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MARIPOSA COUNTY MCI ACTIVATION

I. AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.204, 1797.218 and 1797.220

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. “Casualty” – means a sick, wounded, or injured person whose medical condition resulted from involvement in a single geographically focused event.
- B. “Disaster Control Facility (DCF)” means the facility designated by the EMS Agency to monitor capacity and capability and to assume primary responsibility for directing patient destinations by ambulance during a Multiple Casualty Incident or EMS/Hospital System Saturation.
- C. “Dispatcher” – means an individual trained to provide emergency medical dispatch services and is employed by an emergency medical dispatch provider agency.
- D. “EMResource” – Formerly known as EMSsystems, the web-based program used to provide local government and healthcare professionals a method to receive real time information on the current status of the emergency medical and health system resources.
- E. “Field Treatment Site (FTS)” – means a designated treatment area established to hold and treat patients at or near the incident location until they can be transported to the appropriate medical facility, either within or outside the Operational Area (OA). The FTS can be pre-designated or on-scene locations.
- F. “Mass Casualty Incident” – means a single geographically focused event, which produces casualties of a number and severity that exceeds the combination of operational area and mutual aid ambulance transport resources available to respond to the incident.
- G. “MHOAC” – Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (Coordination Program)

- H. “Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI)” – Means any incident where the number of patients exceeds the day-to-day operating capabilities; requiring additional resources and/or distribution of patients to multiple hospitals.
- J. “Mutual Aid” – means a statewide system designed to ensure that adequate resources, facilities, and other support are provided to jurisdictions whenever their own resources prove to be inadequate to cope with a given situation.
- K. “Patient” – Means any individual encountered by EMS Personnel who demonstrates any of the following:
 - a. Suspected illness or injury
 - b. Involved in an event with significant mechanism that could cause illness or injury
 - c. Requests care or evaluation
 - d. An altered level of consciousness
- L. “PreHospital Personnel” – Means any responding personnel with Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) and/or Paramedic level certification and/or licensure.
- M. “Triage Tag” – means a tag used by triage personnel to identify and document the patient’s medical condition.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide Pre Hospital Personnel with additional direction in the event of an MCI. This policy is intended to supplement MVEMSA Policy 810.00 – MCI Plan.

IV. POLICY

This Policy defines conditions that activate an MCI in Mariposa County.

V. PROCEDURE

A. MCI Pre-Alert

1. Pre hospital Personnel pre-alerts base hospital of the potential MCI
2. The following information shall be disseminated to the base hospital:
 - a. Location of incident
 - b. Source of incident (ie., vehicle accident, fire, hazardous exposure)
 - c. Possible number of patients
3. The base hospital will create an MCI Alert in EMResource, adding the term “Pre-Alert” to the title of the event.

B. Declaration of an MCI

1. An MCI can ONLY be declared by Pre Hospital Personnel on scene
2. Consider declaration of an MCI for all incidents involving 3 or more patients, with 2 or more categorized as Delayed or Immediate.
 - a. An MCI Declaration may be canceled by the first arriving Paramedic on scene if the incident does not meet Declaration of MCI criteria. The Paramedic must document in detail, his/her reasoning on the Agency's MCI Evaluation Tool and submit to the Agency within 24 hours after the incident.
 - b. The MCI Evaluation Tool (located on the Resources page (Disaster Preparedness) at www.mvemsa.org) shall be submitted electronically to MVEMSA within 24-hours of the incident.
3. Upon declaration of an MCI, Dispatch shall notify 1) the Supervisor for the ALS ambulance provider and 2) the duty officer for the first responding fire agency. The Supervisor for the ALS ambulance provider shall respond if their ETA to scene is less than the second responding ambulance.
4. Once MCI is declared, Pre Hospital Personnel shall notify the base hospital. The base hospital then becomes DCF for the incident.
5. Consider the following:
 - a. Weather condition limitations (i.e., snow/ice slows response, air ambulance can't be used)
 - b. The number of patients exceeds the available resources
6. Pre Hospital Personnel shall update dispatch when the patient count and triage status have been completed.

C. Decision Points for the MCI escalating into a Mass Casualty Incident:

1. Resource request to the MHOAC due to the exhaustion of mutual aid ground transport ambulances; or
2. Extended field operations for greater than 6 hours; or
3. Need for establishment of a FTS

D. Patient Distribution

1. All patients shall be tagged with a triage tag prior to transport from the scene.
2. Communication will be made to the DCF for patient destination.
3. The following information will be communicated to DCF:

- a. Patient Status (Immediate, Delayed, Minor)
 - b. Age (Approximate)
 - c. Gender
 - d. Injury Type (i.e., Head, Abdomen, Neck)
4. DCF will do the following:
- a. Update EMResource Notification.
 - b. Provide patient destinations to EMS.