



## Emergency Preparedness at TRMC Part 2: What You Need to Know

### COMMAND STRUCTURE DURING EMERGENCIES

TRMC utilizes the **Hospital Incident Command System (HICS)** to organize in an effective and efficient manner during emergency events. HICS ensures that key personnel fill the positions necessary to manage the emergency. The EOP contains a position title “crosswalk” that states who may fill certain positions.

### TRMC EMERGENCY CODES, QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

The hospital uses Emergency Codes to signal specific types of emergencies. These are announced via the public address system in the Williamson St. & New Point Campuses. Call **5050** to initiate a page from these locations.

CODE RED: Fire	CODE BLUE: Adult Medical Emergency
CODE WHITE: Pediatric Medical Emergency	CODE PINK: Infant Abduction
CODE AMBER: Missing Child	CODE YELLOW: Bomb/Bomb Threat
CODE GRAY: Security Emergency/Patient Elopement	CODE ORANGE: Hazardous Materials Spill
CODE TRIAGE: Disaster Internal/External	CODE SILVER: Person with weapon/Hostage Situation
CODE CLEAR: Situation has been cleared.	

A quick reference guide is available in all department and you should become familiar with its location and content. This guide may be referred to when responding to inquiries for inspections and accreditations.

### EMERGENCY RECALL

In the event of an emergency, TRMC uses an automated notification (Dialogic Communicator) system. It is capable of sending voice, text, or email messages. Make sure you keep your contact information current with Human Resources. If you are recalled from home do not report to your department, report to the **labor pool**. The **labor pool for most personnel is the cafeteria**. If you are a **nurse**, **your labor pool is the nursing office**. Always have your Hospital Identification Badge with you.

### PATIENT SURGE/MASS CASUALTY INFORMATION/CONTAMINATED PATIENTS

**Influx of Large Number of Patients:** There may be situations where a large number of patients are brought to TRMC. This may occur due to a single mass casualty incident (MCI) like a bus crash or train derailment. This may also occur as a gradually increasing “surge” of patients due to influenza or other infectious disease. These situations will primarily impact the Emergency Department.

**Extended Treatment Area:** TRMC may also setup extended treatment areas in waiting rooms, conference rooms, hallways, and temporary shelters (tents). A large amount of equipment and supplies are stockpiled for this purpose.

**Contaminated Patients:** At times, patients contaminated with chemical, biological, or radiological materials may be brought to the Emergency Department. A decontamination shower room connecting the ambulance bay to the ED that can handle a limited number of patients as well as portable equipment are kept in a shed adjacent to the ED ambulance bay for large scale decontamination.

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