

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
Middle Tennessee Medical Reserve Corps
And
American Red Cross Nashville Chapter**

January 2009

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to facilitate collaboration between Middle Tennessee Medical Reserve Corps (MTMRC) and American Red Cross Nashville Area Chapter (ARC).

The two organizations intend to collaborate in an effort to benefit each in achieving their respective missions, with each organization and its membership maintaining independent identities.

Both parties recognize the need for pre-credentialed medical personnel to fulfill requirements of ARC shelter operations and the ability of MTMRC to provide said personnel and therefore, recognizing that collaboration will enhance their respective response efforts.

Through the partnership that emerges from this MOU, the organizations agree to work in good faith to accomplish the following:

1. The development and delivery of core curriculum (approved by the ARC and the MTMRC) necessary for completion by MTMRC Membership prior to personnel acting in the role of ARC medical staff.
2. To provide pre-credential healthcare professionals to the ARC in time of need.
3. Under extra ordinary conditions, additional credentialed healthcare professional will be made available upon request. (i.e. - Registered Nurses, Physicians, Pharmacists, Veterinarians, Dentists, Social Workers and other Healthcare Professionals)

Terms of this Agreement

Effective Date

This agreement will become effective to each party when approved and signed by authorized representatives of the party and shall last for a period of two years effective as of the date of execution. The agreement may be extended by mutual consent, or replaced by a more comprehensive and detailed agreement.

Request for Assistance

The ARC will request assistance through the designated MTMRC Point of Contact. At no time will ARC directly deploy MTMRC Membership, (except for the approved ARC volunteers who are DSHR status.)

As information becomes available, ARC will provide MTMRC with desired type and quantity of personnel needed, as well as location of shelter.

Response to Request

Upon notification of such request by ARC, the MTMRC designated personnel receiving the request shall determine the appropriate type and quantity of personnel required. The MTMRC shall activate the necessary member (s) to fulfill the ARC request. In the event the needed personnel are not available, MTMRC will advise the ARC requestor of such fact immediately.

Deployment Time Frame

MTMRC agrees to make every effort in good faith to fulfill the request(s) with 24 hours notice prior to first requested staffing. Medical staffing 24 hours prior from the time of MTMRC notification is the responsibility of ARC.

Command

The ARC shall maintain the organization and direction of all shelter operations. Under extra ordinary conditions / events, ARC and MTMRC will use unified command. MTMRC personnel are to be considered ARC medical volunteers during deployment periods. By enacting this MOU, ARC accepts the MTMRC Credentials and Background Checks for MTMRC Members. ARC will accept the MTMRC ID Badge as approved Credentials.

Practice

MTMRC personnel deployed under this agreement may practice within and only within the confines established by documented ARC policies, procedures and protocols. ARC is responsible for making available practice guidelines in the form of ARC established protocols as well as patient documentation / forms. ARC is responsible for immediately notifying designated MTMRC personnel of any changes in established ARC shelter operations protocols.

Equipment

ARC is responsible for the procurement and availability of any medical equipment necessary to access and/or treat clients. MTMRC personnel may choose to provide basic medical equipment such as pen light and stethoscope for his or her individual use.

Liability

MTMRC personnel deployed under this agreement fall under the liability of the ARC while participating in said deployment.

Compensation

The assistance extended under this agreement and any operational plans adopted pursuant to it, shall be without reimbursement unless otherwise expressly provided for the parties to this agreement.

Agreement Not Exclusive

This agreement is not intended to be exclusive between the parties hereto. Any of the parties hereto may, as they deem necessary or expedient, enter into separate agreements with any other party or parties. Entry into such separate agreement shall not, unless specifically stated therein, affect any relationship or covenant herein contained.

Termination of Agreement

Any party may terminate their participation in this agreement at any time by written communication to the Collaboratory Director and by providing 30 working days notice. Termination of said agreement shall not in any way affect the establishment of future collaborations between involved parties.

Middle Tennessee Medical Reserve Corps

**American Red Cross
Nashville Chapter**

BY: _____
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