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TO: All Resource Hospitals  
All POD Hospitals  
MABAS Distribution Team

FROM: Mike Hansen  
Fire Chief

RE: MABAS Distribution of Triage Equipment

In an effort to control rumors and to clarify the current status of the distribution of the Triage tags in Illinois, I wanted to reconfirm that every ambulance in Illinois, public and private will receive one SMART Triage Pac.

If a fire department in Illinois doesn't have an ambulance they will or should not have received this pack. Only ambulances licensed by IDPH should have received this pack. If there are ambulances that are not on the MABAS list, have the provider give you the ambulance plate number and VIN number of the vehicle and we will get them a triage kit. If a fire department wants to augment their triage response capabilities they can purchase additional kits from BoundTree. MABAS has secured a state contract pricing for another year. I will provide that info at the end of this letter. Members of the MABAS Distribution team may call on the Resource Hospitals to help in the distribution of these Kits. MABAS has a Memo of Understanding that needs a signature before distribution of equipment can be completed.



Every fire department in Illinois should or will receive one SMART Commander Board. This will help in the coordination of your response to a multi-victim incident. We have used the State Fire Marshall's database in formulating our distribution list.

Every MABAS Divisions and Resource Hospital will each get one SMART Education Pack. Many of the hospitals picked up their kit at the training sessions but I still have about 8 packs that need to get to the Resource Hospitals. I will try and get them to you or your associated POD Hospital within the next month during one of our meetings around the State. MABAS Division will get them distributed during their regular pickup.

One other piece of equipment that needs to be discussed is the SMART MCI Bag. Every Illinois MABAS Division and Resource Hospital will receive one of these bags. This bag includes four SMART Triage Packs and one SMART Commander. The MABAS Distribution Team has enough bags for every Illinois MABAS Division but the Resource Hospitals bags haven't been distributed yet. I will start distributing them out in February at various meetings and hope to complete this by the next State Advisory Council Meeting in March. If you need to have your bag for training activities before this, please contact me by phone or email.



If anyone wants to purchase additional equipment from BoundTree here is the information and give Brian Roden (847-420-8771) a call. I have attached order forms and Brian has included additional SMART products.

Triage Packs	73212	\$139.87
Triage MCI Bag	73210	\$732.98
Triage Command Kit	73211	\$184.69
Triage Education Pack	73220	\$174.84

Additional Triage Packs were acquired by the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council and have been distributed to all hospitals in the state. MABAS has a limited amount of individual tags and replacement "guts" for the SMART Triage packs and they are determining how they will distribute this equipment.

All good projects must come to an end. Please complete the distribution and the training by July 1, 2008. Colin Smart will visit Illinois in April/May. If your region needs training session please let me know. Brian from BoundTree will also assist in your training efforts.

I want to personally thank the MABAS organization especially President Jay Reardon for providing the vision and the funding through the Illinois Terrorism Task Force and the Illinois EMS community for helping to provide data, training sites and a sounding board for this project. We will utilize you again in the next phase of this project; patient tracking.