728</u>	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 our 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 release and distribution.
11. Mission Support Team (MST) System Development	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	The Intermediate MST Curriculum has been developed and the first course conducted. As a result of the recent Disaster Medical Response full scale exercise held at Sacramento State in June, the MST Program and curricula are being revised to reflect the lessons learned from that event. Additional courses (Basic and Intermediate) will be scheduled following program revisions. 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. The Command, Control & Communications vehicle has been updated to enhance wireless connectivity and improve the on-board satellite. The CAL-MAT caches are currently undergoing inventory review to identify expired and short items for replacement. The MST Program will be tested at the Golden Guardian 2013 Disaster Medical Response Training and Exercise at Moffett Federal Airfield on August 21-23, 2013.
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 Region I and Region V RDMHSs were integrally involved with the Power House Fire in Southern California and the Carstens Fire in Mariposa County. The RDMHS were very instrumental in coordinating the recent Statewide EOM trainings.

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

September 2013

Activity & Description	Primary Contact EMSA (916) 322-4336	Updates
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 selection 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.

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

September 2013

Activity & Description	Primary Contact EMSA (916) 322-4336	Updates
18. Patient Movement	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	EMSA continues to work on the draft Statewide Patient Movement Plan. EMSA also participates with the Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) on the Medical Surge Planning Project, which includes patient tracking. The project will evaluate patient tracking within the 12 County Bay Area UASI Regions and conduct a feasibility study using the Joint Patient Assessment & Tracking System (JPATS) in California. Findings from the feasibility study will be used to assist the State with further 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. Draft Courses of Action have been developed and will be presented to Federal and State senior leaders for review and approval. Based on input from the senior leaders, final Courses of Action will be developed. A Region IX and X meeting was held on January 31 and February 1, along with DHHS and the States of Oregon and Washington to discuss this plan. A Resource Allocation Workshop (RAW) was held from May 28 th to May 30 th in Bothell, Washington. Participants included FEMA Regions IX and X, FEMA National and the States of California, Oregon and Washington.
20. Northern California Catastrophic Flood Response Plan	Lee Sapaden, ext. 766	EMSA has provided to OES input 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 is scheduled to be released August 1, 2013 and presented to Senior Leaders December 15, 2013.