



# NNE MMRS Newsletter

*Fall 2007*

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## *Maine Medical Strike Team Celebrates First Deployment*

Maine Task Force One (1) celebrated its first deployment to the Great State of Maine Air Show, held on September 14-16, 2007 at the Naval Air Station Brunswick, in Brunswick Maine. In total, 36 team members deployed for the event, providing medical care to approximately 250,000 people over three days.



*The Team assembled on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007 at the Naval Air Station Brunswick*

Maine Task Force One (1) integrated its staff with the United States Navy Medical Corps located on Naval Air Station Brunswick and provided additional staff, leadership, and equipment for routine medical operations as well as mass casualty incident (MCI) management. Along with the team members, Maine Task Force One deployed its emergency response vehicle, a southern Maine regional MCI trailer, as well as its Zumro inflatable shelter to be used as a staging point for MCI management, patient treatment, and/or shelter from the elements.



*Team members provide treatment in one of the display planes alongside Naval responders*

Team Commander John Bastin PA-C, EMT-P noted, "This first deployment was a real milestone for our team in Maine. We have a dedicated core team of individuals who are eager to train, deploy and assist during a disaster. This deployment showed team members can work well together, and integrate seamlessly into a large-scale response".

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*The team's response vehicle and Zumro shelter, set up alongside the military equipment*

*Maine Team celebrates deployment, from page 1*

During the weekend-long deployment, team members worked with physicians, paramedics, and corpsman from the U.S. Navy in small teams.

“The level of experience of the Navy personnel varied,” said Deputy Commander Josh Frances, EMT-I. “Some of the corpsman have just returned from the theater of operations and bring with them valuable, on-the-ground experience.

Others are newer to the world of disaster operations, and were extremely eager to learn.

What I appreciated most was how the military

personnel were sharing stories and tips to the civilians, and vice versa. It was a great display of partnership for Maine”.

- Josh Frances



*Team members Rick Petrie, Louise Wakefield, John Bastin, & Steve Trockman watch one of the air displays*

### *Medical Clearance Required for All Strike Team Members*

All strike team members must be medically cleared in order to participate in exercises and deployments. Obtaining medical clearance involves submitting a completed medical form as well as all immunization records. Occasionally team members will be asked to provide supporting information (such as vaccination history) to Occupational Medicine. If you have been contacted about missing information to complete your clearance, please submit this as soon as possible.

Medical forms are available to download at <http://www.nnemrs.org/nnemrsapp.html>. Please submit information directly to Occupational Medicine at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

Please contact the Regional Office with any questions.

## *New Hampshire Strike Team Update*

At the NH Team's last meeting, they were joined by the 12th WMD Civil Support Team (CST) from Concord.

Team members received a brief overview of the team's capabilities and were able to walk through the CST's equipment and vehicles, including a small mobile lab, communications/command vehicle, and decontamination equipment.

The mission of the CST is to deploy rapidly, assist local first responders in determining the exact nature of an incident, and provide technical advice and support.

They can assess a suspected weapons of mass destruction attack, identify agents and substances, advise responders on



*Team members check out the 12th WMD CST equipment*

appropriate actions, assess current and projected consequences, and facilitate the arrival of additional State and Federal military forces. The CST is a State National Guard asset, and is staffed with 22 full-time service members from both the Army and Air National Guard..



*One of the CST members showcases some of the team's communications & monitoring equipment*

The team also received basic training in identification and treatment of chemical agent casualties.

Stay tuned for information about an upcoming team meeting!

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## *Upcoming Steering Committee Meeting*

The upcoming Fall Steering Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25 at the Sheraton South Portland Hotel, Maine. On Wednesday, October 24 we will have a Strike Team planning meeting.

Please contact Christine at 603-653-1189 or [christine.a.tolis@dartmouth.edu](mailto:christine.a.tolis@dartmouth.edu) if you have not already RSVP'd for this meeting. The meeting agenda and directions have been distributed by email to the committee, and are available on the NNE MMRS e-studio.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Maine later this month!

## *Strike Team Application Process and Information*

Strike Team application packets are now available to download at <http://www.nnemMrs.org/nnemMrsapp.html>. Please submit completed applications to the Regional Office.

The regional office will verify all team members' credentials with the respective state licensing boards, forward applications to the State Team Commander for approval, and provide regular updates to team members. After the application is approved, applicants will need to complete a confidential healthcare questionnaire. The Occupational Medicine Department at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center will screen team members to ensure their safety while providing care.

All three Strike Teams are looking for physicians, nurses, EMTs, logistics, communications, and support staff. If you know someone who would be an asset to the team, please forward them an application.

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## *Required Training for Strike Team Members*

All strike team members, regardless of your specific discipline or role, must complete the following trainings: **IS100**, **IS200**, **IS700**, and **IS800**.

If you have taken these, please make sure we have copies of your certificates on file. If you have not taken these yet, please do so when you get a free moment. IS100, 700 and 800 take about an hour each and IS200 takes a little longer, depending on your familiarity with ICS and NIMS.

These are available online at the FEMA website:

[http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSResource/ICSResCntr\\_Training.htm](http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSResource/ICSResCntr_Training.htm)

Please remember to forward copies of all training certificates to the NNE MMRS Regional Office. These include FEMA courses, CBRNE courses, and any other class or training that pertains to our mission. If you are involved in any Homeland Security/Emergency Management/CBRNE or Public Health Exercises, please forward proof of this also.

