

DMATTERS

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TAMDAT Events To Remember

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| July 20th | Meeting (MCO Health Ed) |
| July 22nd | Vehicle & Supply Workday 10AM at DMAT Storage area |
| August 16th | Meeting (MCO Health Ed) |
| September 8-11 | Toledo Air Show |
| September 21st | Meeting (MCO Health Ed) |
| October 18th | Meeting (MCO Health Ed) |
| November 16th | Meeting (MCO Health Ed) |

TADMAT monthly meetings will be held in the MCO Health Education Bldg beginning at 7PM. They will alternate Wednesday and Thursday nights. Look for a sign in the lobby entrance for the room number of the meeting.

TADMAT forms relationship with Lucas County EMS

Now that the TADMAT Rapid Deployment Team (RDT) has begun forming, a meeting was held with Gary Orlow, Operations Director LCEMS and John Henderson, Communications Chief of LCEMS. The purpose of this meeting was to coordinate communications between the county and TADMAT should there be a local disaster or an imminent one. As the RDT and TADMAT personnel have acquired pagers, LCEMS is able to page directly into our paging system and notify us should there be a need for the RDT or TADMAT. When you receive a page on the pager, you should call the TADMAT information hotline at 381-5163 for further information about staging or activation. The genesis of this action was the Oklahoma Federal Bldg. bombing. In the initial stages the Incident Commanders were leery of all the volunteers at the scene, mostly due to their lack of an organic command structure. As a result, the OK leaders sent out a call to the Tulsa, OK DMAT for assistance. They realized that the OK1 DMAT consisted of trained professionals and volunteers who were not only experienced with disaster deployments and disaster medicine, but they worked under an organized command structure. The potential exists in this area that we could be used for a similar operation. It only makes sense for the protocols to be established now, before an event takes place. Of course, this is only the first step. As all the pagers were dispersed and members desiring to be on the RDT have presented themselves, we will be having paging drills and staging drills so as to coordinate and execute the process.

TADMAT, The State of Ohio and Ohio's Disaster Response Teams

In response to request for a meeting that was initiated by Paul Rega, Kelly, Churton, Denny and Paul travelled to Dayton, OH on June 12th to meet with representatives of other Medical Response Teams that would respond within the State of Ohio during times of disaster. Ohio EMS and EMA has reorganized and it appears that the Division of Public Safety will be an umbrella over EMS, EMA, Fire, State Police, PUCO and others. Ohio EMS has recognized that should there be a major disaster within the State of Ohio, it would require the services of Medical Response Teams trained in disaster medicine. A number of such teams were present at this meeting including the TADMAT (OH1), Dayton DMAT (OH5), The Cincinnati Medical Assistance Team (MAT). And representatives from the VA EMPO and the OH EMS. The Youngstown DMAT was not present. This meeting began the process of learning each others capabilities, experiences, assets and liabilities. An agreement was made that these teams will meet frequently and establish drills together to practice an allied response within the state. All present agreed that it is imperative that each team begin the process of cooperative preparation, mitigation and deployments within the state.

MOU with the State of Ohio ready to sign

The final copy of the MOU with the state of Ohio and the Toledo Area DMAT is ready for the signature of the Commander and the team Sponsor. This MOU has also been given to the Dayton DMAT and the Cincinnati MAT. Both are similarly ready to sign the document. The MOU provides the TADMAT with workers compensation, liability protection and reimbursement for equipment/supplies used when they deploy at the request of the State of Ohio for disaster services. This MOU is important as it will afford us both legal protection and reimbursement for injuries sustained if we deploy. It also provides us with a legitimate reason for deploying to the disaster as we are doing so at the request of the State of Ohio under the auspices of an Emergency Management Agency volunteer. More info will be given at the next meeting.

Alphanumeric Pagers still available

There are still pagers available for those who may be interested in an Alphanumeric pager. These pagers will receive digital pages just like a digital, but will also receive 230 characters of text from a personal computer or terminal. The pagers are \$10/month with a minimum of 12 months (\$120). They receive group pagers about the TADMAT and current disaster situations as well as the National Weather Service severe weather reports. Contact Churton Budd if you are interested in one of these pagers (419)381-1959

Team Member Takes Ill

One of our TADMAT members recently took seriously ill. Mari Lee Ryan from the TTH team who deployed with the TADMAT to Hurricane Andrew has now been on the mend but is requiring further therapy and evaluation. The heart of TADMAT revealed itself when a donation drive at a recent meeting to help her children out during this most difficult of times netted for the family over \$500 just from TADMAT members alone!

Generosity hath no bounds

As you may have heard by now, members of the TADMAT were asked to teach a 3 credit hour course at the University of Toledo Comm-Tech titled "Disaster Management for the Health Professional" this past winter quarter. This opportunity allowed TADMAT to become better known within the community. Additionally, the instructors donated close to \$1000.00 to the TADMAT account from proceeds of their efforts. Additionally, Martin Allen, the husband of Kelly Burkholder-Allen donated a laptop computer he won in a raffle to the TADMAT. (Martin did have to pay \$250 for this system which a cost he also donated to the team. Who says it doesn't pay to sleep with the right people! Right Kelly!

OAEMS Conference June 24th TADMAT Training a Tremendous Success

The Ohio Association of Emergency Medical Services held the annual statewide conference in Toledo from June 23-25th. Some of the TADMAT members gave an 8 hour session titled, "Disaster Management for All Levels". This program consisted of both in-classroom and hands on field stuff. This was an excellent opportunity for exposure of the TADMAT to all the EMS providers in the state. A booth in the exhibit hall with pictures and information about the TADMAT was on display. Quite a few people showed interest in the TADMAT and our activities in the state. The "Hands On" field training was very well received and a number of people voiced that they were impressed by the TADMAT and our capabilities in the field. We set up a number of tents, cots and other items in a typical field hospital. Each of the field hospital positions was explained by a team member in detail to the students. The roles of each officer in the field hospital and how the patient flow through the field hospital progresses was described. A mini-disaster drill was performed, allowing the students to practice the process of triaging, treating and transporting disaster victims. Points were awarded for this activity to all those TADMAT members who assisted. Thanks for your help, without your help, it would not have been possible.

TADMAT Uniforms have arrived!

The Khaki uniforms that have been promised from the NDMS HQ have finally arrived. We have not yet decided whether we will distribute these now or at the time of a deployment. These uniforms are Khaki in color, 100% cotton Battle Dress Uniforms (BDU's). They will have an NDMS and TADMAT patch sewed on them. If people wish to purchase their own, see Churton for details.

NDMS Drill for July 31-Aug 2nd has been cancelled

Some of you may have heard rumored that we were invited by NDMS to participate in a national drill that would be taking place in Missouri July 31st - August 2nd. Unfortunately the NDMS portion of that drill has been cancelled. The drill, titled "Operation Archangel" was reported to be over budget by about \$50,000. The Public Health Service / NDMS decided to withdraw themselves from the drill for that and other reasons. Unfortunately this also means that the TADMAT has been withdrawn from participating in the drill. NDMS will hopefully keep us strongly in mind if another opportunity arises.

Volunteers sought to assist with 1st Aid at Jamie Farr LPGA Golf tournament

Jim Fenn, one of the Co-Coordiators of the medical response for the Jamie Farr LPGA Golf classic at Highland Meadows is looking for TADMAT members that wish to volunteer their time to assist in providing 1st Aid care for the event. Although this is not a TADMAT project, volunteers from the TADMAT are being accepted. Volunteers are limited to MD's, RN's and EMTP's as they will need ALS capability. This is a good opportunity to experience a unique facet of Disaster Medicine: Mass Gathering Medicine. The event will run from July 3rd until July 9th. For more information or if you wish to volunteer, contact Jim Fenn at 891-9008 (home) and 252-1782 (pager).

TADMAT Dues are overdue for some!

Deb Pfann, TADMAT Treasurer informs me that some of the TADMAT members are overdue on yearly dues. Dues of \$10 / year are required to remain an active member of the team. Unless dues are up to date, you are not eligible to deploy with the team or participate in any field training events. You are only eligible to attend meetings. The dues not only allow for additional funds to be available in our bank account, they also establish that each member is committed to remaining on the team and supportive of it. Dues must be paid each year by March 31st and quite a few members are negligent in paying by this deadline. If you do not think you have paid your dues this year, or you are a new member that has applied but don't remember paying dues, please remit your \$10 as soon as you can. The \$10 dues is tax deductible, as are all donations to the TADMAT. You can send a check but make sure it is payable to:

"MCO Foundation - TADMAT Account".

July & August meetings to include lectures on Field Living skills

The July and August TADMAT meetings will include lectures on Field Living Skills and deployment practices and procedures. This information will be invaluable to anyone who has not spent a lot of time "Camping Out". All TADMAT members are urged to attend as this information is very important to your comfort and safety when you deploy with the TADMAT! Extra points will be awarded for attendance at the July & August meetings.