Pre-hospital (EMS) MCA Mutual Aid During Disaster

Purpose: Establish a mechanism allowing EMS agencies/Medical Control Authorities (MCA) to give prehospital care across MCA boundaries during "disaster" conditions.

1. This agreement between the MCAs demonstrates the intention to assist and support each other during a disaster situation. It provides an approved/authorized process allowing EMS agencies to function within a MCA under their originating MCAs protocols, during a disaster.

2. During "disaster" conditions, whether natural or otherwise, MCAs may need assistance from other MCAs. For the purpose of this agreement, a "disaster" is considered to be an emergency event where a "declared" emergency and/or disaster condition as defined by local, state, or federal statutory laws, exists in which the responding MCA and EMS resources may be unable to handle the patient care needs without additional resources from outside its own Medical Control area.

3. Requests for support may be made to any MCA or any EMS agency. It is agreed that mutual aid response is dependent on the availability of equipment and personnel.

4. It is in the best interests of MCAs to include each other in disaster planning efforts. It is expected that upon request, participating MCAs will extend any relevant information on emergency planning to other MCAs as deemed reasonably appropriate by the MCA distributing the information.

5. Participating MCAs agree to adopt, as a minimum, the State Protocols for responding to a disaster event, and those agencies/EMS personnel will follow these when responding outside their own MCA, unless prior arrangements with that MCA.