



# ***D.M.A.T.T.E.R.S***

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## **OH-1**

### **NDMS Level-1 Team**

Mission: to triage, stabilize and prepare disposition for the victims of any incident that exceeds the medical capability of an affected area, be it local, statewide, national or International.

**Unit Commander**

• Jim Fenn, RN, EMT-P

**Deputy Co-Commanders**

- Roberta Hobbs, EMT-P
- Mary Vance, RN
- Donato Borrillo, MD

**OH-1 Info Hotline:**

(419) 383-5163

### **Meeting schedule 2004**

**October 20**  
**November 18**

**No December Mtg**

**OH-1 Headquarters**

**25601 Ft Meigs Rd.**  
**Perrysburg, OH**

## **DEADLINE OCTOBER 31, 2004**

**All current federalized team members MUST complete 100% of their online core curriculum training by October 31, 2004. Team members received a letter from our unit commander in July reminding us of this. \*\*\* Another requirement for continued employment on the team is to attend a minimum of one functional training exercise (FTX) yearly.**

**For Education and completing Modules for training go to:**

<http://centrelearn.umbc.edu/>

**OH-1 is employed by the federal government.**

**If you need access to a computer contact Churton Budd who will offer the MCO computer lab Monday-Friday 9-5. Call 419-383-6461**



## **WORK PARTY: OH-1 HQ**

**Saturday October 16**

**0730-1300**

**Repack Med Supplies: Many hands needed!**



## Commander's Corner



It has been an exciting few months for OH-1 DMAT and the NDMS. For much of August our readiness level was heightened and we had trucks loaded and vehicles ready for deployment. We were taken off of Alert just in time for our Fall Functional Training Exercise at Toledo Express Airport. Fortunately, our patient load was light and not only did we get to watch the air-show but we learned about mass medical care as well. Then, during the closing hours of the air-show, a call from Washington. We're going to have to repack our trucks and be ready for hurricane response.

On September 1, OH-1 was activated and sent to Florida for hurricane Frances response. The final mission was to set up the medical support component for a 'super shelter' in Orlando. The shelter, initially designed to take in 2,000 special needs shelters, was to be expandable to receive up to 8,000. We accomplished our mission and, despite some adversities, we did it well. I was proud of the work that our team accomplished. We have received some super feedback from the individuals from other teams who back-filled some of our open positions. Without exception they have offered to work with us any time.



October 1 saw the ushering in of a new Federal Fiscal Year. Our greatly expanded 2005 budget has been submitted but we can anticipate no funding until some time in December. Our team meetings will go on as scheduled and we all still need to complete our training requirements but don't anticipate any sweeping changes in the interim.

**James Fenn**  
Unit Commander

**SEE YOU WEDNESDAY**  
**October 20, 2004**

**OH-1 Headquarters**  
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Perrysburg, OH

## *MORSELS FOR THE MIND!*

### **Congratulations to newly approved members:**

Blair, Katie, RN  
Carter, Scott, EMTB  
Cartwright, Wesley, EMTP

Chappa, Linda, EMTB  
Donoghue, Brian, EMTP  
Real, Kelly, EMTB  
Sayers, Jeanette, RN  
Woodruff, Paul, RCP

## *Welcome !*

### **Dues Suspended**

In order to comply with Department of Homeland Security rules, beginning October 1 the OH-1 DMAT will no longer be collecting dues from team members. This will apply to current and new members alike.

### **Open team positions:**

OH-1 will be accepting federal applications only for positions that are posted at headquarters. This is due to the new training and budget requirements which now associate a cost with each team member. Each new applicant will need to be interviewed and accepted by the team leadership before their application is accepted and forwarded to DHS.

### **DMAT Speaking Engagements**

Have you been asked to give an educational lecture to a professional group about your DMAT experiences? Are you thinking about giving a speech to a civic group or a club? If so, some DHS rules about compensation for your efforts may apply to you and you may want to read on.

**Policy.** Generally, an employee, including a special Government employee, may not receive compensation from any source other than the Government for a teaching, speaking or writing activity that relates to the employee's official duties.

For purposes of this policy, a teaching, speaking or writing activity relates to the employee's official duties if:

- (a) The activity is undertaken as part of the employee's official duties;
- (b) The circumstances indicate that the invitation to engage in the activity was extended to the employee primarily because of his official position rather than his Expertise on the particular subject matter;
- (c) The invitation to engage in the activity or the offer of compensation for the activity was extended to the employee, directly or indirectly, by a person who has interests that may be affected substantially by performance or non-performance of the employee's official duties;
- (d) The information conveyed through the activity draws substantially on ideas or official data that are nonpublic information; or
- (e) the subject of the activity deals in significant part with:
  - (1) any matter to which the employee presently is assigned or to which the employee had been assigned during the previous one-year period;
  - (2) any ongoing or announced policy, program or operation of the agency; or
  - (3) In the case of a noncareer employee as defined in 5 CFR 2636.303(a), the general subject matter, area, industry, or economic sector primarily affected by the programs and operations of his agency.

**Exception for teaching certain courses.** With agency approval, an employee may accept compensation for teaching a course requiring multiple presentations by the employee if the course is offered as part of:

- (a) The regularly established curriculum of:
  - (1) an institution of higher education as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1141(a);
  - (2) an elementary school as defined at 20 U.S.C. 2891(8); or
  - (3) a secondary school as defined at 20 U.S.C. 2891(21); or

## CURRENT HAPPENINGS / NEED TO KNOW



- **Employer Letters** -DHS/FEMA has issued letters for all NDMS approved members that can be provided to your employer. The letter serves as official notification of your status with NDMS and explains your job protections under USERRA. The letters will be put into electronic format so that the team has your letter on file. Your letter will be available to you and your employer via the web by mid May. If you want your original letter, send your request to Churton Budd (churton@mediccom.org).
- **Reminder from FEMA** - If any team member should receive a subpoena to testify related to any DMAT activities you should contact your team leader immediately. jwfenn@buckeye-express.com
- **Committees** - Interested in participating more on the team? Want to make a difference? Become active on one or more committees! Here are the contacts:

**Bylaws/ Policy and Procedure Committee** – Mary Vance hitbypitchleft@buckeye-express.com

**Deployment Packing (AKA Pack Rat) Committee** – John Lewton jclharold@aol.com

**Membership/Recruitment** – Donato Borrillo, MD—donato.borrillo@ProMedica.org

**Website:** Churton Budd: churton churton@mediccom.org

	<p>OH-1 FIRST CALL TEAM OCTOBER 2004</p> <p>Are you available ??? Are you packed and ready ???</p>	
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## DMAT CORE CURRICULUM

**Call Churton any time and be able to use the computer  
Lab at MCO.**

**Call Churton: 419-386-6461**

**Email: churton@mco.edu**

**Lab hours: 8:30—5:00 pm M—F**

**Georgia Siebenaler is our Training Officer  
Contact Georgia for any upcoming training opportunities  
Georgia.Siebenaler@ProMedica.org**

## *From new and old friends:*

### ***TO OH-1***

If there was any doubt before, let it be known that I truly enjoyed my time with OH-1 during the Florida deployment September 2004. You also gave me much needed experience that I can bring back to my team for use in future deployments. My teammates and I will greatly benefit from the short time I spent on with you. I can honestly say that I was shown the right way to do things. You've got a great group of people working with you and they need to be told that as often as possible. I'm sure you don't hear it enough from the JMT, NDMS, or FEMA, but you are terrific at making sure the job gets done right. I made some great friends while working in Florida and I am grateful for the opportunity I had to serve with each and every one of you.

Sincerely yours,  
Dustin Smith  
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Chattanooga, TN 37415  
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### *To my friends in Toledo : OH-1*

Just a quick note to let you and the team know that we are thinking of you on any deployment to FL. Have a safe trip. I haven't seen a recent update on the TADMAT site, you may have already "been there and done that".

My wife is working with the Alternative Response group here with the Surprise, AZ Fire Dept. and they sent 8 staff (including 4 mental health people from the AR group) to FL for a 14 day commitment. Linda didn't go this time but...

My work has had me on the road even more than when I was in Toledo with AVCA Corp. I counted 130 days in a hotel so far this year so volunteering with AZ-1 has just not been possible. Most of the time I was on a startup in Puerto Rico working on a bio-tech drug made by Amgen called Neupogen. I understand it is used to counteract anemia in chemo patients. I did hear that AVCA is no more, having been merged into SSOE with everyone working downtown now. Guess I can't go home anymore.

While I haven't been able to work directly with the DMAT team here, I am indirectly working on medical support projects so it isn't all bad. It is a long way from my first project working on a heat treat furnace hardening artillery shells for use in Vietnam. I feel so much better doing something that really can make a positive difference in someone's life. Now I know in some small way why OH-1 members do what they do and so enthusiastically.

Please pass this along to Jim Fenn, the commo. guys and all of my friends from the team.

Regards,  
Russ Kinner