

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (H.E.R.T)

1. This team is a potential resource for individual patient as well as MCI events. The team may be utilized to assist in the provision of surgical as well as nonsurgical care that exceeds the capability of EMS responders.
2. That we will look to our hospitals, primarily our Level II Trauma Center (PSHMC) and our Disaster Medical Coordination Center (DH), as well as our other hospitals to indicate a willingness to respond, if requested.
3. Response team composition will be recommended to include an emergency physician, a critical care nurse, and any combination of physicians, nurses, mid-level providers, respiratory therapists and other hospital based personnel as deemed by the response team leader appropriate to support the response.
4. The team will be requested through a call made from the Incident commander at the scene to the Combined Communications center (CCC) who in turn will contact the emergency department charge nurse at the identified response hospital. The CCC communications personnel will also provide the hospital contact person with the contact information for the field incident commander or his designee.
5. The emergency charge nurse in consultation with the on-duty emergency physician will determine the most appropriate team composition and initiate the recruitment of the hospital response.
6. Either Northwest MedStar or AMR will be contacted, depending upon which service can provide the most timely response and which vehicle will have adequate carrying capacity, by the Emergency Department nurse to provide for rendezvous at the hospital with the response team members and provide transport by air or ground to the scene.