

EMTF/EMPF Assignments

- Covered in this Section:
 - Preparing for Assignments
 - Procedures
 - Lessons Learned

Preparing for the Assignment

- After this class, you must have all of your equipment ready before you go available through ROSS
- You must be ready to accept an assignment when they call
 - 30 minute “FILL or KILL”
- Get in shape. Be ready to hike.
 - This is for you and your partners safety
 - When you’ re in shape and prepared to work, this makes you and your department look good

Receiving the Assignment

- Obtain a copy of the ROSS resource order from your local dispatch center.
 - Order Number &/or Request Number
 - USFS “P” Number – “Project Number”
 - Incident location & reporting location
 - Including general directions and map page
 - Incident phone number & local fire station or headquarters phone number
 - Requested arrival time
 - Travel arrangements

Travel to the Incident

- Most often you will be required to drive to incidents
 - Department vehicles are usually preferred
 - 4 x 4 if possible
- Out of state or extremely long distances, the incident may arrange for air travel
 - You will be contacted and arrangements for air travel and transportation to the incident will be made

Travel to the Incident

- Consult the ROSS order for travel directions
 - Plan for stops
 - Keep cell phone charged and on
 - Monitor CESRS travel frequency while traveling
 - Monitor incident frequencies when you get close

Arriving at the Incident

- Once you arrive at the Incident
 - Report to Check In
 - Report to the Medical Unit and talk with the Medical Unit Leader to obtain their expectations
 - Report to Supply and Communications to check out needed equipment and radio
 - Report to Finance and complete any paperwork required
 - Report to the Training Specialist as needed
 - Obtain a copy of the current IAP and review all components

Arriving at the Incident

- Check in with the OES Representative if applicable
 - Local government is ordered through OES
 - State government will have an AREP assigned
 - Federal government reports to check in
- Recon Base Camp to become familiar with amenities

Operational Briefing

- Don't be late
 - Typical start times 0600 hrs & 1800 hrs on Federal and 0700 on State Incidents
- Obtain IAP
- Information given during Operational Briefing:
 - Incident Status, Fire Behavior, Weather, Communication updates, Air Support, Medical Plan, Safety Message, Division / Branch assignments

Operational Briefing

- After Operational Briefing go to Division Breakouts and meet with Division Supervisor about expectations
- Make contact with all Crews & Engine Companies to determine medical experience of personnel & equipment carried
- Meet with the Safety Officer to see if they have any special needs or concerns

Line Assignments

- Information needed from the Medical Unit Leader prior to going on line assignments:
 - Accident reporting procedures
 - Medical forms needed
 - Evacuation / Care procedures
 - Radio procedures for “Incident within an Incident”
 - Transportation needs for shift
 - Any special equipment or personal gear needed
 - Talk with “Off Going” EMTF/EMPF’ s for a briefing

Line Assignments

- On the fireline
 - ALWAYS check in & out with Branch / Division Supervisor
 - Personnel accountability issue
 - Usually accomplished by radio
 - Know the Branch / Division Supervisor that you are working for
 - Identify the locations where injuries are most likely to occur
 - Drive all roads in your Division and confirm them marked on a map
 - Try to locate & GPS landing zones
 - Identify possible evacuation sites

Line Assignments

- On the Fireline
 - Make contact with all Crews & Engine Companies to determine medical needs
 - Introduce yourself to the Line SOFR and get their expectations
 - Be aware of all Resources in your assigned Divisions
 - This will aid you in locating them if medical aid is needed

Line Assignments

- Inmate Crews
 - Do NOT mingle
 - Do NOT talk to inmates unless a medical emergency exists
 - Do NOT treat inmates without Crew Supervisor or CDC Officer approval
 - Never give inmate extra supplies
 - Never give extra food
 - Never give contraband

Line Assignments

- Spike Camps
 - A temporary or secondary campsite for fireline crews accessible from the Incident Base
 - Use assigned radio channels, logistics radio or phone when available
 - Coordinate supply orders with Base or Spike Camp Manager (BCMG)
 - You may be asked to assist the SOFR with hygiene and food issues

Medical Aid On Fireline

- You may receive a call from:
 - Communications, Branch / Division Supervisor, Safety, Engine Company or Crews
- Once you receive a call, notify your Division Supervisor that a medical aid has been requested
- Upon arriving at the medical aid, assess the situation
- Notify Division Supervisor of situation and needs
 - Type of medical aid, number involved
 - Transportation needs
 - Special circumstances

Medical Aid On Fireline

- DIVS becomes the IC of the “Incident within
- Suggest appropriate level of care for patient to Division Supervisor
- The Division Supervisor shall keep Communications, Medical Unit Leader & Safety Officer informed
- NEVER give the patients name over the radio!!!

After Each Shift

- Notify line supervisor of going off shift
- Debrief with Medical Unit Leader
 - Report injuries & treatments given
 - Report needs for the following shift
 - Report needs for procedural changes
- Debrief with other EMTF/EMPF' s
- Replenish supplies
- Complete documentation

Medical Unit Assignment

- You may be required to staff the Medical Unit
- Duties in the Medical Unit may include:
 - Treating ill or injured incident staff
 - Dispensing medications for common illness
 - Tracking and inventory of medical supplies
 - Documentation and organization of injury reports