



U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Health Affairs Medical First Responder Coordination

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Overview

- First Responder Outreach
 - Primary point of contact for DHS to the Medical/EMS First Responder Community
- FICEMS
 - DHS Support and Representation to FICEMS
- DHS Interagency EMS Coordination Lead (~12)
 - OHA Components
 - Science & Technology
 - Intelligence & Analysis
 - State & Local Law Enforcement
 - Government Coordinating Council & ESS
 - FEMA
- DHS EMS System
 - Seven Core Operational Components



Medical First Responder Coordination

Medical/EMS First Responder Outreach

- Identifies preparedness gaps in areas such as medical first responder disaster planning, resources, grant funding and education/training.
- Facilitates the integration of the EMS community into federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial disaster preparedness activities.
- Conducts First Responder working groups on catastrophic event planning and preparedness initiatives for best practices. (i.e.. Pandemics, Anthrax Engagement, Fusion Centers 2011)



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DHS EMS System

- Provides guidance and medical oversight to the DHS EMS System
 - DHS EMS Education & Training Advisory Committee

Program examples

- Pre-hospital medical protocols for base-line, tactical operations, austere environments and WMD-Biodefense
- Medical First Responder credentialing and training support
 - Deploying Learning Management System
 - Deploying electronic Patient Care Record System



Medical First Responder Coordination Branch

Past:

Anthrax First Responder Steering Group
Alternative Service Delivery Options during a Pandemic Event

Present:

- Medical Directors Handbook
- EMS & Fire Service Funding Manual
- EMS Health & Safety Study
- Model EMS Deployment Policy
- Work Groups (planning stages)
- **The Blue Campaign:**
 - Human Trafficking and EMS





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