

Major aspects of NDMS

- Medical response to a disaster area in the form of personnel, teams and individuals, supplies, and equipment.
- Patient movement from a disaster site to unaffected areas of the Nation.
- Definitive medical care at participating hospitals in unaffected areas.

Historic NDMS Deployments

Hurricane Andrew– 1992

Murrah Building Bombing– 1995

Hurricane Marilyn– 1995

Korean Airlines Flight 801– 1997

World Trade Center– 2001

Winter Olympics– 2002

Avian Influenza– 2002

Iran Earthquake– 2003

Hurricane Katrina– 2005

CA Wildfires– 2007

Hurricane Ike– 2008

In addition to natural disasters and acts of terrorism, NDMS teams also respond to other events, including National Special Security Events, major transportation accidents, public health emergencies, and international disasters.

The National Disaster Medical System is a partnership between the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, state, local and tribal governments, and civilian organizations.

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National Disaster Medical System



***Are you interested in
serving the Federal
response by providing
disaster medical care to
the Nation?***

National Disaster Medical System

The National Disaster Medical System (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 disaster.

NDMS Mission

It is the mission of NDMS to temporarily supplement Federal, Tribal, State and local capabilities by funding, organizing, training, equipping, deploying and sustaining a specialized and focused range of public health and medical capabilities.



NDMS has the largest deployable medical system in the Nation

Components of NDMS

- Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT):
Medical care augmentation
- Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Teams (DMORT):
Identification of human remains
- National Veterinary Response Teams (NVRT):
Pet and farm animal care
- Specialty Teams:
Nurse, Pharmacist, Respiratory Therapist, Behavioral, Pediatric, Burn, Crush and International Medical Surgical Response Teams

National Response Framework

The National Response Framework utilizes the National Disaster Medical System, as part of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations, under Emergency Support Function #8 (ESF #8), Health and Medical Services, to support Federal agencies in the management and coordination of the Federal medical response to major emergencies and federally declared disasters including:

- Natural Disasters
- Major Transportation Accidents
- Technological Disasters
- Acts of Terrorism including Weapons of Mass Destruction Events
- National Security Special Events



Why a National Disaster Medical System?

Natural disasters strike every year. They often overwhelm local medical systems, leaving citizens critically short of medical services. NDMS disaster medical response teams are activated to send personnel where they are needed.

There are over 90 NDMS response teams in the system encompassing 6,000 medical professionals and support staff. Along with 1,800 hospitals that rally to the challenge of meeting the emergency medical needs of disaster victims.

Become part of NDMS

NDMS uses individuals with specific expertise and experience within a wide range of professions. Individuals with a background in the medical and public health services, emergency management, or mortuary/forensic sciences, etc. could fill vacant positions on the various response teams within NDMS.

Each NDMS response team has a set number of authorized positions within their team and have required types of specialists needed to fill these vacant positions for their team

Each response team position has pre-requisite training requirements that must be met before individuals can apply. If accepted, individuals become intermittent Federal employees.

Training Opportunities

NDMS provides online training delivering critical information to help disaster responders perform under the most austere conditions for optimal field performance. Training opportunities are also available at the annual ESF #8 Training Summit. Pre-summit courses, general and regular session opportunities offer access to the latest in emergency management, disaster response, and coordination capabilities.

Benefits

These NDMS Federal response teams receive the same benefits under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) as our Nation's National Guard and Reserve elements, as legislated in PL 107-188, for Federally Sanctioned deployments and training events.

When NDMS is activated, NDMS also provides Workers Compensation coverage for NDMS disaster response team employees.