

Treatment Area – Location for the treatment of patients. In a small incident, Treatment Area may be set up with patients grouped together according to triage levels (Immediate, Delayed and Minor). For larger incidents, separate Immediate, Delayed and Minor Treatment Areas are established.

Morgue Area – Location for holding the deceased.

Ambulance Staging Area – Location for in-coming ambulances and other EMS personnel or equipment to report in and await assignment to the MCI response. In a small incident, the Ambulance Staging Area may be combined with the incident Staging Area for other response vehicles and personnel. In larger incidents, it may be a separate location.

Patient Transport Area – Location for loading patients into transporting vehicles. Ideally, the loading area should be adjacent to the treatment area(s) and in-line with the one way traffic from the Ambulance Staging Area. When a one-way traffic pattern is not possible due the topography or building density, scene personnel should improvise (e.g. create a patient gurney shuttle using firefighters, etc.).

Section 2.4 Alert Levels

San Francisco uses a classification scheme for MCI Levels that is similar to the one used by the California’s Disaster Medical System. Alert levels are listed below, and a complete chart is found in Part 1 Standard Operating Procedures Alerts. Section 3.4 of this Plan describes the operational use of the MCI alert levels.

The progressive MCI Levels for San Francisco are important because they correspond to a specific set of actions when responding to a MCI incident. **It should be noted that the cut offs for the number of victims needed to call either a Level 1, 2 or 3 MCI alert are flexible.**

MCI YELLOW ALERT	Incident with a <u>potential</u> for multiple casualties
LEVEL 1 MCI (RED) ALERT	MCI with 6 - 50 victims of any triage level.
LEVEL 2 MCI (RED) ALERT	MCI with 51 - 100 victims of any triage level. Requires resources from or distribution of casualties to neighboring counties.
LEVEL 3 MCI (RED) ALERT	MCI with 101 or more victims of any triage level. Requires resources from or distribution of casualties throughout the State or federal response system.
LEVEL 4 MCI (RED) ALERT	Catastrophic disaster with significant infrastructure damage, and unknown number of injuries and deaths. Requires significant, long-term support from State and Federal government.
LEVEL ZERO MEDICAL 911 SYSTEM DISRUPTION	Disruption of normal 911 operations due to: 1. Extreme 911 call volume causing ambulance shortage, AND/ OR 2. Hospital(s) issue closes it to 911 ambulances.