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EMS Mutual Aid Assessment

The NH FS&T + EMS, Bureau of EMS was given the responsibility of assessing EMS Mutual Aid Agreements in New Hampshire. This task is an essential reporting requirement of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Hospital Bio-terrorism Grant program. This assessment is intended to fulfill reporting requirements of the grant and be a resource for EMS Units when developing Mutual Aid Agreements.

Starting in June 2005 all EMS Units (an organization, public or private, operating alone or as part of a larger organization, which has the responsibility to provide emergency medical services), were surveyed regarding their mutual aid agreement status. Information was gathered from a Preparedness Survey already in progress. EMS Units that did not complete the survey were contacted via mail, email, and follow-up phone calls. Most Units belonging to Mutual Aid Compacts did not include copies of their Mutual Aid Agreements. All Mutual Aid Compacts were contacted and requested to forward copies of their agreements to the Bureau of EMS.

EMS Mutual Aid Assessment Results

Total EMS Units	282
EMS Units responded to the inquiry	254 90.00%
EMS Units which belong to a Mutual Aid Compact	183 *72.04%
EMS Units which have written Mutual Aid Agreements	171 *67.32%
Written Mutual Aid Agreements which contain EMS language	73 *28.74%
Agreements which contain EMS language and meet NIMS Chapter III	0
Units which have not responded to the Mutual Aid Agreement inquiry	28

**Percentage of Units responding to inquiry.*