

**MOUNTAIN-VALLEY EMS AGENCY  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**POLICY: 925.30  
TITLE: CHEMPACK  
DEPLOYMENT  
AMADOR COUNTY**

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**CHEMPACK REQUEST & DEPLOYMENT FOR AMADOR COUNTY**

**I. AUTHORITY**

Sections 1797.152(c), 1797.153, and 1797.220 of Division 2.5 of the Health & Safety Code

**II. DEFINITIONS**

- A. "CHEMPACK" means a cache of nerve agent antidotes that is forward-placed in the community for availability to emergency health-care providers in the event of a release of nerve agents or organophosphates.
- B. "Deployment" means an outward movement of an asset from its initial location to an operational state.
- C. "Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC)" means an individual appointed by a county Department of Health Director/Local Health Officer who is responsible in the event of a disaster or major incident where mutual aid is requested for obtaining and coordinating services and allocation of resources within the Operational Area.
- D. "Operational Area (OA)" means a county, including all political subdivisions (cities, districts, etc.).
- E. "RDMHS (Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist)" means an individual selected by a local EMS agency, under contract with EMSA, as a staff function to coordinate preparedness activities, and to assist the RDMHC in coordinating services in the event of a disaster or in the event that medical mutual aid of some type is requested.
- F. "RDMHC" (Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinator)" means a volunteer local health officer, EMS agency medical director or EMS agency administrator jointly appointed by the Directors of the California Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) based upon the recommendation of the local health officer for a mutual aid region. The role of the RDMHC is to plan for and coordinate medical and health resources within one of California's six mutual aid regions during times of disaster or other major event requiring medical or health mutual aid.

**III. PURPOSE**

To establish a procedure for request and deployment of CHEMPACK assets maintained in Amador County.

#### IV. POLICY

##### A. Qualifying Events to Deploy CHEMPACK

1. Chempack material may be accessed, deployed or used only when it is determined that an accidental or intentional nerve agent or other organophosphate release has threatened the public health security of a community. A seal will be broken and materiel used only when it is determined that other means to save human life will not be sufficient.

Authorization to deploy, break the seal on, or move a Chempack container from its specified location will be limited to any of the following events:

- a) Release of a nerve agent or potent organophosphate with human effects or immediate threats too great to adequately manage with other pharmaceutical supplies available.
- b) Large or unusual occurrence of patients presenting with signs and/or symptoms consistent with nerve agent or organophosphate exposure or intoxication.
- c) A credible threat of an imminent event of a magnitude likely to require the assets of the Chempack.
- d) An event with potential to create a nerve agent or organophosphate release with human exposure (e.g. a transportation accident with fire or loss of container integrity).
- e) Any mutual aid request from another region or neighboring state in which Chempack assets are being deployed or staged.
- f) Any event which, in the judgment of the County Health Officer, EMS Agency or Department Medical Director, or Medical & Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC), justifies the deployment of Chempack supplies.
- g) A physical threat to the Chempack at the fixed location (i.e. fire, theft, flood).

##### B. Intra-County Requests (Within Amador County Operational Area)

1. A “requestor” is considered to be one of the following at the scene of a suspected nerve agent or organophosphate release with known, suspected or potential contaminated, exposed or affected patients.
  - a) EMS pre-hospital personnel
  - b) Incident Commander (IC)
  - c) Medical Group Supervisor (MGS)

2. Requests for assets from the CHEMPACK shall be made directly to the on-duty Base Hospital Physician.

##### C. Inter-County Requests (Outside of Amador County Operational Area)

1. Request for CHEMPACK assets located outside of Amador County, or out-of-county requests for local CHEMPACK assets shall be made directly to the MHOAC.

2. A “requestor” is considered to be one of the following at the scene of a suspected nerve agent or organophosphate release with known, suspected or potential contaminated, exposed or affected patients.
  - a) EMS pre-hospital personnel
  - b) Incident Commander (IC)
  - c) Medical Group Supervisor (MGS)
  - d) Health Officer
3. Requests for assets from the CHEMPACK shall be made directly to the MOHAC through the 24 hour number (800-945-2273)

## V. PROCEDURE

### A. Intra-County Requests (Within Amador County Operational Area)

1. A Requestor shall contact the on-duty Base Hospital physician at Sutter Amador Hospital via Med-Net or Recorded Line (223-0493) to request deployment of CHEMPACK assets and provide the following information:
  - a) Name/Title of Requestor
  - b) Contact number for Requestor
  - c) Location of Event
  - d) Type of Exposure
  - e) Nature and Severity of Symptoms
  - f) Number of Potential Victims (Adult and Children)
  - g) Delivery Location
2. The on-duty Base Hospital physician makes determination to release CHEMPACK and notifies:
  - a) Hospital Pharmacist to release requested amount of medication. The Hospital Pharmacist will rendezvous with transport vehicle at the ER.
  - b) Sheriff's Dispatch of release and requests code 3 transportation (Law, Fire, EMS, Helicopter) for deployment and transport to requested delivery location
    - (1) County Health Officer will be notified of incident (256-0598 (c) or 296-7374 (p)) AND: notify the on-call MVEMSA duty officer (800-945-2273)
3. MVEMSA duty officer will make the following notifications:
  - a) MHOAC
  - b) RDMHC/S

### B. Inter-County Requests (Outside Amador County Operational Area)

1. Request for CHEMPACK assets located outside of Amador County, or out-of-county requests for local CHEMPACK assets shall be made directly to the MHOAC through the 24-hour contact number (800-945-2273), pursuant to Policy 830.00 Medical/Health Mutual-Aid.

2. The agency requesting deployment of CHEMPACK assets will provide the following information:
  - a) Name/Title of Requestor
  - b) Contact number for Requestor
  - c) Location of Event
  - d) Type of Exposure
  - e) Nature and Severity of Symptoms
  - f) Number of Potential Victims (Adult and Children)
  - g) Delivery Location
3. The MHOAC shall immediately contact the Amador County Health Officer (or designee) (256-0598 (c) or 296-7374 (p)) and request deployment of CHEMPACK assets, and provide the requestor's information listed above.
4. The requesting county will coordinate with Amador County Health Officer (or designee) for transport and delivery of CHEMPACK