The Strong Local Capability of RI DMAT & RI Medical Reserve Corps

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Disclaimer Statement

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A group formed in 1990 in response to requests from NDMS.
As the team formed, they sought training opportunities within the state.
Mass Gathering events presented an ideal avenue for this training.
Brief History (cont.)

By September 11, 2001 RI state response agencies had begun to count on the DMAT team to be available.

- RI EMA
- RI Department of Health
- RI State Police
- Local EMA directors
Brief History (cont.)

- At 0950 on September 11th the Federal team and all of their equipment were alerted to deploy to NYC.
- At 1015 RI EMA call to ask if the team should be considered a federal or state asset.
- EMA was advised that the team and its cache had been deployed.
Moving Forward

- An inspired RI DoH realizes that Hospital Preparedness Program dollars can be dedicated to building an in-state capability for mobile medical assets.
- The DMAT team, now a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, was a logical choice to fill a new role.
How It Works

- RI DoH contracts with RI DMAT (the non-profit) for Mobile Medical Assets, utilizing HPP funding to build and maintain the capability to establish a Disaster Field Hospital.

- Deliverable based contracts enabled the team the flexibility to buy and configure the cache based upon their needs & experience.
Medical Reserve Corps Grantee (OSG)

11th year of operation after a 3 year award from US PHS/OSG
- Over 1550 healthcare providers enrolled
- On-Line database and application process
- ESAR/VHP contractor for Rhode Island
- [www.riresponds.org](http://www.riresponds.org)
RI-1 DMAT

- Federal Response Team of the National Disaster Medical System
- Medical Reserve Corps Grantee (OSG)
- Rhode Island Medical Response Team
- Contractor to RI Department of Health
History of National Activities

- Upstate New York Ice Storms 1998
- EgyptAir Flight 990 1999
- World Trade Center Disaster 2001
- New York City Postal Workers Anthrax Incident
- 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics
- Democratic National Convention 2004
National Activities

- Responses to Hurricanes Katrina (Superdome), Ophelia, & Rita 2005
  - Four teams deployed to the Gulf Coast almost continuously from August 28th - November 13th
- State of the Union and Hurricane Ernesto 2006
- Hurricanes Gustav and Ike 2008
National Activities (cont)

- Red River Floods in North Dakota 2010
- State of the Union Address 2012
- Super Storm Sandy Response, Brooklyn, NY 2012
Local Connection

During Hurricane Katrina deployment, simultaneous reception of 106 Evacuees from New Orleans & operated clinic for evacuees in Middletown, RI
Regular Team Training Activities

- Cox Marathon - May
- RI Air National Guard Airshow - June
- July 4th Parade Bristol, RI
- July 4th, Block Island, RI
- Ironman Half Marathon July
- Newport Folk & Jazz Festivals - August
- Parkinson’s Disease Run/Walk-September
- 3 Day Scituate RI Arts festival
- Warehouse equipment & maintenance days.
Contractor to RI Department of Health

- Multi-year contract with RI DoH
- “Build capacity to establish a 100 bed field hospital independent of the Federal Cache”
- Respond to calls for “Extraordinary Medical Care”
- Assist in Public Health Initiatives
- Team owned equipment is maintained at team Headquarters and is ready to deploy to In-State Events.
Strong Relationships

- Support to RI State Police
- RI EMA Stakeholder
- Local EMA Partnerships
- RI Airport Corporation
- US Postal Service
Enabling Paperwork

- 501 c 3 status
- MOU with State of Rhode Island (RIEMA)
- RI General Law 30-15-15 (Liability, workman’s comp, and professional liability protection)
- RI EMS Ambulance Service License
- Wholesale Pharmacy License
In-State Team Capabilities and Equipment

- 48 foot tractor trailer & 2200 sq.ft. tent
- 53 foot Refrigerated trailer
- Tractor and HD Pickups to haul trailers
- 2 John Deere Gators and trailers
- Climate control for big trailer (HVAC)
- Large capacity generator (85kw)
- Three 18 foot Response Trailers
Equipment (cont)

- 24 foot Communications Trailer
  - Satellite Communication System
- 28 foot Medical Logistics Trailer
- Digital X-Ray Suite
- Wholesale Pharmacy License
- Fully equipped field hospital
RI Public Health Missions

- HEP A Providence Restaurant
- Tuberculosis Outbreak Central Falls High School 2007
- H1N1 pandemic school Vaccinations
  - Highest % of children (84.7%) vaccinated in the US.
- FAST Teams for Functional Support Service
Big Blue
Power Plant
Communications Trailer
LFAS 1 Booted to BASE-X 305
Interior
Gator One
So, What can we do for you?

- Establish physician level field hospital
- Provide Emergency Department decompression
- Provide search team/firefighter rehab and pre & post entry screening
- Logistics support for lengthy operations
What we can do 2

- Mass-Vaccinations
- Consultations on mass-care during planning phase for events
- Functional needs assessments for sheltering operations
- Public Health Emergencies
- We never say No!
How are we activated?

- Officially through the RI Department of Health (CEPR) or RI Emergency Management Agency.

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  - If you have questions, or feel we can be helpful, call us. We’re available 24/7
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