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NDMS: A 600 Second Update

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ASPR Coordinates the Federal Public Health and Medical Response



- The National Response Framework (NRF) informs an effective federal response
- ASPR has the lead role for Emergency Support Function #8 – Public Health and Medical Response
- Role of OEM as the central point of coordination
 - Secretary's Operations Center (SOC)

ESF-8 Responsibilities include:

- Public Health Assessment
- Surveillance
- **Medical care and supplies**
- **Patient Evacuation**
- **Patient and Animal Care**
- Drug Safety and Security
- Blood and Related Products
- Food Safety and Security
- Agricultural Safety and Security
- Behavioral Health
- Vector Control
- Water and Wastewater
- **Mass Fatality Support**
- **Definitive Care**



Supporting Response through the National Disaster Medical System



- Partnership between HHS, DHS, VA, and DoD
- Mission is two-fold:
 1. Support communities in the United States with post-disaster medical assistance as needed
 2. Backstop the DoD and VA medical systems in a mass casualty warfare scenario



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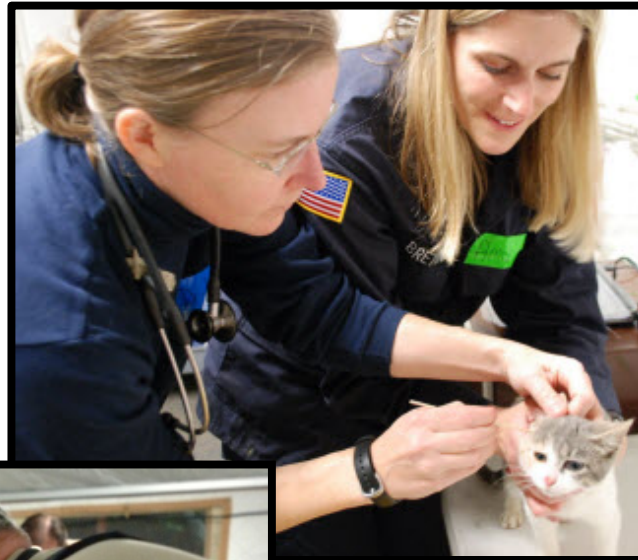
Functions of NDMS



- Three key functions:
 1. Medical Response (medical, veterinary, fatality management)
 2. Patient Evacuation by air from affected areas
 3. Delivery of Definitive Care through system of NDMS network hospital
- NDMS and US Public Health Service are two of the major deployable assets available to the HHS Secretary and ASPR



NDMS Response Teams: DMAT, DMORT, NVRT



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NDMS Personnel- Our Greatest Programmatic Resource



- Large, geographically distributed workforce of over 6000 personnel organized into 80+ response teams
 - Over 4000 credentialed professionals
 - Covered by Workers Compensation, Federal Tort Claims Act, and Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act
 - Enabling a prompt federal response
- Employees must have adequate worker protection, job protection, and training. Since 2014:
 - NDMS is working to legislate modernized coverage
 - Innovative training with our FEMA partners, over 1000 trained in 2014



Full Context, Full Speed Training

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Train as we Fight (Work)





Supporting the Response Teams: Recent Evolution



- Post-Sandy development of the Mobile Lifesaving Kit to complement the traditional NDMS caches
 - Forward deployed to support first response
- Realignment of the response teams into consistently typed assets
 - Three configurations of Health and Medical Task Forces
 - New design for the National Veterinary Response Teams
- Re-evaluation of the business of NDMS
 - Shortened response time and mechanisms to support this
 - Movement towards a more team-centric culture



Thirty Years of Supporting the United States and Beyond



- Hundreds of responses, thousands of deployed personnel, tens of thousands of patient encounters
- Strong and improving relationships with our federal partners, including the Regional Emergency Coordinators and Hospital Preparedness Program
- Evolving to operate in a climate of limited resources, as with all Public Health programs across the country
- Future directions need to include more practical and purposeful interactions with regional and military partners

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Questions?



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