

This is the latest:

Effective yesterday, 1 March 2003, the Office of Emergency Response with NDMS was officially transferred by law to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Also transferred was the Strategic National Stockpile (formerly known as the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile), Noble Training Center in Anniston Alabama, and the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS).

All of these former HHS organizations have been placed under the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate (EP&R) headed by Under Secretary Michael Brown. OER/NDMS is under the Response Division of EP&R which is headed by Eric Tolbert, former State Emergency Manager for North Carolina.

OER/NDMS is still intact, functioning as before, and remaining for now at the Rockville office. CAPT Kevin Yeskey remains the Director and Gary Moore the Deputy Director.

There should be no change noticed in DMAT or Special Teams operations....we just have a new boss. A memorandum of understanding is being completed between DHS and HHS including continued administrative support to OER/NDMS until it can be handled by the new Department.

We still retain the important mission of responding to the medical needs of the nation in time of disaster or emergency and will continue to do so in the professional manner we all have done in the past.

Hope this helps.

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