

## **DMATTERS**

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### **Twenty Four TADMAT members to deploy to Atlanta for '96 Olympic Games**

Beginning the week of July 6th, TADMAT members will be among the 500 DMAT members from teams across the country who will be assisting in providing medical care for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, GA. Twenty four members will be deploying and will be divided into five man "Strike Teams". These strike teams consist of one MD or PA, two RN's or EMTP's an EMT and another ancillary person who is either an EMT or above. NDMS has received funding to provide DMAT members at the Olympic games with the primary mission being one of preparation and response for a chemical or biological terrorist event. Team members will be trained on site in protective measures and treating victims of a chem/bio incident and will receive other education related to NDMS and DMAT deployments. Each person will deploy for a 9-10 day period and will be paid by NDMS as per their job classification's wage. Airline flights and transportation to and from their home and the Olympic site will be paid for by NDMS as will hotel and a per-diem living expense. Team members will be on-call 24 hours a day and will be stationed somewhere near Dobbins Air Force Base in Georgia. There is a good chance that this mission will provide a great deal of down-time with probably no chance of even seeing the Olympic events. Team members will be stationed away from the events and will be flown by helicopter or driven to the site if there is an incident that requires NDMS to respond. The team members who will be deploying include: Paula Edwards, Carla Freeland, Alan Huber, Dennis Smith, Jim Fenn, Lisa Gunderson, Paul Drozik, Daniel Cunningham, Linda McMullen, Deb Zang, Jeff Griffith, Janice Jay, Toni Bratt, Kelly Burkholder-Allen, Bridgett Collins, Roberta Hobbs, Linda Meeker-Hall, Shawn Milner, Jim Kaptur, Arlene Kahl, Suzanne Dowling, Tom Hodges, Cristina Crawford and Bonnie Fogle.

### **TADMAT to be placed "ON ALERT" throughout the entire Olympic Games 7/5 - 8/6**

The TADMAT and every other Level-1 DMAT in the NDMS will be placed "On Alert" during the Olympic Games. NDMS is not only planning contingencies for providing the chem/bio medical care at the games, but for two other events also. The plans provide for teams to deploy to a Hurricane on the East coast and an Earthquake or Hurricane on the West coast simultaneous with the Olympic event. In order to better prepare the teams that may deploy the whole system will be brought up during the week of 7/5 through 8/6. Certain DMATs will be designated as "first-in" during assigned time periods during the summer. In the event of one of these contingent disasters occurring, those "first-in" DMATs would be immediately activated to respond. The TADMAT will be taking its turn as a "first-in" team during the summer. The dates the TADMAT will be covering for a disaster will be announced as soon as NDMS announces them.

### **June 19th meeting to feature Larry Gabrick: Stormwatch Techniques**

Northwest Ohio always experiences some severe weather this time of year. Larry Gabrick will be presenting information to the TADMAT on Stormwatch and severe weather spotting techniques at the June meeting. We should all be able to judge the weather to assist in determining if going outside is going to be safe for us. We may find ourselves on a disaster deployment and need to rely on this type of information to protect ourselves and other team members from dangerous weather which may impede or prevent our disaster recovery efforts. Larry will be speaking about a number of topics of relevance to those who work with the StormWatch group in Ohio and how this information is important to the TADMAT and disaster response.

### **June 23rd City Wide Disaster Drill: Team Effort '96**

During the morning of June 23rd, the TADMAT will be one of the participants in a City of Toledo / Lucas County wide disaster drill titled Team Effort '96. This multiple victim drill will utilize a vast majority of the emergency response agencies in the Toledo area, including the TADMAT. We will probably be meeting in the early morning at lot #4 on the MCO campus. We will travel to the staging area or our designated treatment area. Plans are still in the works for the drill and nothing seems to be finalized yet. More info will be presented at the June 19th meeting. If you are unable to attend the June 19th meeting, please contact Churton Budd or Paul Rega if you plan on assisting with the drill. A telephone call-up will take place the morning of the drill.

### **Fundraiser scheduled at area PHARM stores on June 29 & 30**

The TADMAT will be participating in a fund raising event where all proceeds go to the team. Area PHARM drug stores have Ice Cream floats for sale at a booth in the front of the store on weekends this summer. We have been assigned the dates of June 29th and 30th at the Monroe and Secor Pharm Store. We need to provide 4-5 people from 11a-3p on Saturday the 29th and 12noon-4pm on Sunday the 30th. We will mix Ice Cream floats which sell for \$1 with the proceeds of the sales going directly to the TADMAT. We have been fairly successful with fund raising attempts in the past and this fund raiser will hopefully provide a much needed boost to the TADMAT bank account. Kelly Burkholder-Allen will be signing up volunteers for the booths at the June 19th meeting. If you are unable to attend that meeting, contact Kelly if you will be able to spend time at the booth on the 29th or 30th.

### **Ninety TADMAT members to be removed from the team July 1st for failure to maintain their team dues**

Close to 90 team members are presently on probationary status and will be removed from the national level roster on July 1st because their dues have not been paid. All team members are required to pay a yearly dues of \$10 to remain active & deployable members of the TADMAT. If you have not paid your dues for 1996 or are unsure if your dues were paid, please see Deb Pfann, the TADMAT treasurer at the next team meeting

and check on your status. Those who have dropped to probationary status must pay a \$25 reapplication fee as well as their \$10 dues to rejoin the team.