



# AR-1 DMAT News



National Disaster Medical System - Disaster Medical Assistance Team  
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**2013 TEAM “ON CALL” SCHEDULE** – AR-1 is “On Call” March, June, September and December (Backfill) 2013.

**2013 TEAM MEETING SCHEDULE** – Regular meetings are scheduled for the last Saturday of odd numbered months unless otherwise announced. 2013 meetings are tentatively scheduled for 01/26, 03/30, 05/25, 07/27, 09/28 and 12/07

**JANUARY MEETING** – AR-1’s next meeting will be the Saturday, January 26, 2012 at the Freeway Medical Tower, 5800 West 10th, 9<sup>th</sup> floor, Rooms 902 & 906, Little Rock, AR 72204



## AGENDA –

10:00 General Staff Meeting (Open to all)

13:00 Full Team Meeting

**ARI ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS POTLUCK** – The food and fellowship were again **OUTSTANDING** as AR-1 meet to feast and laugh.



Holly trying on her new gift.



John Burge gets a pretty new box.



Bryan Clardy MD discovers something "cool" inside his new gift.



Andrew Luscomb Checking out one of the gifts.



Sarah Shepherd a.k.a Team Cruise Director oversees the check-in table and Dirty Santa organization. —



Kathie A. Short checks out some cookies

**Job Openings:** AR-1 DMAT has immediate openings for Pharmacists. If you are interested please contact Jackie Moore by emailing her at Jackie.Moore@hhs.gov.

**AR-1 On The Web** - - <http://ar-1dmat.com/>

On Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AR1DMAT/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

**You can follow AR-1 on twitter** @AR1DMAT.

**HHS/ASPR on the Web** -

<http://www.phe.gov/preparedness/pages/default.aspx>

#### **AR-1 MEET YOUR TEAM MATES:**

#### **Charlotte Carmichael RN, NREMT-P**

**I Started Emergency Services:** Got interested in the local rescue squad and started working with them in 1985. Received First Responder training in 1985 and started doing land and water rescues with Blytheville, Arkansas Emergency Squad. In 1989 went back to school and became an EMT. Also went to Law enforcement school and worked for Blytheville Police Department from 1989 until 2008. Tried out for the Blytheville SWAT Team and played with them for a short time until going back to college for RN.



Jackie Cates Moore admires Holly's new gift.

**Emergency Services Experience:** Started working at NEAR Ambulance Service of Blytheville, AR in 1990 as an EMT and worked part time for Buffalo Island EMS in Monette, AR. In 1992 went to Paramedic School then in 1993 started working for Baptist Hospital in Blytheville, AR until I took a position at Nucor-Yamato Steel company in Blytheville, AR as a Health and Safety Coordinator and Plant Medic and RN. I started my nursing classes in 2008 and graduated in 2010 as a Registered Nurse. In 2008 I became a FLIGHT MEDIC for Medic One Air of Jonesboro AR for about 8 months until they closed while getting my RN. I worked as a volunteer or as a part time employee for Cherokee Village EMS, Keller Ambulance in Jonesboro, AR. Medic One Ambulance service in Jonesboro, AR. Pafford EMS in Osceola and Blytheville AR. Mississippi County Ambulance Service in Blytheville, AR.

**Date Joined AR-1:** Approx. 1993.

**Currently Serve AR-1 As:** Paramedic Unit Leader and RN.

**Training / Education in Emergency Services:** PALS, PHTLS, BLS, TNCC, ACLS, NRP, Flight Medic!

**Spouse/SO / Family / Home:** Husband Deceased 2008 of Cancer. I have five children (Lauri, Alicia, Rebecca, Adam, Scott) 14 grandchildren (Taylor Mackenzie, Coty Lynn, Jeremy Blake, Jordan Brock, Jaydon Briley, Jordan Scott, Taylor Cheyenne, Jasper, Landon, Zander, Anna, AJ, Justice, Jayce) three of which have started college. I currently reside in Blytheville AR where I have been since 1984. Two of my daughters are RN's, youngest son was in IRAQ, oldest son is a supervisor at a steel mill, and oldest daughter substitute teaches and has her own embroidery business. I raised five children as a single mother until they were adults. I had a wonderful 7 years with my husband (my knight in shining armor, the love of my life and my fishing buddy) until his death due to cancer.

**Life Experience(s):** I have been on numerous deployments with DMAT. To name a few 1996 Olympics in Atlanta Georgia. New York during 911. Hurricane Katrina. Numerous times staging in

Louisiana for hurricanes. North Carolina and South Carolina for tornadoes and hurricanes. TX at Alabama, Arkansas, Pittsburg. Too many to remember all.!

**Hobbies / Interests:** Love fishing and riding motorcycles. Taking grandkids on trips and fishing. Having grandkid weekends.

## **WHOSE SAFETY IS MOST IMPORTANT- REALLY?**

**By Jan Glarum Knoxville, Tennessee Area, "LinkedIn" DMAT NDMS Group:**

Ask this question of most public safety personnel and they will respond "my safety is most important, because if I am injured or killed, I can't do anyone any good", or "my safety is most important since I want to be part of the solution, not part of the problem".

Either answer gets a passing grade on the written examination, but what I have observed suggests **the truth is** something different, so why are we hiding the truth?

I believe the truth is that the individual's safety is not always first. ... From my experience here is where my safety lies in a list of priorities.

1. If a member of my family is in jeopardy, don't follow me as I may be about to do something stupid, but I will do something and that makes me number 2 on my safety priority list, but wait;
2. If my partner and I get in trouble, WE need to get out of trouble, so now I'm number 3, but wait;
3. If children in general are in trouble, I will take greater risk to help, that makes me number 4 on my list of whose safety is most important.

When we truthfully assess the hazard and our own willingness to tolerate risk, we can do a better job of responding in a safe manner. Where do you think you REALLY are in the "whose safety is most important question"?



## **The National Disaster Medical System (NDMS)**

The National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) supports the Federal medical response to natural or manmade disasters, including hurricanes, earthquakes and floods, transportation accidents, and terrorist acts involving weapons of mass destruction. The NDMS is a federally coordinated system that augments the Nation's medical response capability. The overall purpose of the NDMS is to supplement an integrated national medical response capability for assisting state and local authorities in dealing with the medical impacts of major peacetime disasters and to provide support to the military and the Department of Veterans Affairs' medical systems in caring for casualties evacuated back to the U.S. from overseas armed conventional conflicts. NDMS hires intermittent employees to respond to the various Public Health and Medical Emergencies.

When activated as a Federal employee of NDMS, of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, employees are covered under the provisions of section 2812(c)(2) and (d)(2) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, which pertain to liability coverage and compensation for work injuries respectively. Section 2812(d)(3) of the PHS Act provides for service as an NDMS team employee to be considered as "service in the uniformed services" during activations and authorized training activities. As such, when NDMS employees are activated to provide health and other services to respond to victims of a public health emergency or to be present at locations at risk of a public health emergency (which, for example, may include activations in response to a disaster, major emergency, and special event) or when activated to participate in a Federal exercise or other official training, these personnel fall under the employment and reemployment rights provisions of chapter 43, title 38 of the U.S. Code, the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

If interested in becoming involved in NDMS, please review our NDMS Recruitment link <http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/responders/ndms/teams/Pages/recruitment.aspx>.

## **What Is A Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT)?**

A DMAT is a group of professional and para-professional medical personnel (supported by a cadre of logistical and administrative staff) designed to provide medical care during a disaster or other event. NDMS recruits personnel for specific vacancies, plans for training opportunities, and coordinates the deployment of the teams.

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 is resolved. DMATs deploy to disaster sites with sufficient supplies and equipment to sustain themselves for a period of 72 hours while providing medical care at a fixed or temporary medical care site. The personnel are activated for a period of two weeks.

In mass casualty incidents, their responsibilities may include triaging patients, providing high-quality medical care despite the adverse and austere environment often found at a disaster site, patient reception at staging facilities and preparing patients for evacuation.

Under the rare circumstance that disaster victims are evacuated to a different locale to receive definitive medical care, DMATs may be activated to support patient reception and disposition of patients to hospitals. DMATs are principally a community resource available to support local, regional, and State requirements. However, as a National resource they can be federalized

NDMS/DMAT personnel are required to maintain appropriate certifications and licensure within their discipline. When personnel are activated as Federal employees, licensure and certification is recognized by all States. Additionally, DMAT personnel are paid while serving as intermittent federal employees and have the protection of the Federal Tort Claims Act in which the Federal Government becomes the defendant in the event of a malpractice claim.