



## MULTI-CASUALTY INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN

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### I. AUTHORITY:

Health and Safety Code sections 1797.204, 1797.220, 1798.2, 1798.6(c), and 1798.170.

### II. APPLICATION:

This policy defines the medical management, transportation of casualties, and documentation for a Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI), utilizing the principles of the Incident Command System.

**The Orange County Fire Services Operational Area Plan Annex Multi-Casualty Incident Plan is included with this policy and defines Orange County Fire Services field operation procedures during an MCI.**

### III. DEFINITIONS:

Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI): An incident with sufficient casualty or medical victims such that additional resources are required and command (Incident Command System) is established.

MCI Activation Alert: Announcement initiated by a Base Hospital and sent over ReddiNet to activate hospitals, advising them of the incident type and that each hospital must update their Patient Care Capacity Inventory (PCCI).

MCI Informational Message: A countywide broadcast(s) to all ReddiNet/H.E.A.R. hospitals with preliminary and follow-up information regarding a Multi-Casualty Incident.

MCI Patient Report: A limited report that will be given to the MICN when Base Hospital contact is made from the scene of an MCI. Report elements include:

- A. Scene description (type of incident) - *Given only with initial OCC and base contact.*
- B. Number of victims (estimate) and status - *Given only with initial OCC and base contact.*
- C. The following victim specific information:
  1. Triage Tag number (last three digits)
  2. Patient category (mild, moderate, acute, or trauma victim)
  3. Patient age
  4. Patient gender
  5. Major injury(s) and or illness (for patients meeting trauma triage criteria also report if weak radial pulse or systolic blood pressure < 90)
  6. Destination or specialty center requested
  7. Ambulance identifier (company and unit number)
- D. When transporting an MCI patient, treatment team or ambulance personnel will notify designated receiving center of their ETA and victim specific information as described in subsection C above.

Medical Communications Coordinator ( Med Com): Individual at the scene of an MCI that communicates with the BH and provides transporting units with destination assignments.



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Patient Care Capacity Inventory (PCCI): The number of MCI patients for whom a hospital can provide care without prior notification.

START: An acronym for Simple Triage And Rapid Treatment, an assessment of respirations, pulse (perfusion), and mental status resulting in a classification of "immediate", "delayed", "minor" or "morgue". START is used at the MCI site to determine which victims require an ALS level assessment.

Patient status classifications of S.T.A.R.T.:

Immediate: Highest level of patient priority. A patient that requires rapid assessment and medical intervention to increase chance of survival.

Delayed: Second level of patient priority. Injuries or exposure are less severe or pose no immediate threat to life.

Minor: Third level of patient priority. A victim that requires only simple medical care.

Morgue: Lowest patient priority, found pulseless and non-breathing.

Split Paramedic Teams: When a paramedic team is separated to treat or transport separate victims, and divide their ALS equipment and supplies in a manner that is reasonable for the circumstances. In this situation, a paramedic escorting a victim is not bound by the inventory requirements of OCEMS Policy # 325.00 (ALS Unit Inventory).

Triage Tag: A unique numbered cardboard or plastic individual identification and information card attached to each patient in an MCI. The START Triage category the patient has been assigned is indicated at the bottom of the card.

#### IV. MULTI-CASUALTY INCIDENT:

##### A. ACTIVATION OF THE MULTI-CASUALTY INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN:

Activation of the MCI response plan occurs when fire service responders implement the Orange County Fire Services Operational Area Plan Annex Multi-Casualty Incident Plan.

##### B. FIRE DISPATCH CENTERS:

Upon identification of multiple victims and the establishment of Command, the fire dispatcher will contact Orange County Communications (OCC) and provide the location and type of incident, and the estimated number of victims.

##### C. ROLE OF MEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

1. The Medical Communications Coordinator (Med Com) maintains communications between the field and the Base Hospital to assure appropriate patient destination.
2. The Medical Communications Coordinator will:
  - a. Contact OCC on 6 Alpha and identify themselves as "(incident name) Med Com" to request a Base Hospital assignment and radio frequency or talk group.
  - b. Provide incident description and estimated number of victims.

