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.
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.
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.
MD-1 DMAT

- The newest member of the United States National Disaster Medical System (NDMS).
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.
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.
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 Commander
  - Deputy Commander
    - Administrative Officer
    - Senior Medical Officer
      - Supervisory Clinical RN
      - Lead Healthcare Tech
    - Safety & Security Officer
    - Logistics Officer
      - Comm / IT Lead
      - Quartermaster
    - Training Officer
Team Expectations

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