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TRIAGE FOR FIREFIGHTERS - MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT

Even if your Fire Department does provide emergency medical services, as First Responders having a base knowledge of EMS will benefit those you swore to protect. Performing TRIAGE during a MCI will most likely fall to Firefighters, since we can bring in help. The following is a simple drill designed to provide a working understanding of how to perform TRIAGE at a MCI.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

- * Colored Markers (Black, Red, Yellow, Green)
- * Triage/MCI Kit if available or scene tape
- * Index cards
- * Tape
- * PPE
- * If available, actors to play victims or mannequins. If none available, simply place the index cards in locations.



Minor delayed care / can delay up to three hours
Delayed urgent care / can delay up to one hour
Immediate immediate care / life-threatening
Deceased victim is dead or mortally wounded / no care required

30 - 2 - CAN DO if not Immediate!
 30 - Respiratory rate is above 30
 2 - Capillary refill is greater than 2 seconds
 CAN DO - Trouble following simple commands.

14 y.o. male
 Res = 35
 Bleeding from head
 Follows Commands



INSTRUCTIONS – Start the session with reviewing local TRIAGE protocols and equipment used.

On the index cards, create “patients” of various injuries and status based upon your chosen scenario. Be sure to indicate their respiratory rate/quality, perfusion and mental status. Arrange and tape the cards within the controlled area that the MCI has taken place. Example, a school bus has rolled over, several victims were ejected and many more are spread through out the bus. Place the cards in random places.

The participants will perform a scene size up and establish command. The initial arriving company will perform TRIAGE based upon local protocols. Using the colored markers, the members will quickly assess the patients then marking the card with the corresponding priority color. Another company will arrive several minutes later. They will start to remove the patients according to the first companies triage priorities. When moving patients from hazard area to TRIAGE, make sure this is performed in pairs. This reinforces what real time and real effort could do to this incident.

Use your TRIAGE kit or the scene tape to set up TRIAGE corridors according to priority.