

Module Two: Basic Multi-Casualty ICS

Course Objectives:

- Identify the medical component of the ICS Operations Section
 - List various positions within the Medical Branch
 - Describe several functions and units within the Medical Group
 - List several levels of response to an MCI
 - Demonstrate MCI ICS:
 - Staffing /organizing the Medical Branch
 - On-scene communications
 - MCI primary response organization
 - Multi-group reinforced response organization
 - Demobilization considerations
- ✓ The Operations Section Chief activates and supervises elements within the Incident Action Plan (IAP) including development of unit operational plans and requesting / releasing resources:

➤ **The Operations Section Chief approves the establishment of Staging Areas.**

- Operations Section Chief
 - Medical Branch Director
 - Medical Group Supervisor
 - Medical Supply Coordinator
- ✓ The Medical Branch Director:
- Develops organization
 - Manages Triage /Treatment /Transportation activities
 - Manages resources and supplies
 - Establishes security
 - Maintains records

The primary function of the Medical Branch is the triage, treatment and transportation of patients.

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- ✓ Staffing and Organization of the Medical Branch:
 - Enroute consider equipment, manpower, and transportation
 - Think as a scene manager rather than just a “responder”
 - Implement accountability: “SAFE”
 - “S” = scene size up
 - “A” = action plan
 - “F” = find a safe spot
 - “E” = establish a post

- ✓ **Check-in with the IC or the Operations Chief at:**
 - **The ICP**
 - Base or Camps
 - Staging areas
 - Helibase

- ✓ Communicate using an Active, rather than a Passive Dialogue:

- **An example of Passive Dialogue would be: “What position are you filling?”**
- **An example of Active Dialogue would be: “You are the Triage Unit Leader, right?”**

- ✓ Utilize the “RACING” mnemonic:
 - “R” = resources needs
 - “A” = assignments needed
 - “C” = communications
 - “I” = ingress and egress
 - “N” = name of the incident
 - “G” = geography – areas for staging, triage, etc.

- **The “A” in RACING stands for Assignments**

- ✓ Organizing the scene – use visual clues such as:
 - Vests, tarps, triage tags, cones, flags, etc.
 - Keep the Minor Treatment area away from the other areas

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✓ The Primary MCI Response:

- The Medical Group mission is to:
 - Develop Medical Organization
 - Implement the IAP
 - Manage Triage, Treatment and Transport
 - Manage resources and supplies
 - Establish security
 - Maintain records

✓ The Medical Group Supervisor:

- Reports to the Branch Director
- Establishes the Medical Group
- **Medical Group Supervisor is the initial supervisor of all medical tactical operations**

➤ **The responsibility for establishment of patient treatment areas belongs to the Medical Group Supervisor, if no Treatment Unit Leader has been assigned.**

➤ **The best ingress / egress routes should be communicated to the Ground Ambulance Coordinator, Ambulance Dispatch and all incoming medical resources by the Medical Group Supervisor.**

➤ **The initial supervisor of all medical tactical operations is the Medical Group Supervisor. Face-to-face communications is used if no common radio frequency is established.**

✓ Immediate Treatment Manager:

- Reports to the Treatment Unit Leader
- Prioritizes patients for transports
- Assures patient information is recorded

✓ Triage Unit Leader:

- Reports to the Medical Group Supervisor
- Provides triage management and movement
- Maintains security

➤ **The Triage Unit Leader reports to the Medical Group Supervisor.**

➤ **The Triage Unit Leader directs the movement of victims from Triage to Treatment.**

➤ **If no Treatment Unit Leader has been assigned, the responsibility for Treatment Areas belongs to the Medical Group Supervisor.**

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- ✓ Triage Personnel:
 - Report to the Triage Unit Leader
 - Triage, tag and treat patients

- ✓ Medical Communications Coordinator:
 - Reports to the Transportation Unit Leader
 - Coordinates destinations with the Hospital Alert System

- **Establishing and maintaining communications with the Control Facility is done by the Medical Communications Coordinator.**
- **Patient destinations are relayed to the Treatment Unit by the Medical Communications Coordinator.**

- ✓ Reinforced Response requires additional resources

- ✓ Treatment Area Manager:
 - Reports to the Treatment Unit Leader
 - Responsible for treatment and re-triage

- **Prioritizing patients are some of the objectives of a Treatment Area Manager.**
- **The Treatment Area Manager reports to the Treatment Unit Leader**

- ✓ Patient Transportation Unit Leader:
 - Reports to the Medical Group Supervisor
 - Supervises Medical Communications Coordinator and the Ambulance Coordinator
 - Establishes communications with the Hospitals

- **The Patient Transportation Unit Leader reports to the Medical Group Supervisor.**
- **The Patient Transportation Unit communicates with the Control Facility, the Helispot Manager and the Treatment Dispatch Manager.**

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- ✓ Ambulance Coordinator:
 - Reports to the Patient Transportation Unit Leader
 - Is responsible for staging and routes
 - Can request additional resources

➤ **The Ambulance Coordinator reports to the Patient Transportation Unit Leader.**

Multi-Group / Multi-Branch Response:

- **The Patient Transportation Unit becomes the Patient Transportation Group if multiple Medical Groups are established at a large incident.**
- Treatment Dispatch Manager:
 - Reports to the Treatment Unit Leader
- Medical Supply Coordinator:
 - Reports to the Medical Group Supervisor

➤ **If you use or lose equipment or supplies on an incident, you should resupply from, and report losses to, the Medical Supply Coordinator.**

- Medical Branch Director:
 - Reports to the Operations Section Chief

➤ **The Medical Group Supervisor reports to the Operations Section Chief if there is no Medical Branch Director assigned.**

➤ Demobilization Plan:

- The Planning Section is responsible for developing the Demob Plan
- Significant Exposure Reporting
- Critical Incident Stress Management

Initial Actions at an MCI Incident:

- En-route:
 - Order necessary resources and update dispatch
 - Scene management
 - Disbursement
- Update the Control Facility:
 - MCI type (MVC, hazmat, etc)
 - Location

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- Name of the incident
- Approximate number of victims
- Number and type of transportation needed

- **A helispot is the ICS term for the site where helicopters temporarily land.**
- **Air Ambulances should be coordinated through the Air Operations Branch Director.**

- Establish the Medical Branch
 - Assign positions
 - Establish communications methods

- **The best way to communicate is face-to-face if you have no common radio frequency.**
- **Two of the first positions likely to be filled in the Medical Branch are the Medical Communications Coordinator and the Triage Unit Leader.**

- Ongoing:
 - Resources needed?
 - Scene management?
 - Disbursement and Demob

- **Returning the scene to pre-incident conditions is one of the final objectives of scene management.**
- **Considerations for demobilizing resources include the priority release of personnel, the priority release of apparatus or equipment, and the need for resources at other incidents.**

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