

**Emergency Medical Services Authority
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<p>1. Ambulance Strike Team (AST) – Medical Task Force (MTF)</p>	<p>Michael Frenn, ext. 435</p>	<p>AST/MTF Leader Trainings are conducted on an ongoing basis, as requested. The curriculum continues to improve based on participant feedback. A standardized method for tracking units working as 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 recent use of Ambulance Strike Teams for hospital evacuations due to threat of potential flooding associated with the Oroville dam has raised questions about and the need to review the current understanding about reimbursement for these resources. EMSA-DMS is working with State, Federal and local partners to re-evaluate AST reimbursement.</p> <p>The Disaster Medical Support Units (DMSU), which support and have affiliated ASTs, 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>
<p>2. California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) Program</p>	<p>Michael Frenn, ext. 435</p>	<p>Recruitment by EMSA-DMS for persons interested in participating in the CAL-MAT program officially opened in late April. Initial recruitment is being targeted at existing federal Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) members (Phase I). The program contemplates up to 8 Units spread throughout the State, trained and equipped for rapid deployment to provide high-caliber medical care in all-hazard disaster events in California.</p>
<p>3. CAL-MAT Cache</p>	<p>Markell Pierce, ext. 1443</p>	<p>EMSA has currently completed the second bi-annual inventory and resupply of the (3) CAL-MAT Medical supply caches for the 2016-2017 fiscal period. This ensures that all medical supplies are 100% accounted for, in date, and ready for immediate deployment. Annual servicing of the CAL-MAT biomedical equipment has been completed for this period and is ready for immediate deployment. The revised CAL-MAT pharmacy formulary has been completed, approved, and implemented to include new medications. The overall goal was met, consisting of a more manageable, cost effective program while maintaining currently prescribed drugs by medical professionals. Inventory management and resupply of the pharmacy is ongoing every month and ready for immediate deployment.</p>

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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	EMSA is working with CDPH to acquire funding to develop a Crisis Care/Scare Resources guidance document.

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<p>6. 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 nearly 22,000 volunteers registered. Over 19,000 of these registered volunteers are in healthcare occupations.</p> <p>Over 8,600 of the nearly 22,000 plus DHV registered responders are Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) members. EMSA trains and supports DHV System Administrators in each of the 39 participating MRC units.</p> <p>All 58 counties have trained System Administrators. EMSA provides routine training and system drill opportunities for all DHV System Administrators.</p> <p>DHV System Administrator training, DHV user group webinars, and quarterly DHV drills are ongoing. In April, EMSA conducted a quarterly DHV drill for System Administrators. There were 35 local counties and 16 MRC system administrators that participated in this exercise.</p> <p>EMSA 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>EMSA publishes the "DHV Journal" newsletter for all volunteers on a tri-annual basis. The most recent issue was released on May 30, 2017.</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> <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>

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<p>7. Training</p> <p>Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)</p> <p>Medical Health Operations Center Support Activities (MHOCSA)</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 is being scheduled for Summer 2017. The original course planned for February 23 & 24, 2016 was postponed due to the Winter Storms event. The curriculum will be updated based on feedback received following the class. Additional classes will be scheduled soon.</p>
<p>8. 2017 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (2017 SWMHE)</p>	<p>Theresa Gonzales, ext. 1766</p>	<p>The 2017 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE) is scheduled for November 16, 2017. The Emergency Medical Services Authority in conjunction with the California Department of Public Health and emergency management partners continue to plan for this event. The exercise is designed as a multiphase exercise program for statewide participants to exercise response to a terrorist incident. In addition, the exercise will include objectives for Ambulance Services, Behavioral Health, Community Clinics, Emergency Medical Services Agencies, Fire Services, Hospitals, Law Enforcement, Long Term Care Facilities, Medical Examiners/Coroners, Offices of Emergency Management, and Public Health. The jurisdiction-specific objectives are designed to further enhance participants' exercise play.</p>
<p>9. Hospital Available Beds for Emergencies and Disasters (HAvBED)</p>	<p>Nirmala Badhan, ext. 1826</p>	<p>Federal requirements for HAvBED reporting have been discontinued. However, EMSA is working with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and other partners to determine how to continue to integrate hospital data collection for California use.</p>

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<p>10. Hospital Incident Command System (HICS)</p>	<p>Virginia Osuna-Fowler, ext.413</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 providing HICS training based on The HICS Guidebook, Fifth Edition: http://www.emsa.ca.gov/media/default/HICS/HICS_Training_7.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. Mission Support Team (MST) System Development</p>	<p>Michael Frenn, ext. 435</p>	<p>Position Duty Statements developed as part of the CAL-MAT program also included positions needed to staff MSTs, which would be needed to support EMSA's Mobile Medical Assets when deployed to major events. EMSA-DMS is recruiting persons interested in filling these positions as part of the recruitment for the CAL-MAT Program.</p>

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12. Response Resources	Markell Pierce, ext. 1443	<p>The bi-annual inventory maintenance of the Mission Support Team (MST) caches was completed in 2017. The MST caches are constantly being refined based on After Action Reports following exercises and real word deployments. In addition, the Response Resources Unit (RRU) is currently working to add I.T. and telecommunications equipment to improve MST networking infrastructure and Internet functionality in the field.</p> <p>The RRU has completed audits on the 41 Disaster Medical Support Unit (DMSU) vehicles located around the State. During the audits, EMSA verified that all the DMSU vehicles are being properly maintained and utilized according to written agreements. New audits are in progress focusing on Region 4 and Region 5.</p> <p>Annual servicing of the biomedical equipment for the California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) caches was completed in 2016. Currently the CAL-MAT cache resupply process is underway for 2017. A multi-year contract to service the CAL-MAT biomedical equipment has been established.</p> <p>Routine maintenance for generators, forklifts, and fleet vehicles is ongoing. There are currently no major problems.</p>

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<p>13. Mobile Medical Shelter Program (MMSP)</p>	<p>Bill Hartley, ext. 18 02</p>	<p>Working with other state agencies, and within existing resources, the EMS Authority has redesigned the Mobile Field Hospital (MFH) program into the California Mobile Medical Shelter program. The purpose of the redesign is to modify and expand the potential uses of the equipment into general staging, stabilization and shelter capacity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The structures and durable equipment of the first MFH will be stored at the EMS Authority and utilized to bolster the CAL-MAT program and support local emergencies through the Mobile Medical Shelter program. 2. The EMS Authority has reconfigured the 2nd MFH into six (6) multiuse modules to distribute to local partners. We are working with the RDMHSs and LEMSAs to locate one module in each Cal OES Mutual Aid Region. The modules will include the shelters, infrastructure equipment, and durable equipment, but will not include biomedical equipment and medical supplies. This redistribution of the MFH would allow local partners to rapidly deploy this resource. Potential uses include: field sites for Local/Regional incidents, triage/treatment during flu season surge, medical clinic, medical shelter, emergency operations center, staff quarters, disaster exercise, and any other use that requires a field facility. Deployment would be at the discretion of the locals without requiring a state resource request. Placement of the first two modules in Long Beach and Santa Cruz is being scheduled in June 2017 with the third closely following in Riverside. 3. The third MFH was transferred on September 8, 2016 to the State Military Department for use by the California National Guard.
<p>14. Regional Disaster Medical/Health Specialists (RDMHS) Program and Medical Mutual Aid System</p>	<p>Nirmala Badhan, ext. 1826</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 in California, such as the winter storms and the Oroville Dam Auxiliary Spillway incident.</p>

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15. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	Sheila Martin, ext. 465	<p>39 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 8,900 of the DHV Program's 22,000 volunteers are Medical Reserve Corps volunteers.</p> <p>EMSA sponsored a 1½ day Statewide MRC Coordinators Workshop on March 6 & 7 at the Authority's headquarters. Speakers included the Director of the National MRC Office, Capt. Rob Tosatto, USPHS, and Katherine Deffer of the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO).</p>
16. 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 better implementation of the Emergency Functions (EFs). EMSA is a lead participant in the development of the Public Health and Medical Emergency Function (EF 8) of the SEP and supports the development of six other EFs.
17. Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Response Plan	Theresa Gonzales, ext. 755	EMSA continues to participate in the validation of the Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Plan and will be a key participant in future revisions. EMSA is currently working with the California Department of Public Health to update the Public Health Fact Sheet portion of the plan.
18. Patient Movement Plan	Jody Durden, ext. 702	The Statewide Patient Movement Workgroup met in January 2017 to participate in a tabletop exercise based on the draft plan in development. The exercise provided an opportunity to test the plan and identify gaps. The draft plan was released for comment to the Patient Movement Workgroup members and tabletop exercise participants in March 2017. The comments received will be considered for revisions prior to release for public comment.
19. Bay Area Catastrophic Earthquake Plan	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	EMSA participated in the Medical Planning Group for the Bay Area Catastrophic Earthquake Plan revision. EMSA continues to participate in the socialization of the plan.

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20. 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 Northern California Catastrophic Response Plan. EMSA worked closely with the California Department of Public Health to develop a Public Health and Medical Information Analysis Brief. This document is the basis of the Public Health and Medical section of the response plan. The draft plan was presented to Cal OES Executive leadership on May 31, 2017.