

MULTI CASUALTY INCIDENT (MCI) PLAN

LEVEL I (5 TO 10 PATIENTS)

LEVEL II (11 OR MORE PATIENTS)

DECLARATION

- The first agency with knowledge of the number of potential patients shall declare the MCI a **Level I** or **Level II** MCI depending on the number of patients.
- An official declaration of a **Level I** or **Level II** MCI shall be communicated with the Dispatch Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) and transmitted by the AHJ dispatch to all other responding units and responding unit dispatch centers.
- The first arriving unit shall perform a scene size up.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Communication shall be established via command, tactical and medical frequencies

NOTIFICATIONS

- The AHJ dispatch shall notify all responding unit dispatch centers of the command, tactical and medical frequencies.
- Upon knowledge of the MCI, MedCom shall alert all SLO County hospitals and Marian of the level of MCI and the location.
- When requested by the IC or the Transportation Unit Leader, MedCom shall contact the receiving hospitals by radio, ReddiNet or other means to determine the number and triage category of patients that each hospital can take by **number** of red, yellow and green tags. MedCom shall communicate the **numbers** back to the IC/Transportation Unit Leader.

OPERATIONS

- **Incident Command:** The AHJ shall establish incident command. If more than one AHJ is present, Unified Command shall be established.
- **Functional Divisions/Groups:** Functional Divisions and/or Groups shall be established as recommended in the FOG manual and consistent with the size and complexity of the incident.
- **Triage:**
 - A. Triage shall be completed using START and/or JumpSTART triage on **all** patients.
 - B. A triage tag shall be affixed to each patient.
- **Treatment:** Treatment areas shall be established as needed; **paramedics should be assigned to those patients awaiting transport.**

NOTIFICATIONS LEVEL II

Upon declaration of a **Level II** MCI, MedCom shall follow the Sheriff's Department Operational Directives and notify the Public Health Department for activation of the MHOAC.

OPERATIONS LEVEL II

Consider distributing patients outside of the county.

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- **Transport:** The estimated required ambulances for a MCI is equal to:

$$\frac{\text{NUMBER OF IMMEDIATE PATIENTS} + \text{PLUS ONE}(1)}{\text{DIVIDED BY TWO (2)}}$$

Air Units=Consider early polling, activation and integration into transportation plan!

Patients should be transported to the **most appropriate facility** based upon their injury or illness, **with consideration to those needing care at a Trauma Center.**

The initial capacity of each hospital is listed below:

| Hospital | Immediate | Delayed | Minor |
|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| AGCH | 1 | 1 | 2 or more |
| FHMC | 1 | 2 | 2 or more |
| MMC | 3 | 6 | 12 |
| SVRMC | 4 | 3 | 10 |
| TCCH | 3 | 4 | 12 |

- Notification to the intended receiving hospital(s) should be attempted whenever possible.
- Regardless of a receiving hospital's capacity, the **appropriate distribution of patients is imperative** to ensure that one facility is not overloaded!
- **Morgue:** Deceased patients should be tagged as black and left in place unless they hamper extrication efforts for viable patients.

MCI RESPONSE ORGANIZATION

- The IC manages initial response resources as well as the command and general staff requirements.
- **The first arriving ambulance shall interface with the IC and may be assigned Transportation Unit Leader.**
- **Additional resources, including ambulances, are ordered and cancelled by the IC, not the first arriving ambulance.** Other arriving medical resources, at the discretion of the IC, may become Triage and Treatment Unit Leaders and triage/treatment area personnel.

MCI RESPONSE ORGANIZATION

LEVEL II

- In addition to the **Level I** response, the IC establishes a Safety Officer, Triage Unit Leader and Treatment Unit Leader.
- Patient treatment areas should be established and staffed.

INCIDENT TERMINATION

- At The conclusion of the incident the IC shall terminate the MCI activation via declaration by radio to the AHJ dispatch center.
- The AHJ dispatch center shall communicate that the MCI is terminated to all other dispatch centers with resources at, or responding to the incident.
- MedCom shall notify all hospitals that the MCI has been terminated.