



# CAMBRIDGE RESCUE SQUAD, Inc. MASS CASUALTY RESPONSE PLAN

This plan will outline the basic responsibilities for Cambridge Rescue personnel involved in a response to a Mass Casualty Incident within the Cambridge Rescue coverage area.

Upon arrival on the scene, the responding crew has to make a decision to activate this plan based on the number of injuries, and the resources available at the time. If there are more than four (4) seriously injured patients, notify the Lamoille Dispatch facility that you are activating the Cambridge Mass Casualty Response Plan. Copley Hospital should also be notified as to the magnitude of the incident, so they can prepare.

There are two (2) levels of the Mass Casualty Response Plan:

## **LEVEL I. (4-6 PATIENTS)**

**CAMBRIDGE RESCUE 1  
CAMBRIDGE RESCUE 2  
CAMBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**NORTHERN EMS 1  
NORTHERN EMS 2**

## **LEVEL II. (7 OR MORE PATIENTS) \* *The on scene EMS Commander will advise the Dispatch as to the actual number of ambulances to be sent to the scene.***

**CAMBRIDGE RESCUE 1  
CAMBRIDGE RESCUE 2  
CAMBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
NORTHERN EMS 1  
NORTHERN EMS 2  
NORTHERN EMS 3  
STOWE 1**

**FAIRFAX RESCUE 1  
ENOSBURG 1  
ESSEX RESCUE 1  
ESSEX RESCUE 2  
AM-CARE 1  
MORRISTOWN 1**

When notifying the dispatch center that you are activating the MCI plan, you should specify which level, and determine the number of ambulances and in which order they are to respond. An indication of the number of injuries should also be given at that time.

Upon activating this plan, the Department Chief will be summoned to the scene to establish "On Scene Medical Control". This person is in charge of all medical personnel and is responsible only to the Incident Commander. In Cambridge the Incident Commander will be the fire officer in charge, or the Rescue Chief depending on the type of incident. The scene medical control may then appoint the following officers:

### **PRIMARY TRIAGE OFFICER**

This person is responsible for triaging all patients, making sure that all life threatening injuries are treated, doing as little treatment as possible himself. Also, as soon as he/she knows how many patients, this must be communicated to the "On Scene Medical Control". Basic ABC treatment should be accomplished at this time, no definitive care.

## **SECONDARY TRIAGE OFFICER**

This person is in charge of tagging all patients with “METTAGS” involved in this incident. Additional duties include helping facilitate the movement of patients from the immediate scene to the treatment area.

## **TRiage MASTER**

This person is responsible for all triage and treatment in the treatment area. This person should be one of the more qualified squad members (or a mutual aid service). Decisions regarding which persons are treated, by who, with what equipment, and who is to be shipped in what order are the responsibility of the “Triage Master”.

## **LOADING OFFICER**

Responsible for determining which ambulances will take which patients to which hospital, will belong to the loading officer. This person should determine where the ambulances will be loaded. The loading officer is an assistant to the Triage Master and must respect the priority placed on each patient by the Triage Master. The Triage Master and the Loading Officer will do the communicating with the hospitals. He/She must record patient numbers and destinations.

Once the disaster plan is activated, all incoming personnel will report to the command post for instructions unless otherwise directed by the command post (i.e., to a Staging Area). When a person who has been appointed finishes their assigned task, they must report back to the person who assigned them for future assignment or instructions. Incidents with few injuries may require some of the positions defined above to be preformed by one individual.

Disaster management equipment should be stored on the ambulance, at the station, and in the Disaster Management Trailer.

The Command Post should be identified by a green revolving light and once established, should not be moved unless it should become hazardous to stay at that location. The command post is usually a fire department vehicle or other conspicuous vehicle.

Vermont State Police will be responsible for all crowd and traffic control. Cambridge Fire Department Fire Police may be called to assist.

Aside from their normal responsibilities, Cambridge Fire Department should also assist with the movement of patients from the immediate scene to the designated treatment area.

Communications should be done by the following people on the following frequencies:

<b>COMMAND POST (EMS)</b>	<b>Channel 1 (Cambridge Fire/Rescue)</b>
<b>(FIRE)</b>	<b>Channel 1 (Cambridge Fire/Rescue)</b>
<b>(FIRE)</b>	<b>Channel 2 (Entry Teams)</b>
<b>TREATMENT AREA</b>	<b>Channel 4 (Hear I – All Hospitals)</b>
<b>INCOMING AMBULANCE/STAGING</b>	<b>Channel 3 (Hear II)</b>
<b>OTHER COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>Channel to be assigned</b>

**Approved by the Cambridge Rescue Squad, Executive Board**

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