



# DMATTERS

Toledo Area Disaster Medical Assistance Team Newsletter

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TADMAT Web Page: <http://mediccom.org/public/tadmat/tadmat.html>

TADMAT: Established 1985

### NDMS Level-1 Team

Mission: to triage, stabilize and prepare disposition for the victims of any incident that exceeds the medical capability of an affected area, be it local, statewide, national or international

#### Unit Commander:

- Churton Budd, RN, EMT-P

#### Deputy Co-Commanders:

- Jim Fenn, RN, NREMT
- Kelly Burkholder-Allen, RN
- Paula Edwards, RN
- Mary Vance, RN

TADMAT Information Hotline:

**(419) 383-5163**

Mailing Address:

**1760 Glen Ellyn Dr.  
Toledo, OH 43614**

### TADMAT Uniform T-SHIRTS:

We will be placing another TADMAT T-shirt order soon. This will be the light blue T-shirts that you have all seen. A modification will be made to the design as people have requested to not have the big round NDMS logo on the back. We will be putting "OH-1" "DMAT" in two lines on the back. An order form is being distributed. This needs to be mailed back to Churton (note the new address).

### Unit Commander / TADMAT has a new address:

The mailing address of the team has changed as I have moved (the phone numbers remain the same!) . Please mail all correspondence to the TADMAT or to Churton Budd to:

**TADMAT  
1760 Glen Ellyn Dr.  
Toledo, OH 43614**

### TADMAT First Call:

The TADMAT is on call as a FIRST IN team for NDMS for the month of OCTOBER. Keep a watch for disasters and check the voicemail frequently during the month. If a disaster crops up or looks imminent, the voicemail will reflect the latest news of the team. Additionally, the TADMATs web site now has a "ACTIVATION STATUS" page. Prior to, during and after a deployment, the activation level, status and news about the team will be posted there. Visit <http://mediccom.org> with your web browser and click on the TADMAT Logo.

### TADMAT Gets Additional Bank Account:

The TADMAT has opened a bank account at the UT/MCO credit union. We deposited \$200 in petty cash. With this account we received a debit card. We can use this like a VISA card when we deploy, we can get cash from bank machines, etc. The only downside of this account is that we will have to report it to the IRS as it accrues interest.

## CALENDAR

### 1999 Meeting Dates:

11/18

### 2000 Meeting Dates:

1/20, 2/16, 3/23, 4/19/, 5/18,  
6/21,7/20, 8/16, 9/21, 10/18,  
11/16

*All meetings at 7PM in MCO  
Health Education Bld..*

NDMS Conference 2000 will  
be in LAS VEGAS !

**NEXT TADMAT  
TEAM MEETING:  
Nov, 18<sup>th</sup> 7PM  
Rm110, MCO  
Health Ed. Bldg.**

Photos from the DMAT BBQ



### Lucas County wide Disaster Drill scheduled for Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> :

Wind Sheer 99 will be taking place on Saturday, October 23, 1999 from approximately 0900 through 1130. This is a simulated crash of a passenger jet at the Toledo Express Airport. The scenario will include about 50 persons on board with fatalities and about 30-40 victims transported to 4 Toledo area hospitals. The hospitals that are slated to receive victims include, St. Lukes, Medical College of Ohio, Flower and Toledo Hospitals. The TADMAT has participated in the pre-planning of this drill, but due to problems with hypothermia and exposure of the mock victims two years ago, the planning committee wanted to keep this drill quick and to the point. As the drill will utilize resources in real time, it was decided that the TADMAT would not be able to mobilize, move gear to the airport and have personnel ready to treat within this time frame. Therefore, the TADMAT will not play an active role in this drill. Kelly Burkholder-Allen will be serving as an observer during the drill. There is still need for victims so if any TADMAT members wish to participate, they can call Barry Cousino at Springfield Twp Fire for more details. Time Commitment for volunteers is 0700-12-- on Sat. Rain or shine. Some will be transported by LifeFlight and Promedica Air.

## TADMAT Deploys to Hurricane Floyd !

On Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Toledo Area Disaster Medical Assistance Team boarded a bus bound for Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. We were headed toward a part of the country that most were desperately trying to evacuate from. Our mission assignment would be given to us after we arrived and the damage assessments from Hurricane Floyd were underway. We were prepared with sufficient supplies to last us for several days. Fortunately, Hurricane Floyd did not make landfall with the intensity that it had initially been predicted to strike with. There was no mission assignment, because there were no medical missions that required Federal assets, the medical needs of Floyd's victims could be managed by each state in the strike zone. We are thankful that we were not needed and we owe a debt of gratitude to our community for having stood behind us 100%. Our families, friends, co-workers, and employers freed us up from our day to day responsibilities so that we could go where others had greater needs. It was not just our thirty-five team members that boarded that bus, all of you went as well. We were there to help others in need, just as teams like ours are there if we ever need them. We want the citizens of this community to know that we could not have done it without them. Thank You. *(Written by Kelly Burkholder-Allen and sent to the "letters to the Toledo Blade newspaper")*

### Addendum:

NDMS pre-deployed almost 10 DMAT's prior to the storms arrival from Florida to North Carolina. This storm saw the biggest peacetime evacuation of civilians in the US. It was also the largest effort of the Federal Govt. to pre-deploy assets prior to a disaster actually striking. In mid October, Bob Solon, TADMAT Communications Officer was deployed to North Carolina to assist the Management Support Team (MST) still on-site in the flooded area. He will be assisting with communications needs as they support the DMORT's and other public health personnel who are nearing the end of the cleanup operations.



Photo's from the TADMAT's deployment to Hurricane Floyd. For more photo's, visit the web page at:  
<http://mediccom.org/public/tadmat/floyd/page.html>

