

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), with the support of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) and Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness (NJOHSP), established the **NEW JERSEY EMS TASK FORCE** (NJEMSTF) as a result of the September 11th Terrorist Attacks. The NJEMSTF is designed to increase the preparedness and response efforts of New Jersey's Emergency Medical Services. This is accomplished by providing specialized planning documents, resources and trained personnel to support and assist in coordination of the response to an act of terrorism, man-made or natural disaster.

The NJEMSTF is supported with funds from various sources, including the State of New Jersey, Federal Homeland Security, Health and Human Services and Port Security Grants.

VISION STATEMENT

A highly trained on-call task force of EMS personnel and specialized EMS resources in support of medical operations at major incidents and pre-planned events.

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide specialized EMS strategic planning and equipment in support of large scale operations. The NJEMSTF will provide planning, operations, administration, logistics, equipment and communications support for municipal or county EMS operations.

COORDINATION

Under the direction of NJDOH, the NJEMSTF works in partnership with the New Jersey County OEM-EMS Coordinators, NJOEM and NJOHSP.

ACTIVATION

NJEMSTF assets are requested from NJDOH through the County OEM-EMS Coordinator when county/regional mutual aid resources are insufficient to support an incident.

MEMBERSHIP

Please visit the EMSTF website for individual and agency membership information.

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/ems/njemstf.shtml>

SPECIALIZED MODULES

The NJEMSTF has areas of specialization that can deploy to assist with any type of operation.

Incident Advanced Team – A group of Leadership personnel who determine the resources needed from the NJEMSTF to support events. This group can also assist in filling critical positions within the ICS structure.

EMS Hazmat Team – This future team will have specially trained personnel & resources to provide medical care to contaminated/trapped victims of a CBRNE, HAZMAT, or collapse structure event.

Medical Operations Team – Assists with participating in the medical operations of a deployment. This group consists of EMTs, paramedics, nurses and physicians who are experts in EMS MCI operations such as Triage, Treatment, and Transportation.

Logistics Team – Logistics supports the task force with all supply and resource needs during deployments including medical caches, generators, lighting, food, water, and other needs as necessary.

Staging & Accountability Team – Specially trained personnel & resources are available to support a large scale staging and accountability operation involving EMS and/or other assets.

Helibase Management Team – This team has specially trained personnel and resources able to support large scale Helicopter EMS operations at major events.

Communications & Technology Team – The integration of data, communications, and technology systems is coordinated by this expert group.

Safety Team – This module helps to assure personnel health and safety and anticipates hazardous, unsafe situations and monitors EMS workers for exposure to safety or health hazardous conditions.

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PREPAREDNESS AND PLANNING

The New Jersey EMS Task Force serves as the project managers for major regional and state EMS planning and preparedness initiatives. These include projects that impact critical infrastructure, organization and coordination, as well as events that present high consequences and vulnerability, risk, and hazards. A sampling of projects includes:

- State of New Jersey, EMS Staging Area Management Plan
- State of New Jersey, Helicopter EMS Helibase Management Plan
- State of New Jersey, Ambulance Strike Team/Task Force Deployment Plan
- State of New Jersey, Tropical Storm/Hurricane Management Plan for EMS
- State of New Jersey, Pandemic Influenza Plan for EMS
- State of New Jersey, Homeland Security Advisory System Plan for EMS
- State of New Jersey, Emergency Management Assistance Compact Plan for EMS
- Port Security NJ EMS Planning Initiative
- Passenger Rail Security NJ EMS Planning Initiative
- State of New Jersey, Hospital Evacuation Strategy for EMS

The NJEMSTF also hosts various emergency preparedness workshops, training opportunities and conferences throughout the year.

“BY FAILING TO PLAN, YOU ARE PLANNING TO FAIL”

– Benjamin Franklin

SPECIALIZED EMS RESOURCES

Technology Support Unit (TSU)

This mobile resource contains advanced and interoperable communications, an integrated computer network, mobile internet access, an audio and video matrix, day and night-vision cameras, meteorological stations, independent power sources, and a command area with video conferencing capabilities.



Special Operations Vehicles (SOV)



These three regionally located Special Operations Vehicles (SOVs) carry a large amount of logistical equipment and unique resources that can support any operation.

Special Operations Vehicle Trailers/Gators

The three SOV trailers can accompany the SOVs and store additional resources such as Gators and larger items.



Mass Care Response Units (MCRU)



Each of these MCRUs increase means of responding to and supporting a mass casualty incident with medical equipment and supply caches for 100 patients.

Mass Care Response Trailers (MCRT)

MCRTs can treat approximately 25 patients each. The resources on board these trailers are similar to the MCRUs.

Medical Ambulance Buses (MAB)

MEBs provide basic medical support, evacuation, and transportation services and can be used to import personnel and/or equipment and supplies into areas of need.



Mobile Satellite Emergency Department (MSED)

Two tractor-trailer vehicles with expandable sides each have seven critical care beds with many advanced capabilities usually available only in fixed emergency departments (i.e., x-ray, labs, sutures, telemedicine).



Staging Area (Ground and Air) Management Trailers

These trailers are available to support large scale incident staging operations for ground and/or air ambulances.



Logistics and Generator Trailers –

Several Logistics and Generator Mounted Trailers are available to support long-term events.

ASAPs

Several off-road vehicles are available, which feature a fully enclosed patient compartment that transports a full size cot and provides seating for up to two



attendants & a driver.