

# ESF-9: Emergency Medical Services

## PURPOSE

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ESF-9: Emergency Medical Services coordinates emergency medical service (EMS) response to provide out-of-medical facility treatment and transport to definitive care facilities for victims of illness and injury.

## CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

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Coordinating Unit: Cornell University Environmental Health and Safety

Environmental Health and Safety has primary responsibility for provision of campus EMS services and for coordination of outside EMS agency service response to the Cornell Ithaca campus. Environmental Health and Safety also has responsibility for management of the campus public access automated emergency defibrillator (AED) program.

Statutory responsibility for provision of emergency medical care falls to the local community fire and ambulance services. Statutory responsibility for emergency medical transport falls to the local community ambulance services. Requests for community emergency medical services will be made through the Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response Dispatch Center by the Cornell Police Dispatch Center or by campus EMS responders.

Cornell Health provides primary care health services as outlined in ESF-8: Health Services. Cornell Health will act as liaison with Cayuga Medical Center and other health care facilities.

Mass casualty incident response operations will follow the Tompkins County Mass Casualty Incident Plan.

## ESF ACTIONS

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Environmental Health and Safety Emergency Services

- NYS emergency medical technician (EMT) basic life support (BLS) emergency medical care
- Response vehicles equipped with EMT BLS equipment and AEDs
- Coordination of emergency medical service agencies responding to incidents
- Act as liaison to outside EMS agencies responding to incidents

Cornell University Emergency Medical Service

- NYS emergency medical technician basic life support emergency medical care
- Response vehicles equipped with EMT BLS equipment and AEDs
- Membership of approximately 55 trained personnel to respond to major incidents and to provide EMS staffing at campus events

- Mass Casualty Incident Response Trailer stocked for a 50 patient mass casualty incident

#### Environmental Health and Safety Office of Emergency Management and the University Fire Marshal's Office

- Development of emergency medical service plans and requirements for planned events
- Coordination of emergency medical agency operations at planned events

#### Local Community Fire Departments

- NYS emergency medical technician basic life support emergency medical care
- Response vehicles equipped with EMT BLS equipment and AEDs

#### Bangs Ambulance

- NYS emergency medical technician advanced life support emergency medical care
- NYS certified advanced life support ambulances and first response vehicles (fly cars)
- Primary transporting ambulance service for the Cornell Ithaca campus

#### Cornell Police

- Trained in basic first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Patrol vehicles equipped with basic first aid kits and AEDs

#### Campus Public Access Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED) Program

- Approximately 175 AEDs located in Ithaca campus buildings

#### Cornell Health

- Normal appointment and walk-in primary care facility medical care for approximately 300 patients per day
- Capable of suspending routine, non-emergency services to support emergency patient care
- Capable of sending medical personnel including physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians assistants, and administrative personnel to support out of facility on-campus patient care operations
  - Minimal medical supplies and equipment are available for out of facility use
  - Can support patient triage, treatment, and medical tracking operations
- Provision of patient education services to support management of worried well and patients post treatment