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

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= 100 Ambulances
200 critical patients

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= 8 Ambuses
192 urgent patients
Texas Regional EMS/Medical Task Forces – Hospital Overwhelmed Scenario

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= 100 Qualified RNs in various specialties
= 160 bed Medical Station

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Texas Regional EMS/Medical Task Forces – EF-5 Tornado Scenario

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200 critical patients

100 Qualified RNs in various specialties

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192 urgent patients

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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