2014 Florida Governors Hurricane Conference

National Disaster Medical System

Disaster Medical Assistance Team

Overview

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National Disaster Medical System

- NDMS is a partnership of The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, The Department of Veterans Affairs, and The Department of Defense (HHS, VA, DoD).

- NDMS is only one of the HHS resources available through ASPR for preparing, responding and recovering from disasters.

- ASPR brings to bear all of the public health and medical resources available through the federal government.

- These resources augment (not replace) local and state resources.
• The National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) is a federally coordinated system that augments the Nation's medical response capability.

• The overall purpose of the NDMS is to supplement an integrated National medical response capability for assisting State and local authorities in dealing with the medical impacts of major peacetime disasters and to provide support to the military and the Department of Veterans Affairs medical systems in caring for casualties evacuated back to the U.S. from overseas armed conventional conflicts.
The National Response Framework utilizes the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS), as part of the U.S Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, under Emergency Support Function #8 (ESF #8), (Public Health and Medical Services), to support Federal agencies in the management and coordination of the Federal medical response to major emergencies and federally declared disasters.
Types of incidents:

• Natural Disasters

• Major Transportation Accidents

• Technological Disasters

• Acts of Terrorism including Weapons of Mass Destruction Events
NDMS Vision

To serve the Federal response by providing disaster medical care to the nation.

NDMS Mission

To temporarily supplement Federal, Tribal, State and Local capabilities by funding, organizing, training, equipping, deploying and sustaining a specialized and focused range of public health and medical capabilities.
NDMS Components

• Medical response to a disaster area in the form of personnel, teams and individuals, supplies, and equipment.

• Patient movement from a disaster site to unaffected areas of the nation.

• Definitive medical care at participating hospitals in unaffected areas.
National Disaster Medical System Teams

(NMRT) National Medical Response Team

(NVRT) National Veterinary Response Team

(DMORT) Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team

(IMSuRT) International Medical Surgical Response Team

(DMAT) Disaster Medical Assistant Teams
• Provides mass decontamination and medical care to victims of a release of Weapons of Mass Destruction, or a large scale release of Hazardous Material.
• Assess the veterinary medical needs of the community;

• Medical treatment and stabilization of animals;

• Animal disease surveillance;

• Zoonotic disease surveillance and public health assessments;

• Technical assistance to assure food safety and water quality for animals, hazard mitigation for animals;

• Care and support of animals certified as official responders to a disaster or emergency.
• provide victim identification and mortuary services during a disaster or other incident
• A specialized team, trained and equipped to establish a fully capable field surgical facility anywhere in the world.
• A DMAT is a group of professional and para-professional medical personnel (supported by a cadre of logistical and administrative staff) designed to provide medical care during a disaster or other event.

• NDMS recruits personnel for specific vacancies, plans for training opportunities, and coordinates the deployment of the teams.
• DMATs are a rapid-response element to supplement local medical care until other Federal or contract resources can be mobilized, or the situation is resolved.

• DMATs deploy to disaster sites with sufficient supplies and equipment to sustain themselves for a period of 72 hours while providing medical care at a fixed or temporary medical care site. The personnel are activated for a period of two weeks.
• Under the rare circumstance that disaster victims are evacuated to a different locale to receive definitive medical care, DMATs may be activated to support patient reception and disposition of patients to hospitals.

• DMATs are principally a community resource available to support local, regional, and State requirements. However, as a National resource they can be federalized.
DMAT Team Structure

• Commander  Deputy Commander
• Administrative Officer  Logistics Chief
• Physicians  Physician Assistants
• Nurse Practitioners  Nurses
• Paramedics  EMT’s
• Communication Specialists  Security Specialists and Safety Officers

Florida DMATs

• FL1 Pensacola

• FL2 Ft Myers/Port Charlotte

• FL3 Tampa/St Pete

• FL4 Jacksonville

• FL5 Miami

• FL6 Orlando

• IMSuRT South (Miami)
Federal Assets Deployed to The University Of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB)- Galveston, TX

- Disaster Medical Assistant Teams
- Public Health Lab
- Oklahoma Army National Guard

- FL 2 DMAT deployment Sept 13-24
  - (Stationed @ UTMB Sept 17-23)
Hurricane Charley – Cat 4

Hurricane Charley, just northwest of Fort Myers, Florida at 4:15PM EDT. At 2:00 PM EDT, the National Hurricane Center reported winds estimated to 145 mph near the eye of the storm. Movement was to the north-northeast at 20 mph.
From: Boca Raton Community Hospital

To: FL-5 DMAT TEAM

Thank you for your help and for spreading a little sunshine to our families, friends, and other victims of Hurricane Charley.

We love you!

Signed:

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