

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TASK FORCE (EM-TF )**

**Meeting**  
**06/22/2010**

The following items were discussed:

There are six (6) Task Force Teams:

- EM-TF 1: RAC's: Q, H, R - RAC Q will be the lead agency (Houston)
- EM-TF 2: RAC's: P, S - RAC P will be the lead agency (San Antonio)
- EM-TF 3: RAC's: C, D, E - RAC E will be the lead agency (Dallas)
- EM-TF 4: RAC's: T, V, U - RAC V will be the lead agency (the Valley)
- EM-TF 5: RAC's: L, M, N, O - RAC L will be the lead agency (Central TX)
- EM-TF 6: RAC's: F, G - RAC G will be the lead agency (NE TX)
- EM-TF 7: RAC's: A, B - RAC A will be the lead agency (Panhandle)
- EM-TF 8: RAC's: I, J, K - RAC I will be the lead agency (West TX)

Ambus Capability:

- EM-TF 1: 1 - Bus
- EM-TF 2: Specs have been developed
- EM-TF 3: None
- EM-TF 4: None
- EM-TF 5: Public Health has budgeted for 1 bus
- EM-TF 6: None
- EM-TF 7: None
- EM-TF 8: Possible El Paso; Type 2 at best

Mobile Medical Asset Capability:

- EM-TF 1: 3 with inventory
- EM-TF 2: Supplies w/ inventory
- EM-TF 3: Cache w/inventory
- EM-TF 4: Limited supplies; Trailers
- EM-TF 5: Tentage
- EM-TF 6: 1 – 25 bed asset w/ supplies and equip
- EM-TF 7: Pre-package supplies
- EM-TF 8: Pre-package supplies

#### Ambulance Strike Teams:

- EM-TF 1: Team w/ MMA
- EM-TF 2: Team
- EM-TF 3: Team
- EM-TF 4: None
- EM-TF 5: Austin/Travis County
- EM-TF 6: None; working on forming
- EM-TF 7: Limited team
- EM-TF 8: Limited team

#### Nurse Strike Teams:

- EM-TF 1: None
- EM-TF 2: 1 – Verbal commitment
- EM-TF 3: None
- EM-TF 4: None
- EM-TF 5: None
- EM-TF 6: None
- EM-TF 7: None
- EM-TF 8: In-discussions

#### Recommendations:

- Initial contract amends \$250,000.00 for FY 10-11 for the for the lead agency RAC's: A, E, G, I, L, P, Q, V
- Contract with SETTRAC in amount of \$200,000.00 for the facilitation of TDMS Steering Committee and support of the EM-TF Workgroup statewide.
- Each region will hire a full-time EM-TF Coordinator
- Move unencumbered June funding to July via rollover pilot money from PHER funds

#### EM-TF State Coordinator Office:

- Virtual Joint Planning Office (under the FEMA website)
  - ✓ This website will get us visibility
  - ✓ Compilation of all regional plans, inventories, activities
  - ✓ Initial Drafts/Templates for all teams; TDMS; EM-TF Coordinators

#### Break-out session discussions:

##### 5 – Ambulance Strike Teams:

- 5 – Teams – each team 5 ambulances = 25 ambulances
- Each team has a pre-assigned Strike Team Leader
- Teams are pre-assigned
- Ten (10) minute launch time for <12 hour deployment
- Four (4) hour launch time for minimum for 72 hour deployment with additional gear as needed

#### Ambuses (2):

- Are capable of transporting up to 24 liter patients at one time
- Pre-plumbed for oxygen, suction, medical gases, etc.
- Assigned to EMS agencies that will deploy
- Ten (10) minute launch time for 12 hour deployment
- Four (4) hour launch time for 72 hour deployment

#### Mobile Medical Assets (MMA) – Field Deployable Medical Stations:

- 25 – 40 Bed Capability
- Limited treatment but able to provide stabilization care
- Fully staffed with EM Physicians, ER Nurses, Techs, Pharmacy, Logistics, Clerical and other support
- Six (6) hour launch time for 72 hour deployment

#### Staffing for MMA:

- Medical Teams
- Logistic Teams (Deployment, HVA-Set-up, Commander, Safety)
- Core Team: Electricians, Medical Equip Person, HVAC; Transport

#### Recommended Requirements for MMA:

- Requesting entity is responsible for: security, water, waste pick-up, fuel
- Main Function/Capability: Triage, Stabilization, (Minor Care) (Fast Track)
- Minimum Bed Capability: 16 Beds (one module)
- Clinical Staffing: 24 hour ops
  - 1 – Physician
  - 1 – Physician Extension (PA, NP)
  - 4 – Nurses
  - 2 – Paramedics/EMT-P2
  - 2 – Clerks/Techs
- No X-Ray
- I-Stat Style Lab only
- Activation Criteria: Government/State Mission; Private Hospital Base
- EMTALA issues: Off Hospital Property so that it can't be attached to a hospital
- Communications Needs: VHF, Internet, MSV (Sat Phones); Hand Held Radios

#### Nurse Strike Teams: For ER not for MMA

- Five (5) RN's in each Strike Team (25 RN's total)
- Each team has a pre-assigned Strike Team Leader
- Three (3) ER Strike Teams
- One (1) ICU Strike Team
- One (1) Specialty Team (Burns, OB, NICU, etc)
- Six (6) hour launch time for minimum for 72 hour deployment

