

2018 STATEWIDE MEDICAL AND HEALTH EXERCISE AMBULANCE SERVICES OBJECTIVES

APPLICABLE CAPABILITIES

- Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability (HCPRC) 2: Health Care and Medical Response and Recovery Coordination

Goal for Capability 2: Health care organizations, Health Care Coalitions, and their jurisdictions collaborate to share and analyze information, manage resources, and coordinate strategies to deliver acute medical care to all populations during emergencies and planned events. Simultaneous response and recovery operations result in a return to normal or improved operations.

- Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability (HCPRC) 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery

Goal for Capability: Health care organizations, with support from the HCC and the Emergency Support Function-8 (ESF-8) lead agency, provide uninterrupted, optimal medical care to all populations in the face of damaged or disabled health care infrastructure. Health care workers are well-trained, well-educated, and well-equipped to care for patients during emergencies. Simultaneous response and recovery result in a return to normal or, ideally, improved operations.

PROPOSED OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE ONE

Activate the Incident Command System (ICS) per scenario or hazard-specific plan and/or local policies and procedures within 45 minutes of notification of incident and incorporate responding ambulance units into on-scene ICS structure. *Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 2: Health Care and Medical Response and Recovery Coordination*

Tasks Identified:

- Establish a ground ambulance coordinator within 20 minutes.
- Establish single point resource ordering with Incident Commander regarding ambulance needs for response.

OBJECTIVE TWO

Maintain continuous on-scene resource needs and request necessary resources through proper channels as established locally or through the Operational Area via local policies and procedures. *Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 2: Health Care and Medical Response and Recovery Coordination*

Tasks Identified:

- Run through the established Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to assure that necessary equipment is available in the ambulance for patient needs during transportation.
- Ensure single point resource ordering through the on-scene Incident Commander for resource requesting and follow proper local and Operational Area (OA) channels for ordering.
- As needed, evaluate the need to order medical equipment/supplies or transportation resources to maintain continued operations.
- Prepare the Disaster Medical Support Unit or resource trailer(s) for potential deployment within 30 minutes.

OBJECTIVE THREE

Prepare the organization for continuous provision of essential services to clients and staff (and affected family members, whenever possible) during and after the disaster. *Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery*

Tasks Identified:

- Put in place succession planning to maintain operations if primary positions become vacant.
- Ensure that operations related to the continuity of the business are sustainable for 4 hours and these strategies are documented within a recovery plan.