

## ACRONYM GLOSSARY

**Cal EMA - California Emergency Management Agency:** Lead agency for coordinating emergency activities related to fire and rescue, management, search and rescue, law enforcement and public information. (Source: California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**CDHOM - California Disaster Health Operations Manual:** Now referred to as the California Public Health and Medical (EF8) Emergency Operations Manual. This manual provides guidance to local health departments (LHD) on responding to disasters that require resources outside the response capability of the Operational Area (OA). (Source: California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**CDPH - California Department of Public Health:** A state agency dedicated to optimizing the health and well-being of the people in California and provides assistances with state public health related emergency management activities. (Source: California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**DHCS – Department of Healthcare Services:** A state agency that works closely with health care professionals, county governments and health plans to provide a health care safety net for California’s low-income and persons with disabilities (Source: [www.dhcs.ca.gov](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov)).

**DMAT – Disaster Medical Assistance Team:** A national network of response teams composed of approximately 35 - 100 civilian volunteers from the medical, health and mental health care professions. (Source: [www.emsa.ca.gov](http://www.emsa.ca.gov)).

**DOC - Department Operations Center:** An emergency operations center (EOC) specifically set up by a single department or agency which focuses on internal agency incident management and response. (Source: State of California Emergency Plan 2009 Cal EMA).

**EMSA - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority:** Responsible for prompt delivery of disaster medical resources to local governments in support of their disaster medical response. (Source: State of California Emergency Plan 2009 Cal EMA and California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**EOC - Emergency Operations Center:** May be a temporary facility or permanently established facility. (Source: State of California Emergency Plan 2009 Cal EMA and California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency:** Often works in partnership with other organizations that are part of the nation’s emergency management system. (Source: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)).

**FIRESCOPE - Firefighting Resources of California Organized for Potential Emergencies:** The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; the Governor's Office of Emergency Services; the Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara County Fire Departments; and the Los Angeles City Fire Department joined with the U.S. Forest Service to develop a system that would coordinate interagency action and allocate resources, including the Incident Command System. (Source: ICS 100 April 2008).

**HCC – Hospital Command Center:** A designated location in the hospital prepared to convene and coordinate response activities, resources, and information during an emergency or disaster. (Hospital Incident Command System Guidebook August 2006).

**HICS – Hospital Incident Command System:** A management system based on the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The system includes defined responsibilities and reporting channels and uses common language to promote internal and external communication and integration with community responders. (Hospital Incident Command System Guidebook August 2006).

**HSEEP – Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program:** A capabilities-and performance-based exercise program that provides a standardized methodology and terminology for exercise design, development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning. (Source: ICS 100 April 2008).

**IAP – Incident Action Plan:** An oral or written plan containing general objectives reflecting the overall strategy for managing an incident. (Source: ICS 100 April 2008; State of California Emergency Plan 2009 Cal EMA).

**IC - Incident Commander:** An individual responsible for all incident activities, including the development of strategies and tactics and the ordering and the release of resources. (Source: State of California Emergency Plan 2009 Cal EMA).

**ICS - Incident Command System:** A standardized on-scene emergency management specifically designed to provide for the adoption of an integrated organizational structure that reflects the complexity and demands of single or multiple incidents, without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries. (Source: State of California Emergency Plan 2009 Cal EMA and California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**IHS - Indian Health Services:** Reference to any Indian tribe, band, nation or other organized group or community, including Alaskan Native Village as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act (85 stat. 688) [43 U.S.C.A. and 1601 et seq.], that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians. (Source: California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**JEOC - Joint Emergency Operations Center:** Co-located Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for CDPH, DHCS, and EMSA. The role of the JEOC includes the following core functions: coordination; communications; resource allocation and

tracking; and information collection, analysis, and dissemination. (Source: California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**LEMSA - Local Emergency Medical Services Agency:** The agency, department, or office having primary responsibility for administration of emergency medical services in a county. (Source: California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**LHD – Local Health Department:** The agency, department, or office having primary responsibility for administration of public health services in a county. (Source: California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**MACS - Multiagency Coordination System:** Systems that assist agencies and organizations responding to an incident. Two of the most commonly used elements are Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) and MAC Groups. (Source: ICS 100 April 2008).

**MHOAC - Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinator Program:** A functional designation within the Operational Area (OA) normally filled by the county health officer and local EMS agency administrator (or designee), responsible for the development of a medical and health disaster plan and coordination of situational information and mutual aid during emergencies. (Source: California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**MMA - Mutual Aid Agreements and/or Assistance Agreements:** Written or oral agreements between and among agencies/organizations and/or jurisdictions. The primary objective is to facilitate rapid, short-term deployment of emergency support prior to, during, and/or after an incident. (Source: State of California Emergency Plan 2009 Cal EMA and California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**MMAA – California Disaster and Civil Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement:** An agreement entered into by and between the State of California, its various departments and agencies and the various political subdivisions, municipal corporations and public agencies of the State of California to assist each other by providing resources during an emergency. (Source: State of California Emergency Plan 2009 Cal EMA)

**NDMS - National Disaster Medical System:** A federally coordinated, public/private partnership, the purpose of which is to manage, coordinate and deploy an integrated national medical response. (Source: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov))

**NHCC- Nursing Home Command Center:** A designated location in nursing homes and long term care facilities prepared to convene and coordinate response activities, resources, and information during an emergency or disaster. (Source: Nursing Home Incident Command System 2009).

**NHICS – Nursing Home Incident Command System:** Used by nursing homes and long term care facilities to assist with emergency planning and response efforts for all hazards. (Source: Nursing Home Incident Command System 2009).

**NIMS – National Incident Management System:** Provides a systematic, proactive approach guiding government agencies at all levels, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work seamlessly to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity, in order to reduce the loss of life or property and harm to the environment. (Source: State of California Emergency Plan 2009 Cal EMA and California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**OA - Operational Area:** An intermediate level of the state emergency organization, consisting of a county and all other political subdivisions within the geographic boundaries of the county. (Source: State of California Emergency Plan 2009 Cal EMA and California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**RDMHC/S - Regional Disaster Medical and Health Coordinator/Specialist Program:** Responsible for supporting information flow and mutual aid requests during disaster response. Comprised of both the Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinator (RDMHC) and Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist (RDMHS), (Source: California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**REOC - Region Emergency Operations Center:** Provide centralized coordination of resources among Operational Areas (OAs) within their respective regions, and between the OA and the State government level. (Source: State of California Emergency Plan 2009 Cal EMA and California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**SEMS - Standardized Emergency Management System:** A system required by California Government Code for managing response to multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional emergencies in California. (Source: State of California Emergency Plan 2009 Cal EMA and California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).

**SITREP – Situation Report:** A document that is developed and distributed during response as a means for disseminating a current situation assessment. (Hospital Incident Command System Guidebook August 2006).

**SNF – Skilled Nursing Facility:** Provide nursing care for chronically ill or short term residents of all ages. (Source: [www.cahf.org](http://www.cahf.org)).

**SNS – Strategic National Stockpile:** Caches available to California Department of Public Health (CDPH) upon request and delivered to sites identified by Local Health Departments (LHDs). The federal SNS has large quantities of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies if there is a public health emergency severe enough to cause local suppliers to run out. (Source: Standards and Guidelines for Healthcare Surge During Emergencies Volume 1: Hospitals, Chapter 10).

**SOC - State Operations Center:** Responsible for centralized coordination of state resources. (Source: State of California Emergency Plan 2009 Cal EMA and California Disaster Health Operational Manual October 2009).