



AR-1 DMAT News



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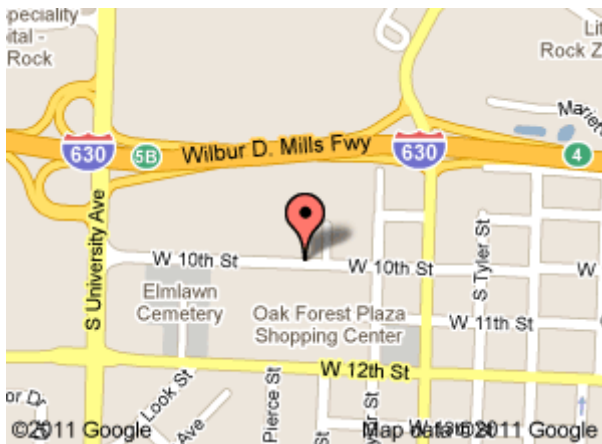
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2013 TEAM “ON CALL” SCHEDULE – AR-1 is “On Call” March, June, September and December (Backfill) 2013.

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, 05/31, 07/31, 09/28 and 12/07

DECEMBER MEETING – AR-1’s next meeting will be the December AR-1 DMAT Auxiliary Christmas Party on Saturday, December 01, 2012 at the Freeway Medical Tower, 5800 West 10th, 9th floor, Rooms 902 & 906, Little Rock, AR 72204



AGENDA –

- 10:00 General Staff Meeting
- 13:00 Annual Holiday Pot Luck - Team Meeting

HURRICANE SANDY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY 2012 – More than 1,200 HHS personnel were deployed to provide public health and medical assistance to New York and New Jersey. As



part of that effort, the National Disaster Medical Service provided supplies and medical care.



NDMS personnel are escorted into the disaster area on Tuesday Morning after Sandy came ashore.

Fourteen AR-1 personnel were activated and deployed to the HHS MSC at Frederick, MD to backfill FL-6 as well as other DMAT teams. AR-1 Personnel Deployed Included:



Cindy Chambers, Bryan Clardy, Curtis Cutler, Joe Earhart, Emily Harris, Kristen Hightower, Shirley Faye Judkins, Tonja Kelly, Charles Mashek, Mattie

Miller, Richard Pavick, Sarah Shepherd, Anthony Williams, and Sonia Woods.



AR-1 personnel required a lot of “fuel” for long shifts.



Fortunately, New Yorkers were willing to help feed the crew.



Shift Change and another work day begins.

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

HHS/ASPR on the Web -

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

AR-1 MEET YOUR TEAM MATES:

Tonja Kelly

I Started Emergency Services: Took an EMT class in 1991 while at the University of Arkansas and I was hooked!

Emergency Services Experience:

20 years as an EMT, including about 7 years part-time at Central EMS in Fayetteville. 12 years in Law Enforcement, starting as a police officer then crime prevention officer at the University of Arkansas Police Department, then as a criminal investigator with the Arkansas Forestry Commission. 12 years in Fire Fighting, including

the Arkansas Forestry Commission, volunteer then part-time with the Bryant Fire Department, and now volunteer with the Calhoun Fire Department.

Date Joined AR-1: Hmmmm....sometime in 2011, just in time for the Irene deployment.

Currently Serve AR-1 As: Registered Nurse on AR-1. My full-time job is as the Outreach Coordinator for the Burn Center at Arkansas Children’s Hospital.

Training / Education in Emergency

Services: EMT, MSN in Nursing Administration and Emergency Management, and a whole bunch of law enforcement and fire training. I attended a class at the CDP in Anniston, AL, recently, which I recommend you all do!

Spouse/SO / Family / Home

Well....let’s just say in transition right now....but I live in Magnolia, have three doggies, and one very wonderful man in my life (I think y’all all know him!)

Life Experience(s): Really! Well, I’ve been to school...a lot. I’ve always had about three different jobs at once. I’ve flown in an F-16 and used to fly a lot. I’ve been to 37 states (and counting). I’ve been to big wildfires all over the country and met a lot of...well, interesting folks. I’ve pulled my gun a few times but never shot anybody...yet. I’ve been on national TV, been interviewed for 60 minutes, and been all over local TV and radio and newspapers working at the Arkansas Forestry Commission, Burn Outreach, and as a PIO on fires all over. I’ve had two magazine articles published...OK, so they were for the Farm Bureau Journal and Delta Farm Press, but they were in there! I have a published and bound book in a library...just my thesis but it’s pretty cool! Experienced an earthquake, blizzard, ice storm, flood, tornado, and now a hurricane!