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1. Ambulance Strike Team (AST) – Medical Task Force (MTF)	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	<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 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>
2. California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) Program	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	Recruitment by EMSA-DMS for persons interested in participating in the CAL-MAT program officially opened in late April and continues. 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.
3. CAL-MAT Cache	Markell Pierce, ext. 1443	EMSA is currently working on the first bi-annual inventory and resupply of the (3) CAL-MAT Medical supply caches for the 2017-2018 fiscal period. This ensures that all medical supplies are 100% accounted for, in date, and ready for immediate deployment. The revised CAL-MAT pharmacy formulary has been completed, approved, and implemented to include new medications.
4. California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM)	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	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/Scarce 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 23,305 volunteers registered. Over 20,700 of these registered volunteers are in healthcare occupations. New registrations in the DHV Program increased significantly due to the attention brought by the NorCal Wildfires incidents, (see below). Over 9,300 of the 23,300 plus DHV registered responders are Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) members. EMSA trains and supports DHV System Administrators in each of the 36 participating MRC units.</p> <p>All 58 counties have trained DHV System Administrators in their MHOAC Programs. 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. On October 4-5, 2017, EMSA conducted a quarterly DHV drill for System Administrators. This drill was the eighth annual Intermedix sponsored Autumn Charge Multi-State Exercise. There were 25 local DHV county and 20 MRC organizations that participated in this exercise. On October 25, 2017, EMSA conducted a quarterly DHV User Group webinar.</p> <p>In October 2017, the NorCal Wildfires Incidents occurred during which 13 DHV and MRC units deployed volunteers to assist with shelter medical care and veterinary animal care. Overall, approximately 360 DHV/MRC volunteers deployed over the course of these wildfire incidents.</p> <p>EMSA staff have provided recruiting and informational booths at the California Hospital Association annual disaster preparedness conference, the California Department of Social Services disaster preparedness information day, the Cal OES Day of Preparedness, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Health Services Employee Emergency Preparedness Fair, and San Francisco Fleet Week medical assets demonstration.</p>

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		<p>EMSA publishes the “DHV Journal” newsletter for all volunteers on a tri-annual basis. The most recent issue was released on September 13, 2017. The “DHV Journal” is available on the DHV webpage of the EMSA webpage: http://www.emsa.ca.gov/disaster_healthcare_volunteers_journal_page. The DHV website is: https://www.healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov.</p>
<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 Medical Health Operations Center Support Activities (MHOCSA) Train-the-Trainer course was taught in June 2017. Following minor revisions, 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) took place on 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 the next annual exercise. 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 Hartley, ext. 413 hics@emsa.ca.gov</p>	<p>The Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) is sponsored by the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA).</p> <p>EMSA is assembling a National HICS Advisory Committee to assist with matters relating to the HICS Program. This committee will serve as technical advisers on the development, implementation, and maintenance of EMSA's HICS program and activities. An Introductory Webinar of the HICS National Advisory Committee took place on November 8, 2017.</p> <p>The Fifth Edition of HICS, Frequently Asked questions (FAQ), and additional program information are available on the recently revised EMSA website: http://www.emsa.ca.gov/disaster_medical_services_division_hospital_incident_command_system_resources.</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 continued 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 & 5.</p> <p>Annual servicing of the biomedical equipment for the California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) caches was completed in 2017. Currently the CAL-MAT cache resupply process is underway for 2017/18. A multi-year contract to service the CAL-MAT biomedical equipment has been established.</p> <p>All our portable generators have been inspected and permitted by the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District. Routine maintenance for generators, forklifts, and fleet vehicles is ongoing. There are currently no major problems.</p>

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13. Information Technology	Rick Stricklin, ext. 1445	<p>Identifying and inventor of IT equipment to be survey to be recycled is in-progress and near completion. Working thru the process of replacing failed wireless access point equipment.</p> <p>Continue to perform analysis of Station 1 network connectivity and type of services current and future providers can provide including redundancy during a disaster response. This includes continued evaluation of the Meraki wireless system to provide field connectivity for data (Cellular, VSAT, wired) and video capabilities during field deployments.</p> <p>Annual servicing of Disaster Medical Support Unit (DMSU) radio systems by Cal OES Public Safety Communications (PSCO) is being planned and the building of the Kenwood TK 980 800 MHz frequency re-banding load is expected to be completed 3rd quarter 2018. The EMSA Station 1 vehicle fleet will also be included in the annual servicing.</p> <p>Work continues with the C3 communications vehicle to identify outdated technology and discover new technologies to increase its capabilities and functionality in the field.</p>

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<p>14. Mobile Medical Shelter Program (MMSP)</p>	<p>Bill Hartley, ext. 1802</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 module in Long Beach is complete. Placement in Riverside and Santa Cruz was delayed due to the 2017 wildfires and is being scheduled soon. Sacramento and San Mateo are working on the logistics for storage and are committed to joining the program. 3. The third MFH was transferred on September 8, 2016 to the State Military Department for use by the California National Guard.

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15. Regional Disaster Medical/Health Specialists (RDMHS) Program and Medical Mutual Aid System	Nirmala Badhan, ext. 1826	The RDMHS program works with EMSA and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) staff to support major disaster planning activities in addition to supporting information management processes. The RDMHSs have been instrumental in the response to 2017 California wildfires which included Ambulance Strikes Teams for patient evacuations and MRC participation in shelter support.
16. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	Lauran Capps, ext. 466	36 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 9,300 plus of the DHV Program's 23,000 plus volunteers are Medical Reserve Corps volunteers. Ten MRC units deployed volunteers to California's October 2017 wildfire incidents, providing medical care at shelters and veterinary animal care as well.
17. Statewide Emergency Plan (SEP) Update	Jody Durden, ext. 702	The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has completed updating the Statewide Emergency Plan (SEP) and is moving toward better implementation of the Emergency Functions (EFs). EMSA, along with CDPH, is a lead participant in the development of the Public Health and Medical Emergency Function (EF 8) of the SEP. EMSA also supports the development of six other EFs.
18. Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Response Plan	Theresa Gonzales, ext. 755	Cal OES is currently leading the revision of the Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Plan. EMSA is working with the California Department of Public Health to update the Public Health and Medical Fact Sheet portion of the plan.
19. Patient Movement Plan	Jody Durden, ext. 702	The draft Statewide Patient Movement Plan is currently posted on the EMSA website for public comment. The public comment period is scheduled to close on December 1, 2017. All comments will be considered for further revising the plan.
20. 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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21. 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.