

RESPONSIBILITIES OF EMERGENCY COMMAND CENTER

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Each ECC will maintain a list of medical facilities (including border state facilities) appropriate for treatment of stable, moderate burn patients and those appropriate for major burn victims. Each list will include the medical facility's heliport status.

The ECC shall coordinate the evacuation of burn injuries occurring on CAL FIRE incidents where there are no qualified CAL FIRE personnel on-scene or in non-emergency response situations such as work sites, fire stations, etc.

For major and moderate burns, the ECC contacts the closest (based on travel time) facility with adequate resources to stabilize and treat the patients. Such a stabilization facility may be a trauma center, basic or comprehensive emergency department or a burn center, whichever is closest.

If the patient is not sent directly to a burn center, the ECC informs the trauma center or emergency department that the patient is to be seen for assessment and stabilization only and they will be contacted by a burn specialist who will provide consultation. The ECC will contact the burn center that is to ultimately accept the case. The ECC should determine that appropriate arrangements have been made with the attending burn specialist. When the patient is stable, the ECC arranges transfer to the prearranged burn center.

When contacting a medical facility, the ECC should provide the following information as available:

- The number of patients.
- Each patient's age and sex.
- Cause of burn (fire, chemical, electrical, etc.) and time it occurred.
- Percent of body surface burned and depth of burns (second or third degree).
- Presence of complications or related injuries.
- Any pre-existing medical conditions and any medications the patient takes.
- General assessment of the patient's condition.
- First aid treatment given.

- Method of transportation and estimated time of arrival.
- Need for additional emergency equipment.

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