METROPOLITAN MEDICAL STRIKE TEAM (MMST)

County of San Diego

Health and Human Services Agency

Public Health Services

Emergency Medical Services

LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO

METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM (MMRS)

Goal: To prepare for and protect the residents of San Diego County in a terrorist event

1996 – Federal Metropolitan Medical Strike Team (MMST) program was initiated

1997 – Federal Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) was created

1997 – EMS entered grant agreement to develop an MMST for San Diego County – One of the original U.S. Teams

2011 – MMRS program funding was discontinued.

SAN DIEGO MMST PARTICIPANTS

- Fire agencies
- Law Enforcement (SWAT, EOD, FBI)
- San Diego Terrorism Early Warning Group
- City and County Department of Environmental Health (HAZMAT - HIRT)
- County Public Health Services
- Physicians
- Local military
- Port of San Diego - San Diego Harbor Police
- Hospitals
- Subject Matter Experts

METROPOLITAN MEDICAL STRIKE TEAM (MMST) – 2014 STATUS

* MMST activated only for exercises
* Agency capabilities met 1999 initial objectives
* Multi-discipline operations integrated at unit level
* Combined operations of MMST functions – Bomb house
* On-going turnover / Change in personnel
* EMS Warehouse stores backup equipment
* Full PPE available to Bomb, SWAT, DEH and EMS

MMST 12/9/14
STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

Stakeholder's Meeting	
San Diego City HIRT	County Department of Environmental Services (HAZMAT)
San Diego City Police Department	San Diego County Sheriff's
San Diego City EOD	San Diego County EOD
San Diego City Fire Department	San Diego County EMS
Escondido Fire Department	Coronado Fire Department
Mercy Ambulance	County Office of Emergency Services

MMST OBJECTIVES

1. Coordinate and conduct notification of the MMST
2. Coordinate logistics of responding medical and equipment caches to scene
3. Coordinate and exchange and gathering of information between agencies, team and outside resources
4. Coordinate team's communications
5. Coordinate entry response actions between SED/SRT/EOD/FBI/HAZMAT/Medical
6. Ensure SED/SRT/EOD can operate in chemical protective equipment while performing tactical and defensive actions
7. Deployment of a decontamination setup
8. Coordinate and conduct health and medical operations

CONCLUSIONS

- MMST response and mitigation capabilities have been integrated into normal operations.
- The objectives to respond to and mitigate Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) or Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) events have been met and can be sustained within normal operations.
- Agencies prefer to use normal dispatch communications during events and are not using the RCS assigned MMST talk groups.

CONCLUSIONS

- On-going unit level training is necessary
- Tactical Medics have been added to local agencies and participate in SWAT operations
- Sustain Table Top and Full Scale multi-agency, multi-disciplinary
- San Diego All Hazards Incident Management Team has been developed and has participated in national training and exercises.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Restructure the “MMST” from a strike team to a unified response strategy
- Release the RCS MMST talk groups for reassignment
- Establish Transitional Plan.
- Remain committed to maintaining multi-disciplinary response and mitigation capabilities for Terrorism and CBRNE events.

TRANSITION PLANNING – SUSTAIN TRAINING

- Agency level annual training schedules to include new personnel and refresher Level B Training
- Coordinate WMD awareness and CBRNE training.
- Protocols for the use of and exercise of mass decontamination and mass casualty vehicles on an on-going schedule
- Annual multi-disciplinary TableTops (EMS)
- Ensure periodic Operational Area exercises include WMD and CBRNE operational components

TRANSITION PLANNING MANAGEMENT – IC SUPPORT

- Collaborate with the San Diego All Hazards Incident Management Team (AH IMT) to manage response coordination and support of incident command
- Explore opportunity for Terrorism, WMD and CRBNE response coordination utilizing AH IMT

TRANSITION PLANNING
FUNDING AND EQUIPMENT

- Identify funding source for Training and Equipment.
- Collaborate with County Department of Environmental Services (DEH) to establish process for maintaining and testing of CBRNE Equipment.
- Sustain CBRNE and medical supply caches currently stored by EMS and in UDC-OES vehicles.
- Develop plan for Operational Area awareness training on available assets and process for accessing.

QUESTIONS?

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