

DISASTER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM MD-1



Prospective Applicant Information



The DMAT Concept

- Disaster Medical Assistance Team or “DMAT”
 - A group of medical professionals,
 - Supported by logistical and administrative staff,
 - Designed to provide emergency medical care during a disaster or other large scale event that overwhelms a region’s healthcare infrastructure.





The Role of a DMAT

- To augment and support the medical infrastructure of a disaster-struck region.
- Not part of the initial response to a disaster.
- Ready to deploy to a disaster upon request of the federal government.
- A local resource as well.



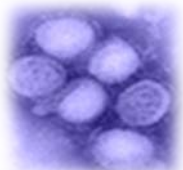


DMAT Capabilities

- DMAT
 - Self sufficient,
 - Field-deployable,
 - Medical resource,
 - Capable of providing medical care to victims of disasters.



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DMAT Mission Types

- **Medical response** to disasters,
- **Patient evacuation** from the affected areas, and
- **Definitive (in-hospital) medical care** during time of disaster.





National Disaster Medical System (NDMS)

- Formed in 1983.
- Overseen by Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), under the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)
 - The Federal Response Plan (FRP)
 - ESF #8: Health and Medical Services
- NDMS Purpose:
 - To establish a single integrated national medical response capability.



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National Disaster Medical System (NDMS)



- Two specific functions of NDMS:
 - Supplement State and local medical resources during disasters or major emergencies
 - Provide backup medical support to the DoD/VA medical systems during a conventional armed conflict.
- A federally coordinated system.



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MD-1 DMAT



- The newest member of the United States National Disaster Medical System (NDMS).



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MD-1 DMAT

- Created to address the need for a Maryland / National Capital Region-based disaster medical unit.
 - Organized in 2009
 - Ability to deploy to a variety of austere conditions.
 - Our team's purpose is to provide medical care during a disaster or any event that overwhelms a region's healthcare infrastructure.



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Mission, Vision & Values

- Our mission is to safely and professionally provide outstanding medical care to the people of Maryland, the National Capitol Region, and the United States of America.
- Our vision is to be a nationally recognized disaster response resource that delivers quality medical care in austere environments.
- Our core values are:
 - Treat everyone with respect, dignity and compassion.
 - Provide professional and quality medical care in any environment.
 - Promote disaster medical education and research.
 - Maintain a constant state of personal and professional readiness.





Equipment Cache

- When deployed, MD-1 will be issued a federally owned cache of disaster medical equipment.
 - A 5 tent field hospital, capable of remaining self-sufficient for up to 72 hours
 - Patient care equipment to treat approx 300 pts in a 72 hr period.





Equipment Cache

- Logistics & communications equipment (generators, water purification systems, satellite telephones, multimode radios, etc.)





Response Capabilities

- MD-1 DMAT will be on-call three months per year.
 - We will maintain an active deployment roster.
 - Typical Deployment is a 35 person team
- Members are on call.
- At any time, MD-1 DMAT may be called upon by NDMS.





Liability, Malpractice & Compensation



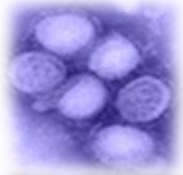
- When deployed, DMAT members serve as intermittent Federal employees.
- Job protection under public law 107-188.
- During non-deployment status team members serve as volunteers.
- When federalized team members' licensures and certifications are:
 - Recognized by all states,
 - Protected under the Federal Tort Claims Act.



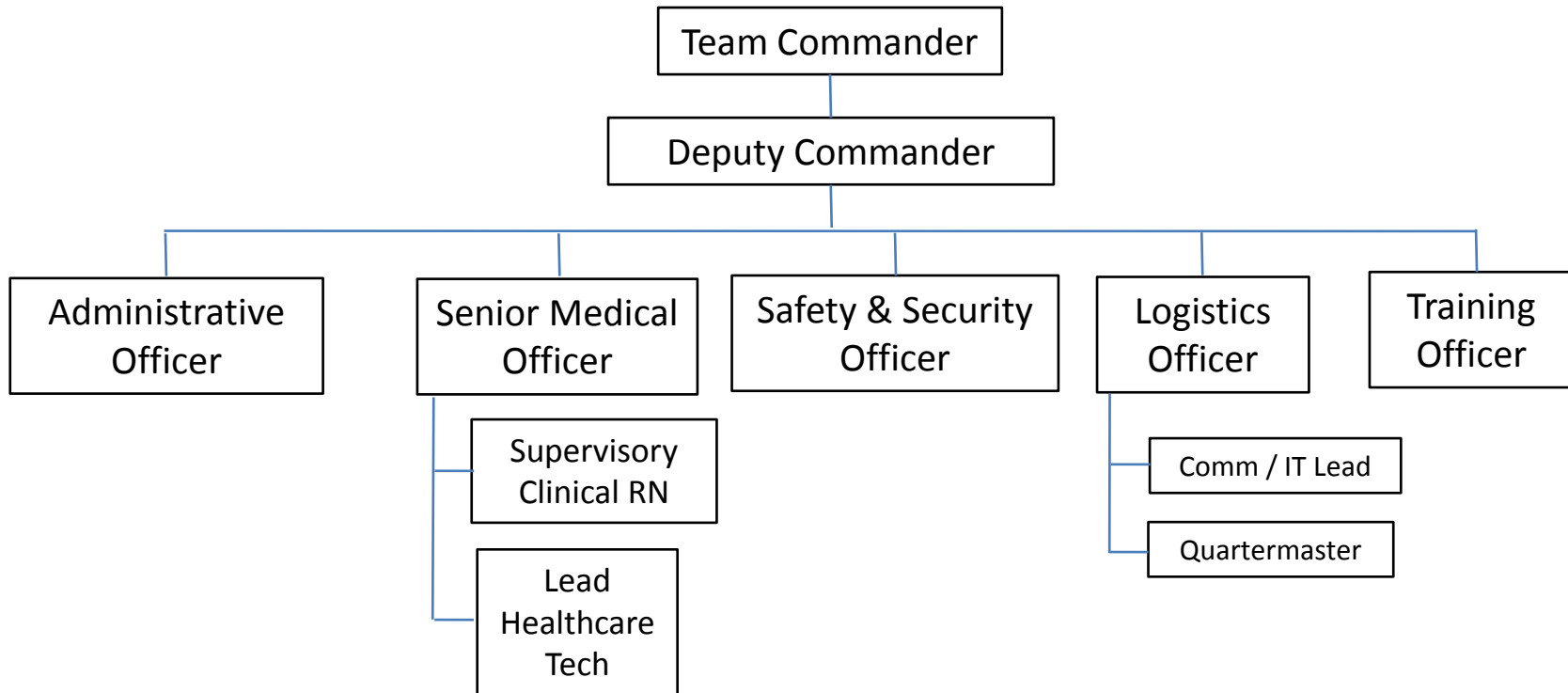
Team Composition

MD-1 DMAT will maintain a roster of approximately 150 healthcare professionals and support staff:

- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Nurse Practitioners
- Nurses
- Paramedics
- EMTs
- Pharmacists
- Respiratory Therapists
- Logisticians
- Mental Health Professionals
- Communications Specialists
- Leadership Staff



MD-1 DMAT Command Structure





Team Expectations

- Time & family commitment
- Job commitment & supervisor sign-off
- Financial commitment
- Physical standards
- Personal readiness



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Team Expectations

- Prospective applicants are required to complete free online training available via a link from the MD-1 DMAT website.
- Healthcare providers must maintain primary affiliation in their given profession and are required to maintain and comply with all regulatory requirements of their professional licensing body.





Next Steps

- Individuals interested in joining MD-1 DMAT must be eligible for employment with the United States Government and will be required to complete a background investigation.
- If you wish to begin the application process for MD-1 DMAT please email us at recruiting@md1dmat.org

