

- Napa County
- Sonoma County
- Mendocino County



DEFINITION OF TERMS

Command Post - A location designated by the Incident Commander from which command functions are directed.

Coordinating Base Hospital - The Sonoma or Mendocino County base hospital (normally the provider's jurisdictional base hospital) which polls area receiving hospitals for the coordination and the distribution of casualties in conjunction with the Medical Communications Coordinator.

EMS Dispatch Center - The dispatch center having the capability of communication with hospitals, police, fire and ambulance providers. All EMS activities are coordinated through the EMS Dispatch Center

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency within the Department of Health Service which administers the local EMS system.

Incident Commander - The individual responsible for the management of all incident operations.

Incident Command System (ICS) - A combination of equipment, personnel and procedures for communications operating within a common organizational structure with responsibility for the management of assigned resources to effectively accomplish objectives pertaining to an emergency incident. ICS is a sub-system of the National Inter-Agency Incident Management System (NIIMS).

Level 1 MCI - any incident in which the number of injured persons fully engages the medical capabilities of the jurisdictional resources for a time period of less than one (1) hour.

Level 2 MCI - an incident in which the number of injured persons fully engages and/or overwhelms the medical capabilities of the jurisdictional resources to the exclusion of any other event for an extended time period (generally one hour or more).

Medical Supply Cache(s) - A prescribed collection of medical equipment and supplies available for treatment of casualties.

Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) - An emergency involving any number of injured persons which may over-tax the rescue and medical resources of the responsible agencies within a portion of the County.

Office of Emergency Services (OES) - The primary coordinating agency for planning, training and other preparation for multi-agency response to earthquakes, floods and other major emergencies. (Note, in Sonoma County, OES is known as Department of Emergency Services, in Mendocino County the OES function is carried out by Mendocino Emergency Services Authority)

Public Information Center - An off-site facility equipped and organized to provide information to the news media or relatives of the injured relating to the incident.

Public Information Officer - The individual responsible for providing and/or coordinating the release of information to the media and public from the Public Information Center.

Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) - Jurisdictional public safety dispatch center where E-911 calls terminate.

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DEFINITION OF TERMS CONTINUED

START - Acronym for Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment, a method of triage utilizing evaluation of airway/breathing, circulation and level of consciousness.

SEMS - Standardized Emergency Management System