

Overview

The Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Strike Team (HRMMST) was established to supplement and enhance the local response to large, complex mass casualty incidents. The team is regionally available and prepared to respond to the medical consequences of an incident or event by providing a higher acuity level of care and specialized resources. Team members have received training to respond to incidents from all-hazards including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives (CBRNE) agents. The HRMMST consists of 44 positions staffed from a 213-member call group, which includes; fire and rescue personnel, physicians, allied health care professionals, logistics personnel and law enforcement personnel from across the Hampton Roads region. The HRMMST is capable of providing operational assistance and expertise to incident commanders in the region dealing with the medical effects of an incident involving weapons of mass destruction, toxic industrial chemicals, or any other incident that would place similar demands on the region's medical resources.

Capabilities

There are two identical equipment and supply caches – one on the Peninsula managed by York County Department of Fire and Life Safety and one on the Southside managed by Norfolk Fire – Rescue. The HRMMST is staffed, trained and equipped to provide the following:

- ◇ Mass Casualty Management and Patient Movement Coordination
- ◇ Warm Zone Triage, Decontamination, and Monitoring and Detection
- ◇ Rehabilitation and Medical Force Protection
- ◇ Medical Consultation and Coordination
- ◇ Chemical Weapon and Toxic Industrial Chemical Antidote Administration
- ◇ Functional/Medical Needs Sheltering Assistance
- ◇ Mass Fatality Assistance



HRMMST Type IV Operational Level

The HRMMST Type IV Operational Level represents a minimum of 8 personnel that are specifically trained in CBRNE response that can be deployed to help a local jurisdiction manage the impact of a CBRNE type event that generates multiple casualties. These subject matter experts can be used to assist the existing incident command structure with consequence management or can be used to fill vacancies within the existing command structure to assist with incident management.



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HRMMST Type I Operational Level

The HRMMST Type I Operational Level represents a minimum of 44 CBRNE trained personnel, equipment and supplies, to function for a 72 hour period at incidents involving weapons of mass destruction, accidental releases, or catastrophes resulting in more casualties than local resources can effectively handle. Type I personnel are capable of performing mass patient care, antidote administration, long-term patient care, medical decontamination, force protection, and force rehabilitation missions. Type I personnel are also trained to assist local jurisdictions by augmenting the existing incident command structure or can be used to fill vacancies within the existing command structure to assist with incident management.



HRMMST Type II Operational Level

The HRMMST Type II Operational Level represents a minimum of 26 CBRNE trained personnel and equipment to assist with patient care or patient decontamination at incidents involving weapons of mass destruction, accidental releases, or resulting in casualties that result in more victims than local resources can manage independently. Type II personnel are capable of assisting with Incident Management functions such as Incident Action Plan development, operational group management, medical decontamination, force protection and force rehabilitation.



HRMMST Type III Operational Level

The HRMMST Type III Operational Level represents a minimum of 14 trained personnel to provide resources that support an incident such as a large scale rehabilitation operation. Personnel assigned represent logistical and medical staff to do responder rehabilitation for extended operations. The level does not provide transport assets for ill or injured responders that may need to be transported to a receiving facility. These personnel can set-up a rehabilitation facility that is climate controlled and provide rehabilitation and medical monitoring of responder personnel.

