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KyEM Region 6 CHEMPACK Distribution Plan

I. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

CHEMPACK containers have been deployed to five (5) locations in KyEM Area 7. Three (3) containers are of EMS configuration and two (2) are of hospital configuration.

II. MISSION

Insure timely delivery of CHEMPACK containers to a potential inflicted or inflicted population.

III. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

- A. All operations will be carried out using the NIMS management concept.
- B. CHEMPACK will only be opened when it is determined that an accidental or intentional nerve agent or organic phosphate release has threatened the public health and that such a release has put multiple lives at risk, beyond the ability of the local emergency response capabilities. The following criteria must be met before requesting that a CHEMPACK be opened.
  1. Sufficient casualties are present or are at risk of exposure, that does or will exceed, the capacity of the regional hospitals and EMS stockpiles of nerve agent antidote.
  2. If the number of casualties does not exceed the capacity of the regional hospitals or the local cache then the available cache will be utilized.
- C. Authority to Request CHEMPACK Deployment
  1. The following officials have the authority to order the opening of a CHEMPACK. These individuals are familiar with the above mentioned criteria and are best suited to make time sensitive decisions regarding the deployment of CHEMPACK assets.
    - a. Incident Commander
    - b. County Emergency Management Agency
    - c. Public Health Department
    - d. KyEM Area 7 Manager
    - e. State CHEMPACK Coordinator
    - f. Pharmacists in Charge
    - g. Emergency Department Physician

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2. The number and location of the packs to be opened will be determined based solely on their knowledge of the incident and the community's ability to respond.

**IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

**A. Incident Notification**

1. Since time is critical in reacting to a nerve agent or organic phosphate exposure, all request for CHEMPACK deployment will be directed by the authorized requesting official (para 3c) to the County 911 Center. The authorized requesting official will provide the following information:
  - b. Location and type of incident;
  - c. Approximate number of casualties, signs and symptoms;
  - d. Drop-off site – the drop-off location(s) for the CHEMPACK (EMS triage/treatment site, hospital ER, or other location);
  - e. Specific route to the drop-off site, escort, and/or approach information; and
  - f. Radio channel, phone number, or communication link to coordinate the delivery of the CHEMPACK supplies.
2. If a caller is unknown to the 911 dispatcher or cannot be verified (Caller ID) the 911 dispatcher, after obtaining the above information (1 a-e), will conduct a call back to verify caller and information.
3. A Host County 911 Center will contact the Host County CHEMPACK Site to request a CHEMPACK.
4. A Non-Host County 911 Center will contact the nearest Host County 911 Center. The Host County 911 Center will notify the CHEMPACK Site point of contact of the request.
5. See Tab M-15-1, CHEMPACK Site Contact Information.
6. Following notification of the CHEMPACK Site point of contact the Host County 911 Dispatcher will accomplish the following:
  - a. Identify transportation resources and dispatch to CHEMPACK Storage Site. (See para V B)
  - b. Dispatch two (2) law enforcement units to escort the transport vehicle to the designated destination.
  - c. Notify the Host County Emergency Management Agency.
7. County Emergency Management Agency will contact the KyEM Area Manager and the KyEM Duty Officer.

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V. Distribution of CHEMPACKS

- A. The CHEMPACK Storage Site Point of Contact or Pharmacists in Charge will activate the storage sites internal procedures for opening the container and divide up the materials – what will go to the incident scene and what will go to other locations. Distribution within a hospital will be controlled by the Pharmacist in Charge.
- B. Distribution of the CHEMPACK will be pushed using Host County assets to save response time. The following are all acceptable methods of transportation for the CHEMPACK:
1. Law Enforcement Vehicle with one (1) law enforcement escort.
  2. Ambulance with two (2) law enforcement escort.
  3. Air Ambulance.
  4. Other official government vehicle with two (2) law enforcement escort.

The number of escort vehicles will be at the discretion of the local law enforcement supervisor dependent upon availability. Transport of the CHEMPACK will not be delayed if escort vehicles are not available.

- C. All transfers of CHEMPACK pharmaceuticals will be in full case quantities. All cases will be clearly marked with their quantities.

VI. Chain of Custody

- A. Any recognized representative of local government in an official government vehicle is authorized to sign for and transport CHEMPACK supplies.
- B. The Incident Commander or designated representative or any recognized medical professional (i.e. RN, MD, LPN, EMT, etc.) at a hospital or incident site may sign for CHEMPACK supplies.
- C. A chain of custody will be maintained throughout the deployment. A sample of the CHEMPACK material receipt is included in Tab M-15-3. Multiple copies of the receipt should be filled out and stored with the CHEMPACK.

VII. Recovery and Notification Procedures

- A. As soon as practical the CHEMPACK Custodian should conduct an inventory of remaining stocks within the CHEMPACK. This inventory should be reconciled with custody transfer sheets and initial inventory sheets to ensure proper accountability of pharmaceuticals.

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- B. Relock CHEMPACK, and continue to monitor in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding unless directed otherwise by the State CHEMPACK Coordinator.
- C. Further instruction may follow from the State CHEMPACK Coordinator at Ky. Department of Public Health.

VIII. Moving an "Entire" CHEMPACK

- A. CHEMPACK will only be moved under two conditions. At the direction of CHFS or KyEM, or to prevent destruction or loss of the CHEMPACK (i.e., fire, water, extended power loss).
  - 1. If directed by CHFS or KyEM to relocate a CHEMPACK the State SNS Coordinator or the KyEM CHEMPACK liaison will notify the host site POC prior to movement. The CHFS or KyEM liaison will state the name of the agent authorized to take delivery of the CHEMPACK as well as an estimated time of arrival. CHFS/KyEM will be solely responsible for transport and security of the CHEMPACK once their agent has signed for custody of the CHEMPACK.
  - 2. In the event of an emergency at the storage site, the host site POC has the authority to relocate the CHEMPACK to prevent damage or destruction. The host site POC must contact KyEM and the State SNS Coordinator as soon as possible and inform of the new location of the CHEMPACK. Further instructions will follow from the State SNS Coordinator.
  - 3. Should the relocation be for an extended period of time the host site POC will contact the local health district office. Relocation of the CHEMPACK may necessitate updating of this appendix.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Administrative support will be provided for the carrying out of the Appendix by the Northern Kentucky Independent Health District and the County Emergency Management Directors.

County Emergency Management Directors will ensure the 911 Centers and all emergency response agencies are trained on these procedures.

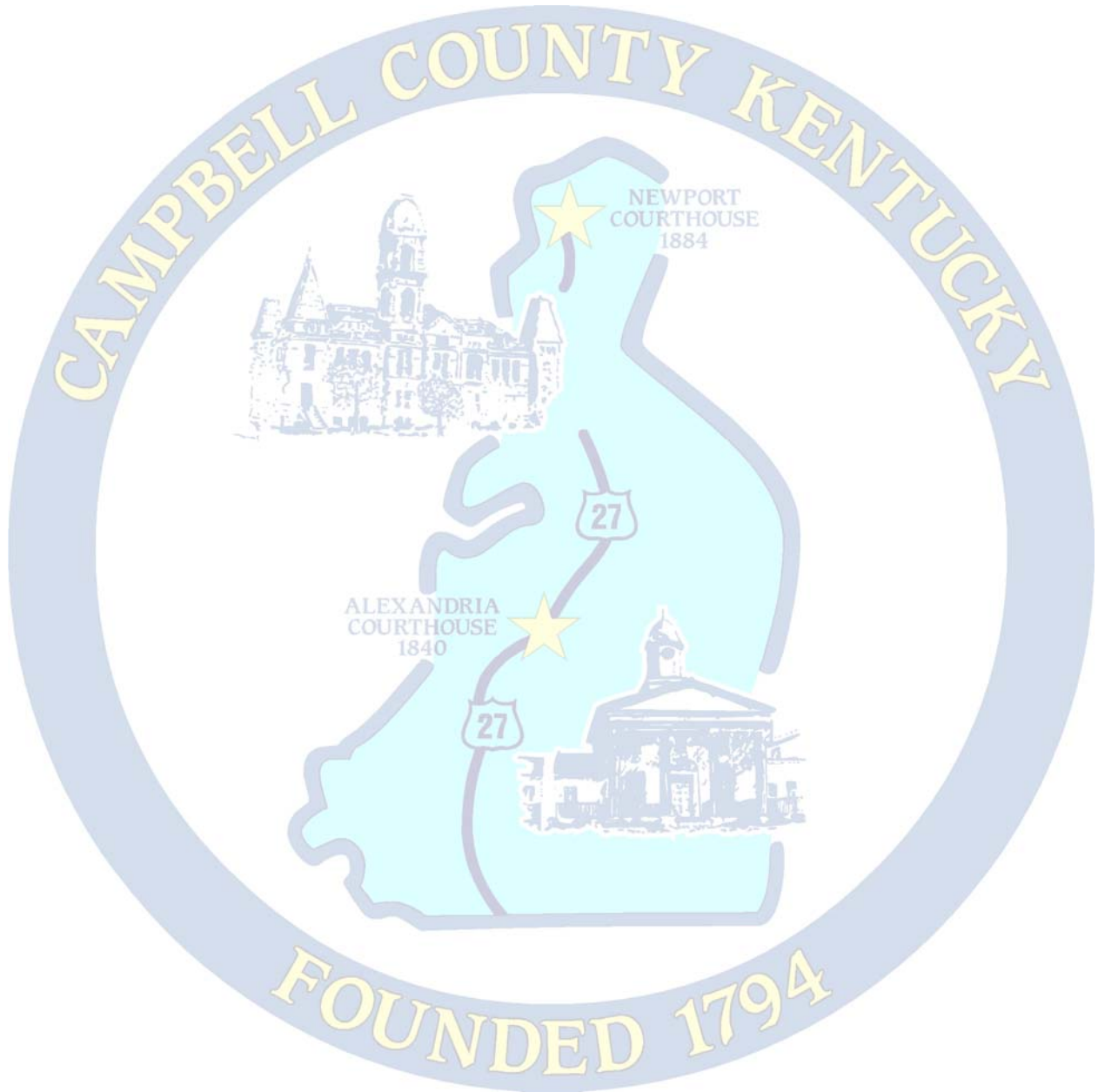
VI. Tabs

- Tab M-15-1 Dispatch Deployment Protocol for CHEMPACK
- Tab M-15-2 CHEMPACK Contents
- Tab M-15-3 Local Cache

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Tab M-15-4 Notifications  
Tab M-15-5 CHEMPACK Custody Receipt  
Tab M-15-6 Pickup Locations



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