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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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To: All EMS Providers
EMS Coordinators
ESF# 8 Chairman

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Subject: SMART Training

The success or failure in the management of a mass casualty is determined by the familiarity of the responding EMS agencies with the State accepted triage system. When the SMART Tag system was implemented it was suggested that all services conduct initial training in addition to ongoing training in SMART Tag usage. The intent is to insure that every member of a responding ambulance has the ability to apply the SMART Tags appropriately. This will increase our State's overall ability to respond to a catastrophic event more effectively.

The purpose of this memo is to encourage all services to utilize the SMART Tags once a month to build a level of comfort with the system for ambulance crews. The requirement will be that services perform a SMART triage day twice a year and document the result. This does not eliminate the use of the standard reporting system you presently use or accept. Tag replenishment is the responsibility of the service. The initial supply was provided by the State but subsequent purchases are the service responsibility.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions regarding implementation of this program.



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