



DMATTERS

Toledo Area Disaster Medical Assistance Team Newsletter

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TADMAT Web Page: <http://mediccom.org/public/tadmat/tadmat.html>

TADMAT: Established 1985

NDMS Level-1 Team

Mission: to triage, stabilize and prepare disposition for the victims of any incident that exceeds the medical capability of an affected area, be it local, statewide, national or international

Unit Commander:

- Churton Budd, RN, EMT-P

Deputy Co-Commanders:

- Jim Fenn, RN, NREMT
- Kelly Burkholder-Allen, RN
- Paula Edwards, RN
- Mary Vance, RN

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CALENDAR

1999 Meeting Dates:

1/21, 2/17, 3/18, 4/21, 5/20,
6/16, 7/15, 8/18, 9/16, 10/20,
11/18

*All meetings at 7PM in MCO
Collier Bldg.*

NDMS Conference 1999,
Washington DC May 8th –
12th Omni Shoreham Hotel

**Summer Drill now moved to
July 16th and 17th.**

NEXT TADMAT TEAM MEETING:

March 18th, 7pm Rm
3407 of the Collier Bldg.

**NOTE: April's meeting will
be 1 week early (4/14) at the
same time & place**

TADMAT will Deploy to Washington D.C. for the NATO 50th Summit

TADMAT has been requested by NDMS to deploy on April 21st – April 26th to the NATO 50th Summit in Washington D.C. This Summit will take place in the Mellon Auditorium, site of the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty on April 4, 1949. Bringing together Heads of State and Government and Foreign and Defense Ministers of 44 countries from across Europe and North America, it will be the largest gathering of world leaders ever hosted in Washington. This is a highly visible event and a potential target for a terrorist to use a Chemical / Biological Weapon of Mass Destruction. As a result of this threat, NDMS has been tasked by the Federal Government to organize a response / mitigation effort. The TADMAT (OH1 DMAT), the Massachusetts DMAT (MA1) (a different MA team than we deployed with in St. Thomas, USVI) and the Public Health Service DMAT (PHS1) will be the main Disaster Medical Team Response. These DMATs will be responsible for medical triage, stabilization and preparation for transport to medical facilities. They will also staff a holding area for victims (field hospital) awaiting transport. The East coast National Medical Response Team (NMRT) out of Winston-Salem, NC, the Metro Washington Metropolitan Medical Strike Team (MMST) and the U.S. Marines Chemical Biological Emergency Response Force (CBERF) will be responsible for victim extraction and decontamination. The FL1, FL5 and MI1 teams will serve as backup teams. The DMATs will need to be able to triage, treat and stabilize at least 250 patients a day. The extraction teams can extract and decontaminate 25-30 non-ambulatory and 200 ambulatory patients an hour. During deployment, we have been told that we must be ready for action at any time. This will not be a "call out of bed" type readiness, rather will be a full readiness 24 hours a day.

The initial plans as of our conference call on March 1st with NDMS was to have the team travel via bus from Toledo to Washington. Our equipment would be either loaded into two rental trucks that we would drive or NDMS will provide shipping via a commercial trucking company. We will be deploying a full medical DMAT (35 +/- 5 members) and all of our equipment for treatment. We may not need the full support cache and we have been told we will not need the tentage.

We will be discussing the deployment at the March 18th DMAT meeting (Rm. 3407 Collier) at 7PM. We will be soliciting for team members who will be available to deploy. The team leadership will be defining the configuration of the team in the next few weeks based on the mission requirements that NDMS is passing to us. When we get closer to the deployment date, we will review the list of those who wish to deploy and place them into the job role slots of the deployment configuration. If there are more candidates in that job role requesting to deploy than number of slots available, the slots will be filled by those who have accrued points based on attendance in meetings, drills deployments and other DMAT functions. If a job role remains unfilled, the remaining candidates will be reviewed and will be plugged into that job role based on both their capabilities and their points at the discretion of the team leadership. Additionally, some candidates will be slotted in as alternates if those placed in a job role are unable to deploy. **THERE IS A SUBMISSION FORM INCLUDED IN THE MAILING OF THIS NEWSLETTER THAT MUST BE MAILED IN IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO DEPLOY.** This is not a definite answer that you will be held to, but we are trying to begin the configuration for this deployment as soon as possible. Keep in mind if you request time off work, it is under your own discretion as there are no guarantees that any one candidate will be placed in a deployment position. We are confident however that NDMS is serious about deploying this team and are considering it a 100% deployment, not a possible deployment!

Don't forget to mail in your Dues if you have not done so. The deadline is March 31st. You must have your dues paid to be deployable !!!

TADMAT Welcomes our new elected Deputy Commanders

During the month of February you were mailed a ballot to elect the two Deputy Commanders who will server a term on the team leadership group. The new Deputy Commanders Elect are Mary Vance and Paula Edwards. These two Deputy Commanders will join Jim Fenn and Kelly Burkholder-Allen who are static Deputy Commanders. The Team Leadership Group (TLG) has had its first meeting on March 5th. This was an organizational meeting and was intended for the TLG to define their goals and priorities and to establish their leadership structure. Other topics of discussion included initial planning for our deployment to the NATO summit as well as preparatory planning for this summers hurricane season, and the NDMS Conference in Washington.

TADMAT First-Out months

The TADMAT will be on FIRST-OUT rotation for NDMS for the months of June and October of 1999. This means that if a disaster were to occur on the east coast or Midwest United States our team would be in the *Push Package*. This Push Package is the first deployed element of NDMS. It includes three DMATs and a Management Support Unit (MSU). Please keep these two months identified on your calendars and keep an eye out for potential disaster activity.

Dayton DMAT holds April Drill

The Dayton DMAT (OH5) has invited any interested TADMAT embers to their spring drill in Dayton at the VA hospital grounds. This years drill begins at Noon on April 16th. Topics for lectures include hands on tent and equipment setup, camp and disaster safety issues, buddy system, etc., survival skills, gear packing, helicopter and LZ safety, Radio Communications, typical patient types discussion and past deployment panel discussion, Incident Command, a full scale disaster drill and skills stations for bandaging, splinting, lifting and stretchers, Tactical terrorism response, CISM. This is a three day drill completing on April 19th. Any interested TADMAT members should contact Churton Budd for more details, maps and other info. by leaving a message on the DMAT Voicemail (383-5163)

TADMAT To hold Annual Winter Drill

The TADMAT will be having our Winter Drill on March 19th and 20th at the Macomber Lodge in Pearson Park. Pearson Park is located in Oregon, OH. This years drill will repeat some old topics and introduce some new ones. A great thanks to Paula Edwards for organizing the drill again this year !!! The drill agenda is as follows:

MARCH 19th: DRILL BEGINS at 1900 (7PM)

1930-2030 Hyperthermia

2030-2200 Suture Lab (bring your own pig legs)

2200-2300 1st Aid techniques and splinting.

MARCH 20th (These topics will be a repeat of the 19th)

0700-0800 Breakfast (On your own)

0800-0930 Suture Lab

0930-1100 Hyperthermia and 1st Aid / Splinting

1130-1200 Cleanup then adjourn.

NDMS Conference 1999, Washington, D.C.

The TADMAT is doing its best to subsidize the cost of team members attendance at the NDMS's annual National conference in Washington DC. The National Conferences are very exciting and contain a jam-packed schedule of topics in disaster medicine and response. Of course CEU's are available for most health care providers. The conferences are a great way of meeting the other DMATs from around the country as well as many of the Federal Governments response assets post disaster. A full list of all conference topics can be found on the WWW at http://oep-ndms.dhhs.gov/NDMS_Conference/ndms_conference.html. The conference will take place May 7th - 12th. We have the opportunity to use some of the funds available to us to help defray the costs of the conference registration, travel to the conference, or lodging in a hotel. We have not yet finalized which of these options we will be able to fund and to what degree. Some of the options include:

- 1) we are able to pay for the individuals conference registration. Team members would then need to pay for their travel, lodging and expenses on their own.
- 2) we may be able to pay for registration and a couple of hotel rooms. Team members would need to pay for their own travel and expenses and be expected to share (buddy-up) in the hotel rooms.
- 3) We would be able to pay for the registration, hotel rooms and travel.

As you can see there are a number of variations that we have yet to determine the cost factor and what we can afford. Our goal is to allow as many of the team members to attend as possible. That may mean we pay conference registration and team members car-pool and share the cost of the hotel room. What we are doing now is asking team members if you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity and are willing to attend the conference representing the TADMAT. If you feel you are interested, please notify us by filling in the enclosed response form and mailing it back to us ASAP! When details are finalized, we will notify you to finalize arrangements.

Drill and Meeting Changes: Due to April's monthly meeting being the day of deployment for the NATO 50th exercise, the April meeting will be moved to one week early!!! This meeting will be in the same room as before, Collier 3407 at the same time 7PM. The meeting will be on April 14th. Also the Spring Drill due to proximity with our April deployment, the Spring drill has reluctantly been moved to July 16th and 17th.