



EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION #8

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

SERVICES ANNEX

PRIMARY AGENCY:

State: Department of Health Services

SUPPORT AGENCIES:

State: Division of Emergency Management
National Guard
Department of Public Safety

Federal: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Volunteer: American Red Cross

Private: American College of Surgeons
Arizona Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians
Arizona Chapter of the Emergency Department Nurses
Arizona Hospital Association
Arizona Medical Association
Arizona Nurses Association
Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association
United Blood Services

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

1. Provide assistance to local government in response to health and medical care needs following an emergency/disaster. Assistance provided under this ESF is directed by the Department of Health Services (DHS) Director.
2. Assure continuance of medical care services and the availability of medical supplies.
3. Provide emergency medical treatment for disaster casualties.

B. Scope

Supplemental assistance provided to local governments in identifying and meeting the health and medical needs of disaster victims.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

- A.** Many casualties requiring emergency transportation and medical care may occur as the result of an emergency/disaster. Persons receiving medical care before the emergency/disaster will continue to require treatment. The systems and facilities that provide medical services may be impaired or totally disrupted by the impact of an emergency/disaster.
- B.** Medical care services are an essential element of emergency/disaster response. State government must maintain the capabilities to initiate coordinated emergency health and medical care.
- C.** The state can augment local governments and request federal emergency medical assistance during an emergency/disaster (see ESF #8 of the Federal Response Plan (FRP) and Appendix 1 to this ESF).

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A.** After receiving a request for medical care assistance and upon proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor, the Director, ADEM, shall notify DHS-Emergency Medical Services (DHS-EMS). DHS-EMS will coordinate personnel, facilities, supplies, equipment and other resources as appropriate to augment local government emergency medical services.
- B.** If state and local government resources are inadequate to meet medical needs, ADEM may access the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) through FEMA's National Emergency Coordinating Center (NECC). The NDMS is a federally coordinated program which augments emergency medical response of state and local medical organizations (see Appendix 1 to this ESF). Requesting activation of the NDMS shall not preclude the Governor from requesting that the President of the United States declare an Emergency or Major Disaster. Activation of the FRP will include the activities of ESF #8.

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. State Government

- 1. DHS-EMS will:**
 - a.** Identify resources to supplement local emergency care for casualties and local medical care for persons in need of medical treatment.
 - b.** Coordinate the activities of all organizations within the state which operate ambulances.
 - c.** Provide current information on the statewide availability status of ambulance units and certified EMS personnel.

2. The **Department of Public Safety (DPS)** will assist in providing transportation of sick or injured persons utilizing DPS air-ambulance units.
3. **ADEM** will:
 - a. Request activation of the NDMS;
 - b. Coordinate federal assistance with the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO); and
 - c. Coordinate the use of National Guard resources.
4. The **National Guard** will be prepared to:
 - a. Assist in providing transport of sick or injured persons;
 - b. Provide assistance in casualty care; and
 - c. Transport health-related materials and personnel.
5. Other state/agencies will provide assistance as requested within their available resources and expertise.

B. Volunteer Organization

The **American Red Cross (ARC)** will:

- a. Assist in providing care for sick and injured persons; and
- b. Provide coordination of blood/blood products in their responsible areas.

C. Private Organizations

1. The **American College of Surgeons**, the **Arizona Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians**, the **Arizona Medical Association**, and the **Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association**, will assist in providing supplementary physician manpower.
2. The **Arizona Hospital Association** will provide hospital bed and operating room status.
3. The **Arizona Chapter of the Emergency Department Nurses Association** and the **Arizona Nurses Association** will assist in providing additional nursing personnel.
4. The **United Blood Services** will provide coordination and delivery of blood products in their responsible areas.

V. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

ADEM in coordination with ADHS-EMS will review and revise this ESF as required. Each primary and support agency will review and update IOPs in support of this ESF.

APPENDICES

1. National Disaster Medical System Activation Procedures
2. Public Health
3. Mental Health