# Appendix A

# Acronyms

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| AAR | After Action Report |
| ACS | Alternate Care Sites |
| ALS | Advanced Life Support |
| ARC | American Red Cross |
| ASPR | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (HHS) |
| ATSDR | Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry  |
| BLS | Basic Life Support |
| CAHF | California Association of Health Facilities |
| CBRNE | Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives |
| CCTV | Closed Circuit Television |
| CDP | Center for Domestic Preparedness |
| CEM | Certified Emergency Manager |
| CEO | Chief Executive Officer |
| CEU | Continuing Education Unit |
| CGC 1 | Continuity Guidance Circular 1 (FEMA) |
| CHEM | Certification in Hospital Emergency Management |
| CHEP | Certified Healthcare Emergency Professional |
| CHEMTREC | Chemical Transportation Emergency Center |
| CME | Continuing Medical Education |
| COOP | Continuity of Operations  |
| CPG | Comprehensive Preparedness Guide  |
| CT | Computed Tomography |
| DMAT | Disaster Medical Assistance Team |
| DMORT | Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team |
| ECL | Emergency Credential Level |
| EMA | Emergency Management Agency |
| EMI | Emergency Management Institute (FEMA) |
| EMP | Electromechanical Pulse |
| EMS | Emergency Medical Services |
| EMTALA | Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act |
| EOC | Emergency Operations Center |
| EOP | Emergency Operations Plan |
| ESAR-VHP | Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals |
| ESF #8 | Emergency Support Function 8 – Public Health and Medical Services |
| FAC | Family Assistance Center |
| FCC | Federal Communications Commission |
| FEMA | Federal Emergency Management Agency |
| FMS | Federal Medical Station |
| FOG | Field Operations Guide |
| HazMat | Hazardous Materials |
| HCC(s) | Hospital Command Center(s) |
| HHS | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
| HICS | Hospital Incident Command System |
| HIMT | Hospital Incident Management Team |
| HIPAA | Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act |
| HSEEP | Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program |
| HSPD | Homeland Security Presidential Directive |
| HVA | Hazard Vulnerability Analysis |
| HVAC | Heating, Ventilation, and Air-conditioning |
| IAP | Incident Action Plan |
| IC | Incident Command or Incident Commander |
| ICDRM | Institute for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management |
| ICP | Incident Command Post |
| ICS | Incident Command System |
| ICU | Intensive Care Unit |
| IMT | Incident Management Team |
| IT/IS | Information Technology/Information Services |
| IOM | Institute of Medicine |
| IP | Improvement Plan |
| IPG | Incident Planning Guide |
| IRG | Incident Response Guide |
| JAS | Job Action Sheet |
| JIC | Joint Information Center |
| JIS | Joint Information System |
| MAC | Multi-Agency Coordination |
| MACS | Multi-Agency Coordination System |
| MBO | Management by Objectives |
| MFH | Mobile Field Hospitals |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| MRC | Medical Reserve Corps |
| MRI | Magnetic Resonance Imaging |
| MSDS | Material Safety Data Sheet |
| NC | Net Control |
| NDMS | National Disaster Medical System |
| NFPA | National Fire Protection Association |
| NHICS | Nursing Home Incident Command System |
| NIMS | National Incident Management System |
| NRF | National Response Framework |
| NVRT | National Veterinary Response Team |
| OSHA | Occupational Safety and Health Administration |
| PPD | Presidential Policy Directive |
| PIO | Public Information Officer |
| POD | Point of Dispensing (Pharmaceutical) or Distribution (Non-Pharmaceutical) |
| PPE | Personal Protective Equipment |
| RAIN | Recognize, Avoid, Isolate, Notify |
| REAC/TS | Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site |
| REMM | Radiation Emergency Medical Management |
| RHCC | Regional Hospital Coordination Center |
| RN | Registered Nurse |
| SALT | Sort, Assess, Lifesaving Interventions, Treatment/Transport |
| SARS | Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome |
| SMART | Specific, Measurable, Action-Oriented, Realistic and Time Sensitive |
| START | Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment |
| THIRA | Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment |
| UC | Unified Command |
| VHA | Veterans Health Administration |
| VOIP | Voice Over Internet Protocol |