

PRTF

Planning, Resources, Transportation and Facilities

Setting up a Medical Unit/Plan/Response requires forethought, consideration of the existing/expected conditions, appropriately trained personnel, equipment and supplies to do the job according to their level of training, with oversight & direction.

The following applies generally to all situations from large incidents to IA, Rx Fire and everyday work.

Planning

- *Pre-Incident* -- Maintain current/acquire EMS training/certification and functional KSAs. Establish process for emergencies, functional responsibilities, contact information, etc.
- *During the incident* -- Develop a comprehensive ICS-206; compliant with NWCG & agency EMS Guidelines. Adjust the plan for the needs of the incident with appropriate direction/oversight. Practice the plan. Consider time/distance/visibility/night/altitude/range factors for response & transport.
- *After the incident* -- Conduct an AAR with staff and C&G. Share lessons learned.

Resources

- *For Larger Incidents with an Established Medical Unit* – Staffed by “Red Carded” Medical Unit Leader (or IMSM) and currently certified/licensed EMS/medical resources. Applies to other EMS positions too.
- *For Smaller Incidents w/o a Medical Unit* – Sufficient EMS trained resources (min EMR recommended)
- Physically fit to a fitness level appropriate for the incident assignment.
- Have the fire & NIMS knowledge/experience for the assignment; and, provided the right tools.

Transportation

- Identify licensed ground and air medical transportation services, evacuation/extraction resources, i.e., hoist, short/long haul resources & their limitations (i.e., night vision, range, etc.) for incident/unit.
- Identify specialty resources, how to contact them and what their capabilities/limitations are (i.e., SAR, specialty medical transport) that may be needed. Consider backup methods/contingencies.

Facilities

- Identify medical facilities such as:
 - Walk-in/24 hr clinics, community hospitals, trauma centers(Level I/2), verified (ABA) burn centers, dentists, pharmacies and other medical specialties with their direct contact numbers/address along with lat/long and other relevant information (i.e., hrs of operations, helipad, etc).

For additional information go to: <http://www.nwcg.gov/branches/pre/rmc/iems/index.html>