

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

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1. Ambulance Strike Team (AST) System Development	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	AST Leader Trainings continue to be conducted, with one class last October (Contra Costa County) and one in November (Santa Clara County). 26 Disaster Medical Support Units (DMSUs) are strategically placed with local EMS Agencies and ambulance providers throughout the State. Additional funds have been received to purchase 13 more units, which will bring the total number of ASTs with DMSUs to 39 in the State.
2. California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) Program	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	The Response Resources Unit of the Disaster Medical Services Division is providing operational readiness, management and personnel support to maintain EMSA's two Response Stations. For the Response Personnel component of the program, EMSA has the long-term plan of implementing the State Emergency Hire Process. In addition, EMSA is working with the United States Department of Health and Human Services to assure the most rapid personnel response in California.
3. CAL-MAT Cache	Bill Hartley, ext. 1802	CAL-MAT equipment caches have been re-configured to support smaller medical specialty team deployments. All caches are standardized for rapid response and are in a state of readiness.
4. California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM)	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463	The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and EMSA were pleased to announce the release of the EOM in July of 2011, after receiving approval of the document from the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) and the EMS Commission. The EOM is the result of an unprecedented collaborative effort that merges the California Disaster Medical Operations Manual (CDMOM) and the interim California Disaster Health Operations Manual (CDHOM).

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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>57 of the 58 counties currently have trained system administrators. System Administrator trainings and user group meetings are ongoing. The DHV website is https://www.healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov. The Deployment Operations Manual (DOM) has been revised and will be released in draft by February 17th. DHV has over 17,000 volunteers registered.</p> <p>The Response Personnel Unit is working with a contractor and with MRC Units on a deployment exercise in May that will involve DHV and MRC volunteers.</p> <p>Response Personnel Unit has created a quarterly newsletter, "The DHV Journal" which is available on the DHV webpage of the EMSA website.</p>
<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>Bill Campbell, ext.728</p> <p>Michael Frenn, ext. 435</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 the spring of 2012 with revisions made in response to the pilot attendee's suggestions.</p> <p>The Intermediate Curriculum has been developed and the first course conducted. Additional courses (Basic and Intermediate) are being scheduled.</p>

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Statewide Exercises:		
<p>2011 Statewide Medical Health Exercise</p> <p>2012 Statewide Medical Health Exercise</p>	<p>Juan Perez, ext. 727</p>	<p>This exercise occurred on November 17, 2011. CDPH and EMSA activated the Joint Emergency Operations Center (JEOC) to provide support for local exercise activities. An After Action Report (AAR) is currently in progress.</p> <p>The Multi-Media Training and Statewide Medical and Health Exercise workgroup has reconvened to develop a multi-year training plan for the Statewide Medical and Health Exercise. Planning is underway for the next exercise, which is scheduled for November 2012. The scenario selected by the Stakeholder Workgroup is Power Outage due to Earthquake.</p>
Golden Guardian	<p>Bill Campbell, ext. 728</p>	<p>EMSA participated in the Golden Guardian 2011 Exercise, which was based on a flood scenario. The EMSA Department Operations Center (DOC) was successfully activated for the three-day exercise on May 17, 18, and 19, 2011. EMSA's Mobile Communications Unit participated at the request of Sutter County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) in a field exercise, where EMSA MST staff served as a back-up dispatch resource and coordinated and tested communications with local dispatch, hospitals, and EMS partners.</p> <p>Golden Guardian 2012 (GG2012) will be composed of workshops, seminars and discussion-based exercises designed to validate and identify issues in the Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Plan. Activities began in September 2011, and will continue through May 2012. EMSA participated in the Mass Care workshop in October and the California National Guard, Contingency Dual status Command – Command Post Exercise in November, both of which emphasized several sections of the plan. EMSA will continue to participate in all GG2012 activities.</p>

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8. HAvBED	Juan Perez, ext. 727	EMSA is currently working with CDPH and other partners to implement an interim hospital data collection system that meets federal HAvBED requirements. The Feasibility Study Report (FSR) is complete and is being finalized for submission to the California Technology Agency.
9. Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) Revision	HICS Coordinator hics@emsa.ca.gov	EMSA hosted the HICS National Summit in Sacramento in October 2011 to provide our national partners and stakeholders the opportunity to offer input for the upcoming revision of the HICS Guidebook. 38 attendees from 18 different states participated in the Summit. The comprehensive proceedings from the Summit are being aggregated for further review. The next steps in the revision process include: re-convening the National Work Group to draft the guidebook; soliciting feedback from the Ex Officio Group; and re-convening an 80-member Secondary Review Group. Applications for the Secondary Review Group are being accepted via the hics@emsa.ca.gov email address. The final revision of the HICS Guidebook is expected to be complete in the summer of 2012.
10. Medical Sheltering	Juan Perez, ext. 727	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 statewide in Spring 2012.

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11. Mission Support Team (MST)		
System Development	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	The Intermediate Curriculum has been developed and the first course conducted. Additional courses (Basic and Intermediate) are being scheduled. Inter-Governmental Employee Exchange Agreements are being devised to permit compensation to local government when their employees are utilized by EMSA on an MST.
Response Resources	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	Equipment cache standardization is complete and caches are response-ready.
12. 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. Regions III and VI have hired new staff that are currently being trained to fulfill the RDMHS function.
13. Mobile Field Hospital Program (MFH)	Jim Hamilton, ext. 4168	Three 200-bed Mobile Field Hospitals are strategically located in California. Quarterly inspections of the MFH caches are ongoing. A site assessment tool for MFH site selection is being implemented statewide. 80 sites are currently identified. Funding for this program was eliminated from the Governor's budget but EMSA has identified a one-year short term solution to this funding shortfall that will provide time to identify a long-term solution.
14. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	Sheila Martin, ext. 465	The MRC Advisory Committee convened in February 2011 at EMSA. 33 of the 43 MRCs have trained DHV System Administrators. EMSA has partnered with California Volunteers for the provision of medical supplies for the MRCs.

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15. Statewide Emergency Plan Update	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463	Cal EMA 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.
16. Emergency Medical Services Field Treatment Site Guidelines (EMS FTS)	Juan Perez, ext. 727	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.
17. Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Response Plan	Bill Campbell, ext. 728	EMSA is currently participating in the validation of the Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Plan through its activities in GG2012. Please refer to Activity Item (7) above for specific details.
18. Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Patient Movement Project	Jody Durden, ext. 702	EMSA partnered with the Bay Area UASI and the Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) for this project. A draft of the plan is currently being reviewed by EMSA, CDPH and the RDMHS group. The draft plan is expected to be released for Public Comment in the winter of 2012.
19. Cascadia Subduction Zone Catastrophic Tsunami/Earthquake Plan	Lee Sapaden, ext. 1766	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, which is scheduled to be completed in December of 2012.