

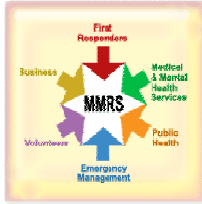


Louisville Metropolitan Medical Response System

What is the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)?

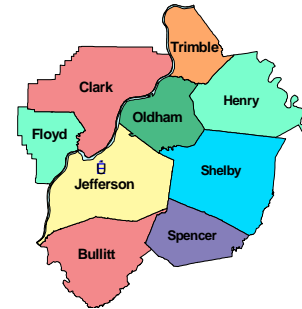
The MMRS program began in 1996, in response to the Tokyo mass transit Sarin gas attack by Aum Shinrikyo, and the domestic terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, both having occurred in 1995. The MMRS Program currently is funded by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The MMRS program assists highly populated jurisdictions (124 including Louisville Metro) to develop plans, conduct training and exercises, and acquire pharmaceuticals and personal protective equipment, to achieve the enhanced capability necessary to respond to a mass casualty event caused by a WMD terrorist act. This assistance supports the jurisdictions' activities to increase their response capabilities during the first hours crucial to lifesaving and population protection, with their own resources, until significant external can arrive. Through preparation and coordination, local law enforcement, fire, hazmat, EMS, hospital, public health, and other "first response" personnel plan to more effectively respond in the first 48 hours of a public health crisis.



Why have a MMRS Program?

We are constantly reminded from events such as 9-11, Hurricane Katrina and more recently the wind and ice storms and the flood of 09' that disasters can strike at any time, whether we are prepared for them or not. It is because of events like these that we must always be ready. For this reason, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Emergency Management Agency has joined with agencies throughout Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble counties in Kentucky and Clark and Floyd counties in southern Indiana to effectively respond to disasters.



Louisville Metro MMRS Region

What Does MMRS Do?



Trailers like this one have been placed throughout the region at local hospitals.

The MMRS program in Jefferson County along with its members work together to prepare for public health disasters. This is accomplished through planning, training, exercising, communicating and purchasing much needed equipment. MMRS allows regional public health and medical agencies to collaborate creating continuity throughout the region. We have placed emergency response equipment throughout the region. Equipment such as:

decontamination equipment, mass casualty incident equipment, equipment for the Special Medical Response Team, patient tracking equipment, special needs shelter/alternate care site equipment and much more.



4 trailers full of equipment to each operate a 35 bed special needs shelter.

How do I Learn More?

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