
INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

- TOPIC:** Multiple Patient Management Plan (MPMP) and EMS Taskforce Deployment
- PURPOSE:** To exercise the Strike Team/ task force concept with an activation and mobilization of personnel, specialized equipment and Allied Agency resources in an effort to improve multi-agency (fire agencies, SCC EMS and County Ambulance) Mutual Aid effectiveness.
- MATERIALS NEEDED:**
- Santa Clara County Local Fire Service and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan, Appendix 1, Appendix 2, Santa Clara County EMS System Overview, Santa Clara County Multiple Patient Management Plan – MPMP (EMS Policy 811).
 - ICS 420-1 (FIREScope Field Operations Guide)
- TIME:** 30 to 60 minutes

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

Personnel and Equipment proceed to the designated host venue site:

- Personnel will identify scenarios, which would call for an Ambulance Task Force I and an Ambulance Task Force 2.
- Personnel will identify scenarios that could qualify for an MPMP Level 1 or 2 Activation.
- Personnel will identify the applicable communications channels for mutual aid response including travel, command, and tactical channels for fire and EMS.
- Participants will display, discuss, and demonstrate the equipment carried as related to the MCI event (vests, PPE, flagging and treatment area identifiers).
- Personnel will consider the options for ambulance operations – staging and loading operations.
- Personnel will identify the tasks associated with geographic and functional assignments at a mutual aid multiple casualty incident.
- Personnel will identify the tasks associated with geographic and functional assignments at various deployment scenarios.

KEY COMPONENTS:

- Discuss common roles, terminology, and communications, including the EMS Communications System.
- Review response configurations. There are two ways for the Incident Commander to order a compliment of ambulance resources:
 - 1) For events that are not expected to grow but have multiple patients requiring transports, requesting an ATF 1 or 2 will result in a compliment of 3 or 6 ambulances and a field supervisor, but not otherwise alter 911 ambulance operations. Example – a multi-patient motor vehicle collision on the highway that has several patients but will not generate anymore.
 - 2) The MPMP at Levels 1 (for less that 10 patients that require ambulance transport) or 2 (for less than 20 patients that require ambulance transport) is designed to deploy an initial compliment of transport resources in addition to altering routine 911 and hospital operations in order to best support a long term multiple patient incident. Example – when the IC expects an incident to already be or to become large enough to require an expanded response from fire, law enforcement, and ambulance providers, including assigning ICS roles.
- The IC shall provide the following information to dispatch:
 - Level of ATF or Activation
 - Number of Patients Requiring Transportation
 - Ground Ambulance Staging Location
 - Safety or Approach Instructions
 - Request for Additional Units
- Use of “Start” triage tags.
- Use of Disaster Management Systems (DMS) “All Risk” triage tags, triage tarps, and triage flagging tape.
- Discuss assignment functions and expectations (Medical Group Supervisor, Triage Unit Leader, Treatment Unit Leader, Transportation Unit Leader)
- Discuss ambulance loading and staging operation options.
- Compare equipment cache and patient movement devices (stair chairs, back boards, gurneys, etc.)
- Conduct a radio communications exercise utilizing incident command channels and EMS primary and secondary command channels.

TACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Review Santa Clara County EMS System Overview and the Santa Clara County Multiple Patient Management Plan - MPMP Video (both displayed on the County EMS website).

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Review MPMP Plan and Updates, Annex A, Appendix 1
2. Travel channel (dispatch channel of incident owner or V Fire 21)
3. Command channel (command channel of incident owner or primary channel of incident owner).
4. Tactical channel (tactical channel of incident owner or command channel of incident owner).
5. Air operations channel (primary channel of incident owner, or CALCORD channel,).
6. County EMS channels
 - Primary dispatch channel (formerly Med 91)
 - EMS Command 92 (hospital ring-down system)
 - EMS Command 93 (primary EMS command channel used at the scene of incidents)
 - EMS Command 94 (Secondary EMS Command channel)
 - BayMacs (Countywide Command Control)

ACCOUNTABILITY:

1. T-cards from each company are given to the Strike Team/Task Force Leader, and they shall be checked for accuracy.
 - b. The I-219-8 (tan colored) T-Card shall be used for this resource
2. Resources arriving at the incident shall check in at Staging.

EQUIPMENT/KNOWLEDGE:

1. Have proper PPE and Safety Equipment.
2. Understand the use of all triage tags, flagging, and tarp options.
3. Understand the updates to the MPMP Plan.
4. Have understanding of the t-card and accountability system.

COMMENTS:
