

SUBJECT: EPC (Emergency Preparedness Committee) Volunteer Medical Team

POLICY:

1. It is the policy of The Villages Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) that if an event occurs which necessitates activation of EPC, the bulk of the Volunteer Medical Team will mobilize to the VEOC (Villages Emergency Operations Center) at Cribari Plaza. These teams will be available to be sent out to administer first aid and assess injuries as may be evident from the event. Other designated medical volunteers may proceed directly to their geographic aid station for similar efforts.

2. Know that the EPC Medical Team is a group of volunteers made up primarily of retired doctors, nurses, and other persons with experience and expertise in various area of medicine, many of whom are not currently licensed. There is no intent to “practice medicine” and no remuneration is expected nor would it be accepted for any of these activities.

PERSONS INVOLVED: EPC Medical Team Co-Chair/Chair, Medical Team Volunteers as kept on a list by the EPC, and other volunteers as common sense dictates.

FORMS/DOCUMENTS:

- * EPC Medical Team List
- * EPC Aid Station Medical Supply List
- * EPC Portable Medical Bag Supply List
- * Maps of EPC Aid Stations and the Villages
- * Encounter Forms

PROCEDURES/PROTOCOLS

1. The director (s) will maintain a list of medical personnel residing in the Villages and recruit volunteers for help when EPC is activated in times of an emergency and/or a disaster. The volunteers will report to the VEOC or their Area Sectors in the event of an emergency and/or disaster.

2. An inventory of medical supplies in the Cribari storage shed, the portable medical bags, and the Aid Stations will be maintained and updated. Examples of kept medical supplies are tape, thermometers, BP cuff, various size bandages, antiseptic solutions, masks, splints and braces.

3. The Medical Team will work with communications staff at Cribari Plaza to dispatch volunteer medical staff to areas requesting help. The Medical Team will work with an Emotional Support Team member as a partner. An encounter form will be filled in and returned the communications center by the persons dispatched. This form will be used as a record or assessment of the interaction.

4. Medical Team members are encouraged to come to the VEOC with their own golf carts as these will be used to transport medical personnel to areas requesting assistance.

5. In the event of a catastrophe with many injuries/medical problems, it will be the focus of the Medical Team to prioritize the injuries for proper and timely triage to available trauma/treatment centers.

6. The Medical Team does not have the equipment or supplies to move seriously injured persons. They will require immediate assistance from First Responders. The Medical Team will go out to the Sectors to help victims rather than having the injured person brought to the VEOC.

7. The director (s) will arrange for a meeting of the Medical Team during the year at a time other than the annual drill.

8. The director (s) will give a verbal report of the Medical Team's participation at the November EPC meeting.

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