

## **DMATTERS**

**Vol 2. No. 5. May 1993**

### **The Toledo Express Airport drill is scheduled for October 9th.**

The scenario for the drill involves a collision between a 6-passenger aircraft and a Curtis 713 with 164 persons on board. The TADMAT will be serving in the medical management of the victims. There may be some additional need for CISD, stretcher-bearers, clerical, communications and runners. A limit to the number of team members who can participate has not been set, however, the Air National Guard has requested that their medical unit also participate. The Airport Disaster Drill Committee was told to expect about 60 TADMAT members. It was also offered to the Drill Committee that some of the TADMAT's significant others may want to act as victims in the drill. A sign up sheet will be provided at the May 19th meeting for victims and TADMAT members who will be available to participate. The TADMAT will be staging at the ANG post, but we should plan on staging somewhere else first (such as an MCH parking lot) and commuting to the airport by bus. If an actual emergency takes place during the drill, a code word "KNOCK IT OFF" will be communicated and the drill will be terminated to tend to the emergency.

### **TADMAT Meets with Marcy Kaptur:**

This has been a very exciting month for the TADMAT. April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Paul Rega, Churton Budd and Kelly Burkholder-Allen met with Marcy Kaptur to talk about the Toledo Area Disaster Medical Assistance Team. Mrs. Kaptur was very interested in our team as a local and state asset. She is presently helping us move our Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) through the Adjutant Generals Office to allow us to work more freely with the National Guard. Mrs. Kaptur was very interested in our ideas about developing a Rapid Deployment Team and how the TADMAT could function locally on short notice, during a disaster situation. Correspondence with Mrs. Kaptur is continuing and we hope to see some headway with our MoU in the next few months.

### **Tom Reutershan replaced as OEP/NDMS head**

Effective April 18th, 1993, Thomas Reutershan has been replaced as the Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness / National Disaster Medical System. Rear Admiral Frank E. Young, MD, Ph.D., was appointed to fill the position. Dr. Young began his career as Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration. He has also served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Science and Environment, and as the head of the Public Health Service group stationed in South Florida leading recovery efforts following Hurricane Andrew. Dr. Young is a pathologist, a microbiologist an educator and researcher. He most recently was Dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Rochester and Vice President for Health Affairs. Dr. Young's education, background and experience have uniquely prepared him to address the health and medical issues and complexities involved in responding to the full range of natural and man-made

disasters. The Toledo Area Disaster Medical Assistance Team would like to welcome Dr. Young to his post, wish him well, and offer him our full cooperation to continue to build on the foundation that Tom Reutershan has directed for the past years.

### **The May 19th Meeting:**

The May 19th meeting will focus almost entirely on the June 12th & 13th TADMAT field Exercises. Planning will take place for all sub-committee's. Team member participation is important to make these Field Exercises successful, education and enjoyable. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting and participate in one or more of the committees. So far, we have found businesses willing to donate pizza and hamburgers for two of the meals during the Field Exercises. Tony Shiple, TADMAT chief cook, will cook breakfast on Sunday June 13th. Additional food is being sought as are portable toilets and possibly a field shower. We will need to borrow tents, a couple of small generators and cots. If these are not found, TADMAT members will need to bring their own tents and lanterns.

### **The June 12th & 13th TADMAT Field Exercise**

The exercise will include training on pitching tents, field living conditions and utilizing some of the field skills the TADMAT might need to use while deploying for a disaster. The drill will include lectures on various topics related to TADMAT functioning. A lecture on two way radio use and etiquette will be presented by TADMAT Communications Chief Officer, Al Geha. Hopefully, staff from the St. Vincent / mch Life Flight will be present to lecture on helicopter and landing zone safety. We will also practice using some techniques for patient stabilization and transport with backboards and simple splints. More training sessions will be added at the May 19th meeting. The Field Exercises will take place rain or shine!