



San Juan County
Incident Debriefing Notes

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SUMMARY OF DISASTER ON JANUARY 6, 2008

SCENARIO: On Sunday January 6, 2008 at approximately 2015 a call came over the radio stating that a tour bus had gone off the road and rolled. Approximately 53 people were on the bus and there were multiple victims. Weather conditions did not allow for any flight teams to arrive in the area. It was reported that a total of 7 fatalities at the scene. Two more fatalities occurred; one at Allen Memorial Hospital and one during transport to St. Mary's Hospital.

AMBULANCES RESPONDING:

SAN JUAN COUNTY: 8 ambulances responded
1 first responder
3 county vans for walking wounded

NAVAJO NATION: 4 ambulances responded from:
1 Red Mesa
1 Kayenta
1 Shiprock
1 Chinle

GRAND COUNTY: 3-4 ambulances responded

SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL: 2 ambulances responded

ST. MARY'S: 1 ground ambulance responded, many patients were sent to Grand Junction by air from Allen Memorial Hospital in Moab, Utah

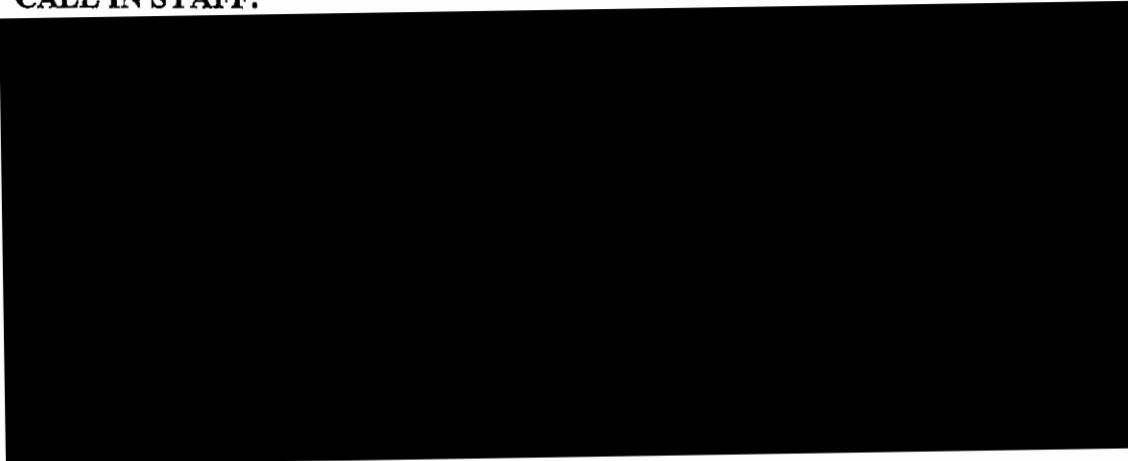
SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE WERE AVAILABLE AT THE SCENE

***Dr. [REDACTED] (EMS director) was triaging at the scene of the accident.

***EMS STRIKE TEAM WAS DEPLOYED FROM PRICE, UTAH AND ARRIVED AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 ON 1/7/08

STAFF RESPONDING: In house staff: Dr. [REDACTED] RN, [REDACTED], LPN, [REDACTED] CNA, [REDACTED] clerk

CALL IN STAFF:



FACILITIES RESPONDING:

SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL:

Dr. [REDACTED] General surgeon
Dr. [REDACTED] Trauma physician

BLANDING FAMILY PRACTICE: utilized for "walking wounded"

ALLEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: utilized for holding patients for transport by air to other facilities

PATIENTS: A total of 50 patients were injured. The breakdown follows:

San Juan Regional Hospital, Farmington, New Mexico:

3 patients were transferred from the scene by ground ambulance. Patient conditions were unknown.

Kayenta Clinic, Kayenta, Arizona:

8 patients were transferred to this clinic by ground ambulance and then transferred to area hospitals for further care. These patients were admitted to either Chinle hospital, Tuba City Hospital or Flagstaff. Patient conditions were unknown.

San Juan Hospital, Monticello, Utah:

26 patients were transferred to the facility by ground ambulances, rescue units, and county vans. Most patients were critical or serious requiring stabilization and transfer to higher levels of care.

Blanding Family Practice (urgent care), Blanding, Utah:

13 patients were seen which were supposed to be urgent type injuries. Several were more serious and transferred to the hospital in Monticello either immediately or later that day. Others were discharged after treatment.

AIR TRANSPORT TEAMS:

University of Utah Air Med

St. Mary's Air Care

Dixie Regional Life Flight

Eagle Air Med

The last two teams were able to fly into Blanding the next afternoon for transports.

TRANSFER STATUS FROM SAN JUAN HOSPITAL:

A total of 21 patients were transferred from San Juan Hospital. Southwest Memorial Hospital, San Juan Regional Hospital, and Shiprock Hospital were unable to take patients. Therefore, the patients were transferred by ground ambulance to Allen

Memorial Hospital in Moab where flight teams were waiting to take patients to designated hospitals. 9 patients were kept as observation status at San Juan Hospital. 4 patients were transferred to Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix when stable, 5 were discharged.

AREAS OF CONCERN: EXTERNAL:

1. Communication at the scene. No cell service delayed calls for help which delayed treatment.
2. Weather conditions did not allow flight teams to fly to the scene or to the hospital.
3. Lack of communication to other facilities for assistance such as ambulances, supplies, physicians, staff, etc...
4. Inability of area hospitals able to take patients.
5. Diversion issues.
6. Documentation issues for patients being transferred to other facilities.
7. Some patients had status changes during ground transport and therefore did not necessarily get transferred to the facility that was expecting them.
8. Ambulance coverage for other accidents, etc...
9. Media

AREAS OF CONCERN: INTERNAL:

1. Upgrade the disaster plan and include as part of annual training.
2. Revamp disaster recall list.
3. Coordinate with local EMS a labeling system of patients that follows through until time of arrival so correct information follows each patient.
4. Media
5. Other

Debriefing was performed in Bluff, Utah on Tuesday January 8, 2008. Approximately 50 people attended.

A round table discussion meeting has been scheduled for Thursday January 17, 2008 at 1200 at the San Juan Hospital Conference Room. The following agencies will be represented:

San Juan Hospital	San Juan Regional Hospital	Grand County EMS
San Juan County EMS	Navajo Nation EMS	
Utah Highway Patrol	Southwest Memorial Hospital	
San Juan Sheriff's office	Allen Memorial Hospital	
Shiprock Hospital	St. Mary's Hospital	

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