

NDMS Team Handbook

Chapter 1: Policy and Procedures Section 25

Standard Operating Procedure: 006

Procedures for wear the NDMS Uniform

1. When Authorized

The NDMS uniform is required to be worn by a team member during field deployments in response to a disaster. The uniform may also be worn during a field exercise when authorized by the Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness/National Disaster Medical System (OEP/NDMS), or their designee.

Note: These procedures do not apply to officers of the Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps who wear an approved PHS uniform rather than an NDMS uniform

2. Composition of NDMS Uniforms

The NDMS uniform will consist of, uniformly, khaki or blue blouse (shirt), with same color pants; team authorized shirt(s) (which must be approved by NDMS/OEP and have NDMS logo located on it); socks (color optional); shoes or boots black in color and appropriate for post disaster areas. Additional clothing articles that may be worn include a team authorized hat (baseball or boogie type, khaki or blue in color with team name or NDMS logo); over covering (dependent upon environmental conditions), e.g. raincoat or poncho; and gloves.

3. Insignia and Identification Patches (Reference attachment "A")

A diagram of the uniform blouse (front and sleeve views) and the designated locations of authorized insignia and identification patches is attached. All applications to the uniform must be in the areas indicated on the diagram. No patch or insignia is to be affixed to the pants of the uniform without prior approval from the Director, OEP/NDMS, or their designee. Insignia and identification patches may be sewn or attached by Velcro to the uniform. (Velcro patch attachments provide a more convenient means of changing or replacing designations, e.g. name tape strip.)

a. Name Tape

The name tape (cloth) shall be worn immediately above and parallel to the top edge of the right breast pocket. This patch is a 1 inch wide, 4 1/4 inch long strip of cloth of the same basic color as the uniform. The tape extends to each pocket edge but not beyond.

b. NDMS Patch – (OEP/NDMS will issue)

This patch is placed on the left pocket of the blouse, centered (with the flap closed) between the bottom of the pocket flap and the bottom of the pocket.

c. USPHS Patch

The “USPHS” (cloth) tape shall be worn immediately above and parallel to the top edge of the left breast pocket. This path is a 1 inch wide, 4 ½inch long cloth strip of the same basic color as the uniform. The tape extends to each pocket edge but not beyond.

d. U.S.Flag (optional)

Affix to the outside right sleeve of the blouse. Locate 1 inch below the shoulder seam and centered across the sleeve.

e. Team Insignia Rocker

Affixed to the outside left sleeve of the blouse. Located ½inch below the shoulder seam and centered across the sleeve.

f. Team Insignia Patch

The insignia is centered on the outside left sleeve, no lower than ½inch below the bottom of the arm rocker or below 1 inch from the shoulder seam if no arm rocker is present. Also it is to be centered across the sleeve. The insignia design may vary, e.g. circle, square, rectangle, etc.

Note: Nametapes should be color coordinated with the color of the uniform.

4. Pins

The wearing of any type of pins indicating rank, medical insignia, etc will not be worn on the uniform. The only exception will be the U. S. Public Health Service Commissioned Officers.

By authority of: _____

Date: _____

