

# MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT

## INCIDENT COMMANDER

- Establish command and identify the incident as an MCI
- Assign triage utilizing the START triage method
- Estimate the number of patients, declare the level of MCI, and report to dispatch
  - Level One, 3-9 patients
  - Level Two, 10-29 patients
  - Level Three, 30 + patients
- Request additional resources:
  - One ambulance for every immediate patient and one for every delayed patient
  - One ALS company for every 2 immediate patients and one for every 2 delayed patients
  - Appropriate transportation for minor patients
- Assign ICS positions on each MCI
  - IC, Triage Unit Leader, Med Com, Pt Transportation Unit Leader (PTUL), GAC
- Consider apparatus and ambulance staging needs

## TRIAGE UNIT LEADER (TUL)

- Develop organization sufficient to handle assignments
- Inform Medical Group of needs
- Implement triage utilizing START and JUMP START
  - Triage ribbons initially, triage tag once treatment team is assigned to patient
- Coordinate movement of patients from triage area to treatment area or directly to ambulances
- Ensure adequate patient decon and proper notifications made
- Assign resources as triage personnel, litter bearers, or treatment teams
- Maintain security and control of the triage area
- Give periodic updates to Medical Group Sup/IC

## PATIENT TRANSPORTATION UNIT LEADER (PTUL)

- Ensure establishment of communications with the appropriate hospital
- Designate ambulance staging area
- Direct the off incident transportation of patients as determined by Med Com
- Ensure that patient information and destinations are recorded
- Establish communication with the GAC, the Air Ambulance Coordinator, and the Helispot Manager
- Request additional medical transport resources as required

## MEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR (MED COM)

- Use one Med Com per incident, reports to IC or PTUL if established
- Ensure communications with the appropriate hospital or other facility
- Determine and maintain current status of hospital / medical facility availability
- Receive basic patient info and status from Treatment Area Managers and/or Patient Loading Coordinator
- Coordinate patient destination with the appropriate hospital or facility
- Communicate patient ground transportation needs to GAC based on requests from Treatment Manager
- Communicate patient air transportation needs to the Air Ambulance Coordinator based on requests from the treatment area manager and/or Patient Loading Coordinator

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### GROUND AMBULANCE COORDINATOR (GAC)

- Report to PTUL, manage the ambulance staging area, and dispatch ambulances from staging as requested
- Establish appropriate staging area for ambulances
- Establish routes of travel for ambulances for incidents operations
- Establish and maintain communications with Air Ambulance Coordinator and the Helispot
- Establish and maintain communications with the Medical Communications Coordinator and Patient Loading Coordinator
- Provide ambulances upon request from the Medical Communications Coordinator
- Ensure that necessary equipment is available in the ambulance for patient needs during transportation
- Establish contact with ambulance providers at the scene
- Request additional ground transportation resources as appropriate
- Consider the use of alternate transportation resources such as buses or vans
- Provide an inventory of medical supplies available at ambulance staging area for use at the scene

### TREATMENT UNIT LEADER

- Report to IC or Medical Group Supervisor
- Direct personnel to place a triage tag on each patient for tracking
- Ensure adequate decontamination and that proper notifications are made
- Ensure continued assessment and reassessment of patients as necessary
- Set up defined areas for treatment of immediate, delayed, or minor patients as necessary
- Direct personnel to treat, stabilize life threatening injuries, and prepare patients for transport
- Responsible for the movement of patients to ambulance loading areas

### PATIENT LOADING COORDINATOR

- Establish communications with Treatment Managers and PTUL
- Advise Med Com of patient readiness and priority for transport
- Coordinate transportation of patients with Med Com
- Ensure appropriate patient tracking information is recorded

### TREATMENT TEAM

- Contact receiving hospital, give update on patient and ETA (using 800 Mhz, cell or ambulance dispatch)
- Place triage tag on each patient and complete ePCR for patient
- Initiate and continue patient care as directed by the Treatment Unit Leader
- **Immediate** 1 Paramedic and a minimum of 1 EMT
- **Delayed** 1 Paramedic and a minimum of 1 EMT
- **Minor** A minimum of 1 EMT for the group
- EMT's from the ambulance can complete the team (do not split up ambulance crews)
- A Paramedic can contact the base at any time for medical direction if needed