

# Texas Regional EMS/Medical Task Forces

A coordinated approach to  
Large Incident Response

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# Integrated Statewide EMS/Medical Response Capability

Needs to be:

- Rapidly deployable for local/regional incidents
- Scalable for larger state incidents
- Have appropriate command/control elements
- Self-sufficient for short periods of time

# Texas Regional EMS/Medical Task Forces (Regional EMS TF's)

- Rapid Deployment for Local/Regional incidents
- Quick Deployments for longer term incident and self-sufficient for 72 hrs
- Signed MOA's with RAC(s) from sponsoring EMS agencies and Hospitals
- Modular, able to deploy only what is needed/requested
- NIMS-compliant

# Texas Regional EMS/Medical Task Force

## EMS/Medical Incident Management Team (Type III IMT)

- Command/General Staff (from EMS agencies/Hospitals in local jurisdictions)
- ICS 100, 200, 300, 400 and AHIMT certs, with position-specific certs as well
- Must have EMS/ER/IMT management experience
- Full Comms package to communicate with all Groups and Local EOC/DDC/MACC/DSHS/GDEM-SOC
- Logistics package to support all Groups

### 5 Ambulance Strike Teams

- 5 Ambulances in each Strike Team (25 total ambulances)
- Each Strike Team has pre-assigned Strike Team Leader
- Teams are Pre-rostered
- 10 min launch time for <12 hr deployment
- 4 hour launch time for minimum for 72 hr deployment with additional gear as needed.

### 5 RN Strike Teams

- 5 RN's in each Strike Team (25 total RN's)
- Each Team has pre-assigned Strike Team Leader
- 3 ER Strike Teams
- 1 ICU Strike Team
- 1 Specialty area (Burn, OB, Pedi, NICU, etc)
- 6 hour launch time for minimum of 72 hr deployment

### 2 Ambuses

- Ambuses are capable of transporting up to 24 litter patients at one time.
- Pre-plumbed for O2, Suction, medical gases, etc
- Assigned to EMS agencies that will deploy 5-6 paramedics
- 10 min launch time for 12 hour deployment
- 4 hour launch time for 72 hour deployment

### Field Deployable Medical Station

- 25-40 bed capacity
- Limited treatment, but able to provide stabilizing care
- Fully staffed with EM physicians, ER nurses, techs, pharmacy, logistics, clerical and other support
- 6 hour launch time for 72 hr deployment

# Texas Regional EMS/Medical Task Forces – Mass Evac Scenario

EMS/Medical Incident Management Team (Type III IMT)

5 Ambulance  
Strike Teams

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= 100 Ambulances  
200 critical patients

2 Ambuses

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= 8 Ambuses  
192 urgent patients

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Field Deployable  
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Medical Station

# Texas Regional EMS/Medical Task Forces – Hospital Overwhelmed Scenario

EMS/Medical Incident Management Team (Type III IMT)

5 RN Strike Teams

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= 100 Qualified RNs in various specialties

Field Deployable Medical Station

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= 160 bed Medical Station

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5 Ambulance Strike Teams

2 Ambuses

# Texas Regional EMS/Medical Task Forces

## – EF-5 Tornado Scenario

EMS/Medical Incident Management Team (Type III IMT)

100 Ambulances  
200 critical patients

100 Qualified RNs in various specialties

8 Ambuses  
192 urgent patients

160 bed Medical Station

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5 Ambulance  
Strike Teams

5 RN Strike  
Teams

2 Ambuses

Field Deployable  
Medical Station

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Strike Teams

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- Phased implementation over 36 month period
- Phase I - 4 Regional Task Forces
  - In place in 12-18 months
  - location to be determined
  - ASPR/CDC funding for Equipment from FY-09
- Phase II – 4 additional Regional Task Forces
  - Initiated in ASPR/CDC FY10
  - Location to be determined