



region(s) within California to identify available beds. If there are no beds within California, the California Dept of Public Health/State EMS Authority at the State Operations Center will contact the federal National Disaster Medical System to identify beds in other states.

The MHOAC, RDMHC, and California Dept of Public Health/State EMS Authority MHCC do all initial contacts, briefings and coordination between the local, region, state and federal levels of government responsible for the movement of patients in a disaster. The MHOAC, San Francisco EOC, RDMHC, and State EMS Authority will jointly work together to secure and coordinate as needed medical transportation arrangements and / or other logistical needs for moving patients to out-of-county hospitals.

Section 3.12 Patient Distributions in a Level 4 MCI (Red) Alert

A Level 4 MCI is a citywide catastrophic event. For planning purposes, it is assumed that there is a complete disruption of the City response and communications infrastructure. The ability for a formal emergency response and patient distribution system to be organized will be determined at the time of the incident based upon the presenting circumstances. A decentralized command structure using Emergency District Coordination Centers may be invoked by SFFD when central dispatch is interrupted. Ambulance response units may be organized through the Emergency District Coordination Centers until the dispatch communications infrastructure and central command are restored. Patient distributions may be directed through the Emergency District Coordination Center with the overall goal of executing mass medical evacuations.

Section 3.13 Alternate Care Sites

The Department of Public Health may set up free-standing alternative care sites with their disaster tents. The MHOAC and Department of Public Health - Health Officer will determine the role of free-standing alternative care sites in supporting the medical system and / or field operations and what outside support is needed (e.g. state or federal Disaster Medical Assistance Teams).

Section 3.14 Mass Medical Evacuations

3.14.1 Procedures

Mass medical evacuations may be undertaken when all in-county medical and health facilities are at capacity, or compromised due to damage to their infrastructure. Due to the resource intensive nature of medical care, mass medical evacuations may also be done when there is