

METRO REGION EMS SYSTEM PLAN

Regional Programs & Projects
FY 2016-2017
Extended through FY 2018-2019



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1. **Regional EMS System Coordination and Management**
The core mission of the Metro Region EMS System is the commitment to strive for competence, commitment, cooperation, and regional EMS coordination to provide an effective and efficient regional EMS response in the wake of any disaster through ongoing collaboration with state, county, and local emergency management, public safety, public health and healthcare provider agencies.
2. **Regional EMS System Coordination and Management –Healthcare Involvement**
By action of the EMS TOC and the MESB, The Metro Region EMS System (MREMSS) acts as the regional EMS representative of the EMS community within the metro Healthcare Coalition and has a seat on the Senior Advisory Committee (SAC).
3. **Regional EMS System Coordination and Management –EMS Research**
The Metro Region EMS System supports specific research projects which may: improve the coordination of emergency medical response in the nine county metropolitan area; improve resource utilization; demonstrate enhanced cost effectiveness of services; evaluate medical equipment, treatments and pre-hospital interventions; improve pre-hospital medical care skills of emergency medical responders in the metropolitan area; evaluate trends or developments in pre-hospital care; establish basis for pre-hospital protocols or standard operating procedures; or otherwise demonstrate a positive impact on regional EMS services.
4. **Regional EMS System Coordination and Management – Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)**
The Metro Region EMS System has identified Critical Incident Stress Management CISM as a priority program not only for EMS providers within the Metro Region, but also for providers throughout Minnesota and across the United States.
5. **EMS Personnel Training**
The Metro Region EMS System plans to provide workshops, training opportunities, and classes on topics identified by the providers within the region that may not be readily available through existing training programs and conferences.
6. **EMS Communications**
Capacity, multifunctionality, reliability and interoperability are the critical cornerstones for an effective communications and information management system. The MREMSS uses its EMS Communications and IT Subcommittee and the MESB’s committees to fervently maintain, enhance and expand the regional EMS communication system through the integration of new technologies.

7. **EMS Regional Equipment Operations and Maintenance- Non-Office Equipment**
The Metro Region EMS System continues to maintain most of the MNAST cache of personal protective gear, one (1) MCI bus, two (2) all-weather Western Shelter systems (including multiple tents, lighting, portable HVAC systems, two (2) trailer sized electrical generators, patient monitoring systems, a support trailer, and a communications support trailer complete with an auto-deployable satellite dish to provide broadband capabilities when deployed.

8. **Public Safety Cooperation and Involvement- 3ECHO training**
The Metro Region EMS System recognizes that the lack of a common operating picture, common agreed upon objectives and real time situational awareness, the lack of communication between multiple responding agencies and disciplines, the lack of inter-discipline training and exercise, and just plain discipline and jurisdictional silos are the reason for most response shortcomings. ALL the response agencies including emergency management, public health and the hospital systems must train and exercise together. The Metro Region EMS System provides 3ECHO training and exercise opportunities that involve multiple disciplines, regions, and agencies.

9. **EMS Public Education**
The Metro Region EMS System is committed to sustaining its regional initiative for community public education that addresses the need to enhance the public's awareness of healthy and/or safety-conscious lifestyles as well as personal and family emergency preparedness.
The public education objectives include:
 - Identifying public education initiatives addressing needs identified by the Metro Region EMS providers or gaps/needs gleaned from community health mapping and assessments.
 - Exploring options of collaborating on a public education initiative with other entities such as TZD, AHA, and NTHSA.
 - Supporting public education campaigns by distributing general health, emergency medical care and personal-family preparedness materials to EMS providers and collaborative partners for public distribution.
 - Ensuring the Metro Region EMS System website is current through regular updates and additional postings of new information to the site.