



OHIO-1 DMAT DMATTERS JULY 2002

Welcome to the July 02 edition of the OH-1 newsletter, coming to you from Lake Placid New York.

FIRST TEAM IN: ON CALL

OH-1 is on call for the months of July and December. If a disaster should occur, we will be called for deployment first. Please have your gear ready and be on stand-by.

AIR SHOW: TOLEDO EXPRESS OH-1 TO ASSIST September 7-8, 2002

Roberta Hobbs will be in charge of the medical staging area for the OH-1 DMAT at the upcoming air show to be held September 7-8, 2002, at Toledo Express Airport. OH-1 will primarily be handling first aid issues, but if something catastrophic would happen, we would become more involved. All outlying EMS systems will be involved as well, having ALS squads at the ready. We will be working in shifts, between 8 am and 5 pm. We will need help setting up also on Friday night, September 6.

A meeting will take place on August 10, to finalize our set-up. This is an opportunity for OH-1 to get our name out, and visibility in the community.

Each shift will be made up of 4 team members, medical and communications. Members in good standing will be chosen based on our points system.

If you are interested in helping Roberta, as a volunteer at this event, please contact her at : hoblets@aol.com

MED WARS COMPETITIONS

David Miramontes is looking for volunteers from OH-1 to assist at a Medical War Games competition October 19, 2002 in Pinckney Michigan. David needs volunteers to work logistics, communications, course spotters, and even to be victims. Saturday October 19, 2002 if you can help, contact Dave at:

INVITATION:

The Youngstown DMAT team has invited OH-1 to a one day drill in October. This drill will be held the third or fourth weekend in October, on Friday-Saturday. Details will be forthcoming. This would be a great opportunity to partner again with Youngstown on THEIR turf, as they have come up and partnered with us on many occasions. If you would be interested in attending, we will put a plan in place as the date draws near, for car pooling etc.

PERSONNEL ISSUES

Every year we must verify certificates and licenses. Please make sure that all copies of your current certificates and/or licenses get to Jim Fenn. Thanks ☺

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Logistics, Commo, Education and PIO lead positions are open, and they need to be filled soon. If you are interested in taking on additional responsibilities on the team, please contact Churton or any of the Deputy Commanders on the team.

REPORTS:

- A. Mary Vance reports that the Policy committee has been meeting, and working on: Press Policy, Fitness for duty policy, Behavior on deployment and they are almost complete. Finance policies have been submitted by Kathy D'Amore, and will be evaluated as well. The new patch for OH-1 is complete, and we are getting bids on patches, new t-shirts and golf shirts.
- B. Budget: \$100,000 submitted, and approved other than liability ins for TLG. Should receive monies in September or October \$98,000.
- C. Personnel: We have recruited a number of new members, and await completed applications and ID cards from OEP. Two members took their oath to NDMS and the team at the July 18th meeting. Jim Fenn reports that we have 123 members in OH-1 DMAT.
- D. Financial: As of July 18, 2002 Balance in TADMAT account: \$ 883.76 / MCO Federal CU: \$ 2994.35 / MCO Grant Fund: \$2779.72...Total Cash on hand: \$ 6657.83

DAYTON TRAINING EXERCISE: SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2002

The Dayton area DMAT OH-5, will be conducting a training exercise with the 445th Air Reserve on September 7-8. They will be setting up on Friday evening, so that we can bus participants to the base theater for opening remarks at 7:30 am on Saturday September 7. Classroom and hands on training will be conducted on Saturday. Sunday will be a morning exercise. We hope to complete the training and exercise by mid afternoon on Sunday September 8.

Because of security concerns, we need to have your name and social security numbers if you wish to participate as soon as possible. The Air Force police will need these no later than August 3. Car description and license plates would also be helpful, but not immediately necessary. Any OH-1 team members able to come to Dayton, please advise. Thank you. Please contact:

EMPLOYEES PROTECTED:

The federal government has now issued to all agencies, a right of protection to DMAT members who may be asked to deploy for disasters or training. Employers are being notified that jobs will be protected for a term of 30 days per calendar year, up to five years of deployment time. We will be protected from losing our job, if we get deployed.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

The Lucas County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is offering free classes to members of response agencies, possibly including the OH-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team. If you are interested in registering for classes that will begin in September and run through December, please fill out the attached form:

GENERAL TEAM INFORMATION

One member of the team responded to the VMAT operation regarding the outbreak of avian influenza.

We are currently waiting for the release of the NMRT budget. It will be a substantial increase from last years budget but, we will now be responsible for the entire operation and support of the team including paying the rent and utilities for the warehouse. September or October will be the release date.

OEP has also included funds for DMAT support in this year's budget. A team management plan and fund request has been submitted to OEP. They will evaluate each team request and decide the level of funding for each team.

OEP has also implemented some new safety policies including a new immunization policy. There will be a number of required immunizations that a team member must have in order to be deployable. Many team members will already have most if not all of the immunizations because of job requirements.

WRAP-UP

As our team grows so does the responsibility, especially during the current world situation. By volunteering with the NDMS system, you are performing a vital task. When the next natural or man made disaster occurs we will be able to make a major difference in the outcome. The team leadership would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your involvement. It is an honor to work with you, and we want to thank ALL of you who helped prepare for the early July advisory and alert that our team was called upon to be ready for. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.
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