

#### Office of Health Affairs

Towards Zero Preventable Deaths: Strong Federal EMS Systems—A Key Contributor



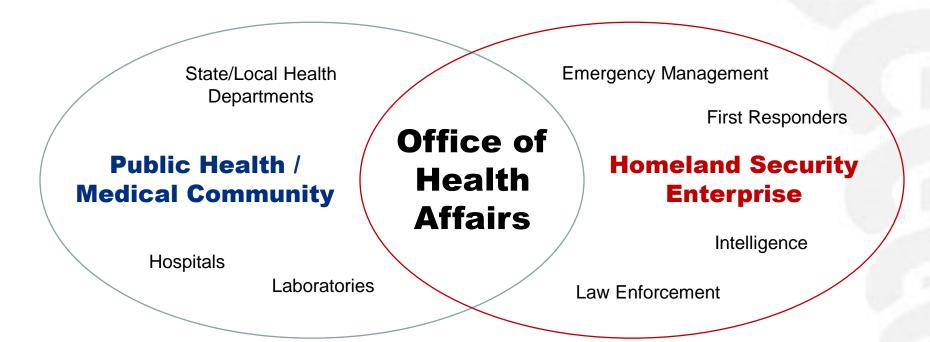
#### **OHA Overview**

- Chief Medical Officer & Assistant Secretary
  - DHS's principal authority and POC on medical & public health issues
  - DHS lead for food, agro, veterinary issues
  - DHS lead for bio & chemical defense issues
- Key Activities
  - Advise DHS on medical & public health issues
  - Coordinate w/ interagency, state, local, & territorial government to build community preparedness
  - Detect and Monitor for early warning of bio-threats
  - Prepare DHS workforce & nation to manage medical and public health needs in an incident



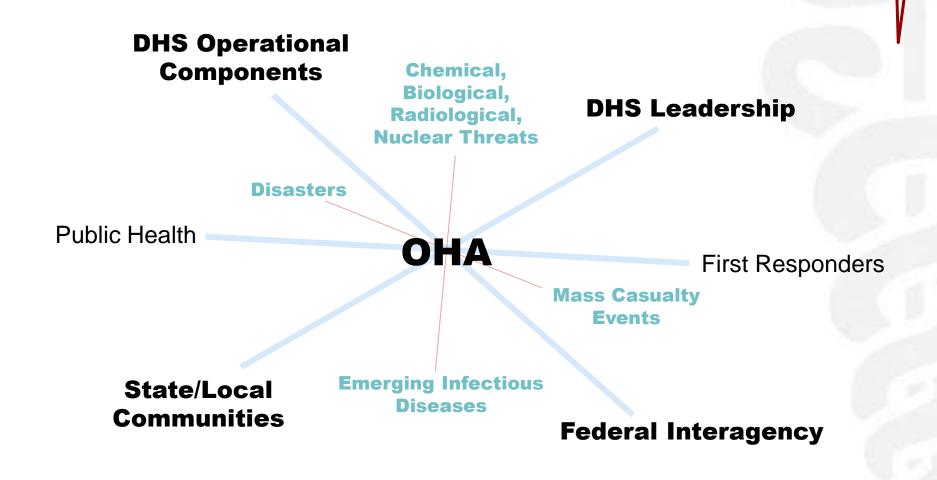
## Health Security

Critical link between the public health community and the homeland security enterprise





#### Stakeholders





Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

National Protection Programs Directorate Federal Protective Service FEMA

Center for Domestic Preparedness

Mt. Weather Fire Department

United States Fire Administration

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Air and Marine Office of Border Patrol Office of Field Operations



Transportation Security Administration

> Federal Air Marshals

> > U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Homeland Security Investigations Enforcement and Removal Operations

Science and Technology
Plum Island Fire Department

**Secret Service** 

Rowley Training Center **EMS in DHS** 

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Operational Medical Command

**Tactical** 

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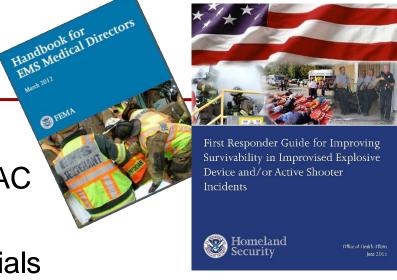
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#### Outreach

FICEMS/NEMSAC

NGOs

State EMS Officials

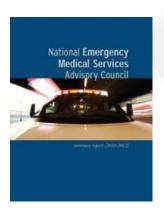




 Meet with States individually to overview DHS EMS System and on-going initiatives









## Medical First Responder Coordination

- Collaborate with & engage EMS stakeholders to identify gaps & solutions
  - EMS state licensing compact
  - IED/active shooter guidance
  - Stop the Bleed campaign
- Manage DHS EMS system
  - Advisory committee
  - Credentialing program
  - Training programs
- Ensure Integration of Best Practices Across EMS (TCCC, NASEM)



### Law Enforcement/EMS Gap

- Recent mass shooting events have shown that there are interoperability challenges between law enforcement, EMS, and fire services
- First Responder Guidance on Medical Response to IED/Mass Shooting Incidents
  - Hemorrhage Control (tourniquet)
  - PPE
  - Interoperability







### DHS EMS impacts EMS nationwide

## The First Responder Guidance for Improving Survivability in Improvised Explosive Device and/or Active Shooter Incidents - Document Development

- Conducted two stakeholder engagements
  - Met with more than 350 SMEs from various disciplines
    - Law Enforcement
    - Fire Service
    - EMS
    - Physicians (Emergency, Trauma, Surgical and Military)
    - Emergency Management
- Prompted Position Papers from National Organizations
  - IACP, IAFF, IAFC, VFC, NAEMT, NTOA, NAEMSE, NASEMSO, ACEP, ACS
  - Hartford Consensus I, II, and III



## Stop the Bleed Campaign



- White House initiative to reduce preventable deaths due to hemorrhage with bystander intervention.
- Multiple organizations are training instructors and civilians in tourniquet application, wound packing, and other simple life-saving measures.











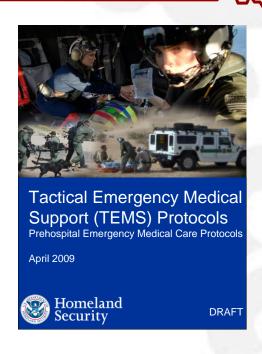


- DHS and the Office of Health Affairs
  - State EMS Medical Director Equivalent
  - State Director Equivalent
  - State Training Coordinator/Credentialing Equivalent
  - Disciplinary Policy
  - Patient Safety Program
- The future and continued growth of DHS' EMS System
- Agile, able to integrate #ZPD programs into components rapidly



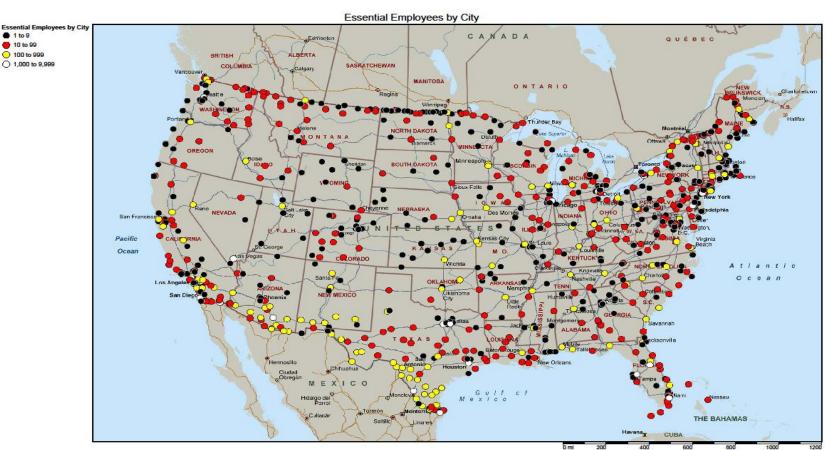
- DHS' EMS System has over 3,500 EMTs and Paramedics
- DHS resources are in every state and territory and are positioned throughout the world
- DHS EMS providers are largely law enforcement officers
  - EMS is a collateral duty
  - EMS providers are full-time DHS employees, not temporary workforce

- EMS care includes:
  - Force health protection
    - Care under fire
  - Care of dignitaries
  - Detainees
  - General public (when needed)
    - Mutual-aid/Auto-aid
  - Illegal aliens
    - Largely at the southwest border
  - Most DHS EMS resources are non-transport, however there are two fire-based systems





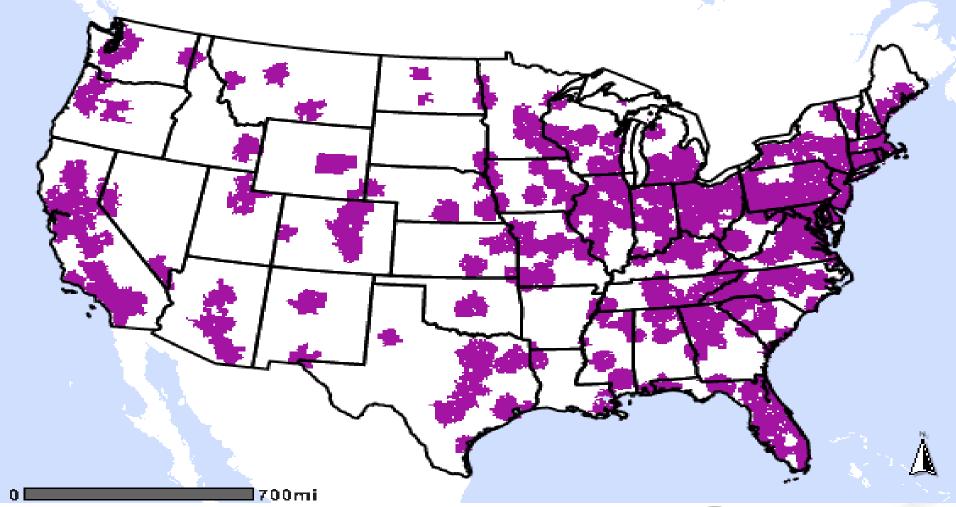
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# Level I / II Trauma Center Coverage 60-minutes — American Trauma Society



- Components within DHS having EMS programs:
  - Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
    - Office of Border Patrol (OBP)
      - BORSTAR
      - BORTAC
    - Office of Air & Marine (OAM)
    - Office of Field Operations (OFO)



- Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
  - Federal Air Marshal (FAMS)
- United States Coast Guard (USCG)



- Components within DHS having EMS programs:
  - United States Secret Service (USSS)
  - Federal Protective Service (NPPD/FPS)
  - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
    - Mount Weather FD
  - Science & Technology (S&T)
    - Plum Island FD









#### Homeland Security

Science and Technology













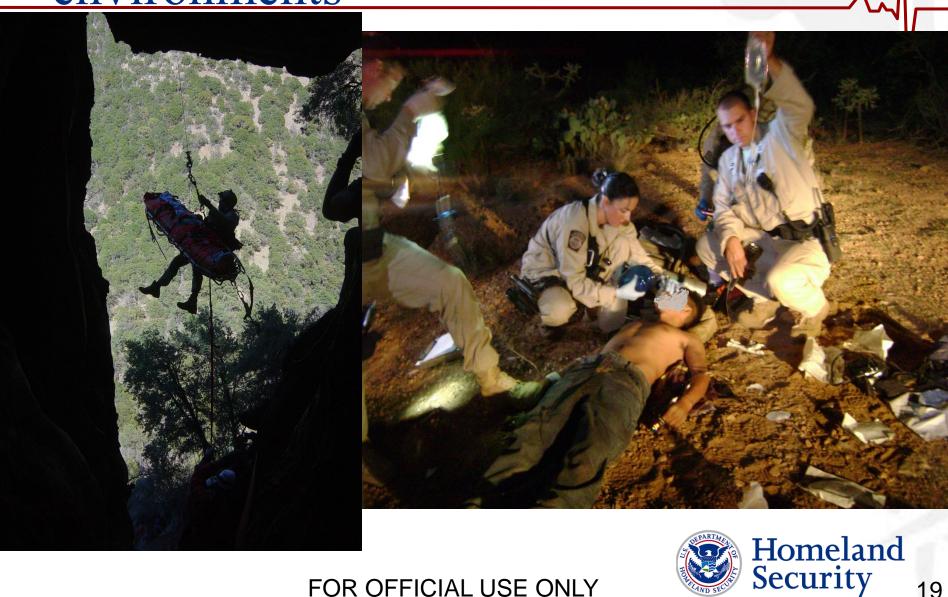
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement





## Non-traditional EMS care

environments



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## EMS Training & Education Advisory Committee (EMSTEAC)



- EMSTEAC was formed:
  - Chartered Committee to Advise the DHS Chief Medical Officer on EMS Issues
  - Approximately 15-20 members from all EMS Programs
  - Promotes EMS standardization throughout DHS
  - Identify Training Standards and Requirements for EMS
  - Accrediting Body for Continuing Education for EMS
  - Collaboration between Components
  - Best practices



### DHS EMS – Where we are today...

Approximately 3500 Medically Trained Personnel Operating in DHS NREMT Certification AND State Licensure







**EMT** 

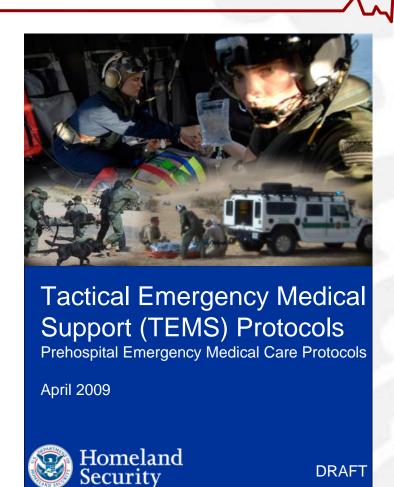
Advanced EMT

**EMT-Paramedic** 



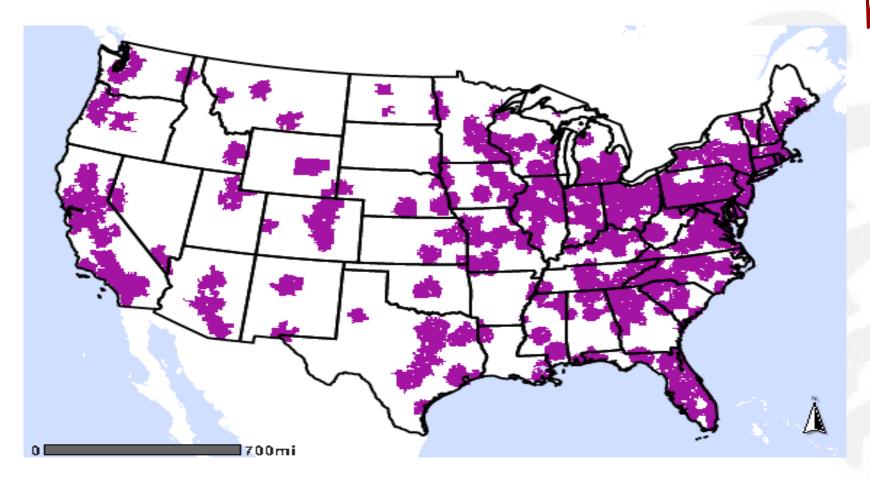
## DHS EMS – Where we are going...

- Medical Protocols
  - CBRNE (under development)
- Medical direction/oversight OHA – MLO (expansion)
- Quality Management
  - MQM Instruction 248-01
- Education/Training
  - NREMT Boot camp
  - Transition
- LMS EMS library
  - HSI EMS 24/7





## A National Trauma System...







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