

## TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS

### DMAT:

#### Disaster Medical Assistance Team

A Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) is a group of medical and support personnel designed to provide emergency medical care during a disaster or other unusual event.

DMATs deploy to disaster sites with adequate supplies and equipment to support themselves for a period of 72 hours while providing medical care at a fixed or temporary medical site. They may provide primary health care and/or augment overloaded local health care staff. DMATs are designed to be a rapid-response element to supplement local medical care until other Federal or contract resources can be mobilized, or the situation resolved.

Each DMAT deployable unit consists of approximately 35 individuals; however, teams may consist of more than three times this number to provide some redundancy for each job role. This insures that an adequate number of personnel are available at the time of deployment. The team is composed of medical professionals and support staff organized, trained, and prepared to activate as a unit.

DMATs are categorized into one of four possible types:

- Type I: Fully Operational Team –
  - (1) DMATs that have 105 or more deployable team members
  - (2) 12 or more physicians,
  - (3) 3 or more in the following health care positions:
    - (a) Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner
    - (b) Registered Nurse
    - (c) Pharmacist
    - (d) Paramedic
  - (4) DMAT equipment cache properly managed, stored, and inventoried per NDMS requirements
  - (5) Demonstrated ability to provide the Operations Support Center with a properly configured personnel roster within **4 hours** of alert/activation notice
  - (6) Demonstrated ability to pack cache and have personnel at the team's duty station within **6 hours** of activation
  - (7) Team has deployed with a 35-person team, complete supply, and equipment cache including pharmaceuticals to a natural disaster with less than intact infrastructure
  - (8) Participated in at least 2 NDMS approved field exercises (one observed by NDMS staff)
  - (9) Pre-arrangement for obtaining vehicles, both primary and alternate
  - (10) 100% rating on NDMS readiness tests in the previous 12-month period
  - (11) To maintain this operational level, all team members must obtain 90% completion of the NDMS basic core training plus 50% of the NDMS advanced training by August 2005

- (12) Must provide representation on all NDMS command, Administrative, and Training officer conference calls. All command staff to attend annual NDMS Conference
- (13) Completed all NDMS readiness assessment (both self and verified) with a score of 85% or greater.

- Type II: Operational Team –
  - (1) DMATs that have 90 or more deployable team members
  - (2) 9 or more physicians,
  - (3) 3 or more in the following health care positions:
    - (a) Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner
    - (b) Registered Nurse
    - (c) Pharmacist
    - (d) Paramedic
  - (4) DMAT equipment cache properly managed, stored, and inventoried per NDMS requirements
  - (5) Demonstrated ability to provide the Operations Support Center with a properly configured personnel roster within **6 hours** of alert/activation notice
  - (6) Demonstrated ability to pack cache and have personnel at the team's duty station within **12 hours** of activation
  - (7) Completed all NDMS readiness assessment (both self and verified) with a score of 75%
  - (8) Participated in at least 2 NDMS approved field exercises (one observed by NDMS staff)
  - (9) Pre-arrangement for obtaining vehicles, both primary and alternate
  - (10) score of 75% on NDMS readiness tests in the last 12-months
  - (11) Must provide representation on all NDMS command, Administrative, and Training officer conference calls. All command staff to attend annual NDMS Conference
  - (12) To maintain this operational level, all team members must obtain 80% completion of the NDMS basic core training plus 25% of the NDMS advanced training by August 2005
- Type III: Augmentation/Local Team – a DMAT team that may be used to supplement other deployed teams or a team that may be deployed by NDMS within its home state to assist the Type I deployed team.
  - (1) DMATs that have 50 or more deployable team members
  - (2) 6 or more physicians,
  - (3) 2 or more in the following health care positions:
    - (a) Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner
    - (b) Registered Nurse
    - (c) Pharmacist
    - (d) Paramedic
  - (4) DMAT equipment cache in place (full or limited). Cache to be maintained, inventoried, and stored within NDMS guidelines
  - (5) Ability to provide 75% of the properly configured personnel roster within **12 hours** of alert/activation
  - (6) Demonstrated ability to pack cache and have personnel at the team's duty station within **24 hours** of activation
  - (7) Completed all NDMS readiness assessment (both self and verified) with a score of 50% or greater

(8) Participated in at least 1 NDMS approved field exercise

(9) Passed one of the NDMS readiness tests within the previous 12-months with a score of 75%

(10) Must provide representation on all NDMS command, Administrative, and Training officer conference calls. All command staff to attend annual NDMS Conference

(11) To maintain this operational level, all team members must obtain 50% completion of the NDMS basic core training plus 25% of the NDMS advanced training by August 2005.

- Type IV: Developmental Team - a DMAT which may be used to supplement other teams as necessary during deployments to allow members a chance to obtain experience, training, and skills that will assist them in meeting the requirements necessary to upgrade the team status.