



El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority

Policy Subject Matter: **Multiple Casualty Incidents**
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I. Policy:

A. Any incident which results in five (5) or more patients should be designated as a multiple casualty incident (MCI).

1. The personnel on the first arriving unit shall establish command of the incident for the duration of an MCI or until relieved by an officer of higher rank.
2. Upon arrival at scene of an MCI, ambulance personnel shall report to the Incident Commander for specific assignment(s).
3. The Incident Commander shall designate specific areas for Immediate, Delayed, and Minor treatment as necessary and shall designate an individual to serve as Triage Officer. Patients shall be assigned to a specific treatment area by the Triage Officer using START system and triage tags.

II. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that multiple casualty incidents (MCIs) are managed in an organized manner consistent with the Incident Command System.

III. Definitions:

Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI) - A single incident which result in five (5) or more patients.

Incident Command System - A plan to manage multiple casualty incidents consistent with the State OES Region 4 MCI plan and Firescope ICS.

START System – organized system for triaging medical patients in an MCI based on specific patient assessment data.