

DMATTERS

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TAMDAT PARTY October 28th

Invited: TADMAT members and significant others

When: 7PM

Where: REC ROOM, Bernath Condo Complex, Bernath Court off Bernath Parkway (S. Side of Airport Hwy) across from Fridays.

Children's Miracle Network FALL FEST '94 Cancelled:

We had been asked by the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) to provide medical care during their FALL FEST this September. Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled and attempts will be made to reschedule the event for Spring of 1995. At the August TADMAT meeting, the membership gave unanimous approval to accept the request to provide medical care. The CMN will keep us in mind for the same mission when the event is rescheduled. This type of function is considered a mass gathering which is a relatively new concept in disaster medicine and mitigation. Our participation in this event will add an additional facet to TADMAT's training, expertise and experiences. This type of event will give the TADMAT greater local exposure than we've had in the past and will publicize our ability to be available for mass gatherings in the future.

Battalion Aid Station Supplies Arrive:

Five pallets of equipment arrived in late August unannounced at the Douglas building. Our Battalion Aid station had arrived. Included in this one-time, non-replaceable load of equipment is oxygen in D-cylinders, aluminum blankets, bandaging material, and other useful supplies. Recently, much of this equipment was arranged into a quick-deployment kit to give us four pallets to work from when we first arrive on site and while the supply officer and his staff unpack and organize our bulk supplies. This kit can also be used by our rapid deployment team.

The Toledo Visit of Frank Young, NDMS Director: Paul Rega

Frank Young, director of the National Disaster Medical System / Office of Emergency Preparedness will be coming to Toledo September 19 - 20th. He will be here to meet with TADMAT members and to present "Grand Rounds" to the SVMC/TTH Emergency Medicine Residents - most of whom will become part of the TADMAT. All TADMAT members are invited to attend the Grand Rounds which are scheduled for September 20th, 10AM in SVMC Auditorium (off of the main lobby of SVMC). A reception for Dr. Young is planned for the evening of the 19th when Dr. Young arrives. We will be meeting in the bar at the Crown Plaza Hotel in downtown Toledo at 9:30PM. All TADMAT members are urged to attend both the reception and the Grand Rounds at SVMC. Please wear your uniform shirt and brown pants or brown BDU's if possible. Don't miss this chance to meet the Director of the National Disaster Medical System under which our TADMAT is a participant.

Meeting with NDMS Director: Kelly Burkholder-Allen

On August 16th, I had a meeting with Dr. Frank Young at the NDMS Headquarters in Rockville, MD. I spent one hour with Dr. Young, updating him on recent TADMAT activities:

- Summer Exercises (June) and Scout educational offerings.
- Projects underway with the Dept. of Geography & Planning at UT.

- Incorporation of the TADMAT into the State of Ohio disaster plan.
- Plans for incorporating the TADMAT and the Center for Disaster Research and Education to obtain "non-profit" / tax exempt status.
- Presentation of Satisfaction Survey abstract at New Mexico, Center for Disaster Medicine conference, and publication in the Journal of Pre-hospital and Disaster Medicine.

Dr. Young was very complimentary of the TADMAT and asked what he / NDMS could do to support / assist DMAT's. I offered the following suggestions:

- Assist with cutting through all the "red tape" surrounding the Adjutant General's office and the signing of Memorandum of Understanding's (MOU's).
- Bring DMATs together more for training and sharing of ideas at conferences and drills.
- Conference calls just for DMATs
- Supplies

While I had Dr. Young's ear I reinforced that we were a DMAT that is ready, willing and able to SERVE... just name the mission. I explained how we use natural disasters such as the Northridge Earthquake and the recent floods as an opportunity to prepare better for deployment. During the course of our conversation, Dr. Young referred to us as one of the "Academic Centers". He would like us to work on a project with New Mexico and another team. I gladly accepted the invitation on behalf of our team. The project is related to the impact that a disaster has not only on the victims, but on the responders as well. All in all, it was a positive and productive meeting.

Disaster Impact Severity Score and GIS Exercise:

On September 18th, we will be field testing a Disaster Impact Severity Score (DISS) system that is being developed by the TADMAT. This score will help to assess a household's: demographic, environmental, medical and psychological impact after a disaster. The DISS can be used during outreach programs to help gather information on each household visited by an outreach team. It could also be handed out at the point of care in a DMAT medical treatment facility to generate information on the population who is seeking treatment. No other similar scoring system was identified from a literature search of current publications. The field test will take place in a small subsection of Maumee, OH. Data collected will be transmitted to Faculty and Students in the Geography and Planning Dept. of the University of Toledo and be entered into a GIS system to overlay on a map of the area. This field test will help to refine the tool, the data collection techniques and the data manipulation. It will hopefully provide us with some real-time experience on the strengths and weaknesses of this technology and allow refinement prior to its use during our next deployment. There is a need for volunteers who would be willing to assist in the data collection in the Maumee area. We will be discussing this in more detail at the September 15th meeting. Please contact Churton Budd if you are unable to attend the TADMAT meeting, but will be available the morning & early afternoon of September 18th.

Upcoming Presentations / Publications:

Kelly Burkholder-Allen, Paul Rega and Churton Budd will be traveling to Albuquerque, New Mexico October 14-15th. They will be presenting an abstract titled: Analysis of Patient Satisfaction With One DMAT's Performance During Hurricane Andrew Relief Efforts. Both Kelly Burkholder-Allen and Churton Budd have been asked to lecture at the Upcoming NDMS National Conference in Nashville Tennessee in March of 1995. Kelly will be speaking on DMAT team building and development and Churton will be speaking about the NDMS Electronic Mail network and Computer Bulletin Board System.