



Emergency Medical Services Workgroup May 4, 2010



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The Purpose

- To review Phase I of the
 - Operational Plan for Moving
Emergency Medical Services Staff and
Resources Across the Washington and
British Columbia Border
- <http://www.doh.wa.gov/phepr/WA-BC-EMSAgreement.pdf>

The Purpose

- To address Phase II Objectives:
- Cross Border Interoperable Communications
- Temporary and Cross Credentialing
- Mutual Aid Definitions Template
- Cross Walk Healthcare Template
- Air Ambulance
- Remove unfamiliar acronyms - National Incident Management System (NIMS)

2009/10 Achievements

- **Cross Border Interoperable Communications**
 - **British Columbia Ambulance Services (BCAS) radios for each Washington EMS vehicle provides vehicle to vehicle Com**
 - **BCAS command Unit with Cross Band communications and cross border communications capability**
- **Temporary and Cross Credentialing**
 - **Temporary BC EMS license**
 - **Provider Credential Search**

2009/10 Achievements

- **Mutual Aid Definitions Template**
 - **National Incident Management System (NIMS) Pages 18-19 excerpt with local council statement**
 - **Draft BC MAA language pending**
- **Cross Walk: Healthcare Template with the Operational Plan**
 - **Sent to all Washington State hospital January 2010**
 - **Provided to BC Bed-line Representative May 2010**

2009/10 Achievements

- **Air Ambulance**
 - **BCAS and Washington Air Ambulance are an active portion of the planning, training, and exercising.**
 - **Ready for 2010 Olympic response January 2010**

2009/10 Achievements

- **Remove unfamiliar acronyms - National Incident Management System (NIMS)**
 - **Plan acronym/glossary completed**

2010/11 Action Plan

- **Leads: Mike Webb (BC) and Alan Komenski (WSP), and Marina Zuetell (WA/DOH)**
- **Cross Border Interoperable Communications**
 - **Identify interoperable channels**
- **Recognized by Industry Canada and FCC**

2010/11 Action Plan

- **Leads: Ralph Jones and Mike Smith**
- **Temporary and Cross Credentialing**
 - **Train and exercise process**
 - **Define medical control**
- **Mutual Aid Definitions Template**
 - **Finalize MAA language**
 - **Identify resupply issue e.g. control medications**

2010/11 Action Plan

- **Cross Walk Healthcare Template**
 - Review hospital response to the template
 - Develop a patient transport process
- **Air Ambulance**
 - Continue to plan, train and exercise with air ambulance
- **Remove unfamiliar acronyms - National Incident Management System (NIMS)**
 - On-going updates

PNWBHA 2010/15 Strategic Objectives

- Review strategies May 6 – 7, 2010
- Include other provinces, territories, and states
- Update and add to the point of contact list

