

MEDICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

6456

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Responsibility

All

On larger fires and other emergencies where injuries and illnesses to offenders can be anticipated, a CDCR Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT) may be utilized. These teams are composed of CDCR medical personnel who have been trained and equipped to respond to emergency incidents throughout California. When utilized, these teams have proven to be a very valuable asset in terms of the costs of treatment, the maintenance of crew strengths, and the reduction of transportation and custodial needs.

See Section 6574 for operational and ordering information for Medical Emergency Response Teams. For documentation and payment of MERT time and expenses consult [Sections 6492 through 6492.3.](#)

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