Pre-hospital (EMS) MCA Mutual Aid Agreement

Purpose: Establish a mechanism allowing EMS agencies/Medical Control Authorities to give prehospital care across jurisdictional boundaries during "disaster" conditions.

1. This agreement between the Medical Control Authorities (MCA) demonstrates the intention to assist and support each other during a disaster situation. It provides an approved/authorized process allowing EMS agencies to function within a MCA during a disaster.

2. During "disaster" conditions, whether natural or otherwise, MCA's may need assistance from other MCA's. For the purpose of this agreement, a "disaster" is considered to be an emergency event where a "declared" emergency and/or disaster condition as defined by local, state, or federal statutory laws, exists in which the responding MCA and EMS resources may be unable to handle the patient care needs without additional resources from outside it's own Medical Control area.

3. Requests for support may be made to the MCA or EMS agencies within the jurisdiction. It is agreed that mutual aid response is dependent on the availability of equipment and personnel.

4. It is in the best interests of participating MCA's to include each other in disaster in planning efforts. It is expected that upon request, participating MCA's will extend any relevant information on emergency planning to other MCA's as deemed reasonably appropriate by the participating MCA distributing the information.

5. Participating MCA's agree to adopt, as a minimum, the State Model Protocols for responding to a disaster event, and those agencies/EMS personnel will follow these when responding outside their own MCA, unless prior arrangements with that MCA.

6. It is agreed that signatories may terminate this agreement without cause by providing a 30 day written notice to all other participating MCA's.