Major Disaster Response Plan
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The Major Disaster Response Plan will be implemented in the event of a major community disaster. This plan outlines the primary role of the Disaster Response Team in assessing, coordinating, and monitoring the Department’s major disaster response with respect to internal and external needs and activities.

1. Personnel Assignments

The Disaster Response Team will remain on campus to help organize and coordinate the Department’s activities. The Team will address safety, communication, clinical issues, and educational activities.

a. Disaster Response Team

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<th>Primary Team Member</th>
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<td>Team Leader</td>
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b. The Department will be responsive to requests for assistance from OU Physicians.

c. In the event of a disaster, the number of clinicians identified to respond to OU Medical Center:

- 3 psychiatrists
- 1 psychologist
- 1 social worker
- 3 general psychiatry residents and 1 child psychiatry fellow

d. Outside organizations that may request assistance:

- Federal, state, and local government agencies (e.g. Health Department, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services)
- American Red Cross
- First responder organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Local schools
- Military
- Professional organizations
- Veterans Affairs Medical Center
- Other
e. Deployment locations

A list detailing the deployment locations for all faculty, staff, and trainees will be maintained by the Team Leader to coordinate activities and responsibilities. If the Team Leader cannot be reached, the Team’s administrative assistant or the Department Chair’s office will be notified.

2. Safety and Security

The Team will identify and monitor safety and security needs.

3. Communication

In the event of a major community disaster, the Disaster Response Team will meet. The Team leader or any Team member may call the meeting.

a. Press. The Disaster Response Team will coordinate public communication and will work with OUHSC Public Relations and OU Physicians Marketing as appropriate.

b. Within the Department. The Department’s Emergency Notification System for Campus Emergency Conditions (“telephone tree”) will be used as needed to communicate emergency information within the Department.

c. With other organizations. Communication with other organizations involved in the disaster will be centralized within the Disaster Response Team.

4. Patient Clinical and Support Care Activities

The Team will identify emerging issues and make recommendations concerning clinical care related to:

- Current Department patients
- Patient referrals/consultations
- Walk-in patients
- Incoming telephone calls
- Other

5. Education

The Team will coordinate and monitor requests and assignments.