

Code Cupid

Pediatric Preparedness Committee

Midtown Medical Center

Goals

- To integrate schools and Midtown Medical Center operations for large scale events such as:
 - Bus accidents
 - Natural disasters
 - Active threats
- To assist with identification and reunification of students.
- To serve as a liaison between the patient, the ED staff and the school.
- To be a friendly face for students/patients when they need it most.

School Safety Officers

- Two to four representatives from each school that are willing to respond to the hospital if an event involving students from their respective schools occurs.
- One to two of the representative should be the Principal or Assistant Principal.
- Will be trained and credentialed as volunteers by Volunteer Services (Molly McVey) and Tracy Fox.

Duties

- School Liaisons will report to command center to be assigned and given identification to wear.
- One representative from MCSD main office will check out laptop and be assigned a place to work in the ED. Their duties will include accessing Infinite Campus to help with identification, reunification and liaison with parents.
- One to two representatives from the specific school will report to PED to assist with identification, reunification and to serve as a liaison.

Implementation

- Training to take place during pre planning. 1-2 hours.
- Go live beginning of school year.
- Will look at being included in full scale exercise in the near future.

Code Cupid Procedures

- We notify Tracy Fox, Director of Risk Management for MCSD, of the school(s) we believe to be involved, and she contacts you.
- You arrive ASAP and report to the Peds ED lobby and are met by Molly McVey/Nancy Williams who escorts them to ETC Conference Room.
- You're issued badges, laptops, and radios. If names of students are known at this point, you begin gathering necessary information for providers:
 - Health info like allergies, medical conditions
 - Emergency contact
 - Custody info
- If patients are unconscious or unable to speak, ED staff will get the liaison to help with identification.

Code Cupid Procedures

- Depending on the size of the event, all available liaisons may stay in the ED while all patients are being triaged.
- If this is a large event and the ED lobbies cannot accommodate the number of family/friends who have come to get information, they will be sent to the Conference Center, and a liaison will go with them to keep the families informed.
 - Liaisons will NOT be giving families medical updates; an ED staff member will do that as needed. Liaisons will, however, be providing medical information to ED staff in order to provide the safest care possible

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- ED staff will make the decision about the necessity of relocating. Molly McVey/Nancy Williams will speak to the group and encourage families to relocate and show them the way to the Conference Center. If family/friends do not move of their own accord, Mike Zimmerman or another ED staff member/AOD will speak to them. If they still will not move, then Security will escort them.
- 1 family member per patient will be allowed in the patient's room.
- Once all patients have been identified and at least 1 legal guardian is physically present with each student, the liaisons may turn in their badges, laptops, and radios to Molly McVey/Nancy Williams.

Code Cupid Procedures

Liaisons must:

- Wear their school ID badge in addition to the hospital issued badge.
- Report to the Peds ED lobby and identify themselves as being a Code Cupid School Liaison.
- Stay in the designated area (ETC Conference room) unless a hospital employee asks them to come to a patient's room or trauma bay.
- Be prepared to ID students and witness trauma in order to relay important information to the ED team.
- Assist in the reunification of families and students.

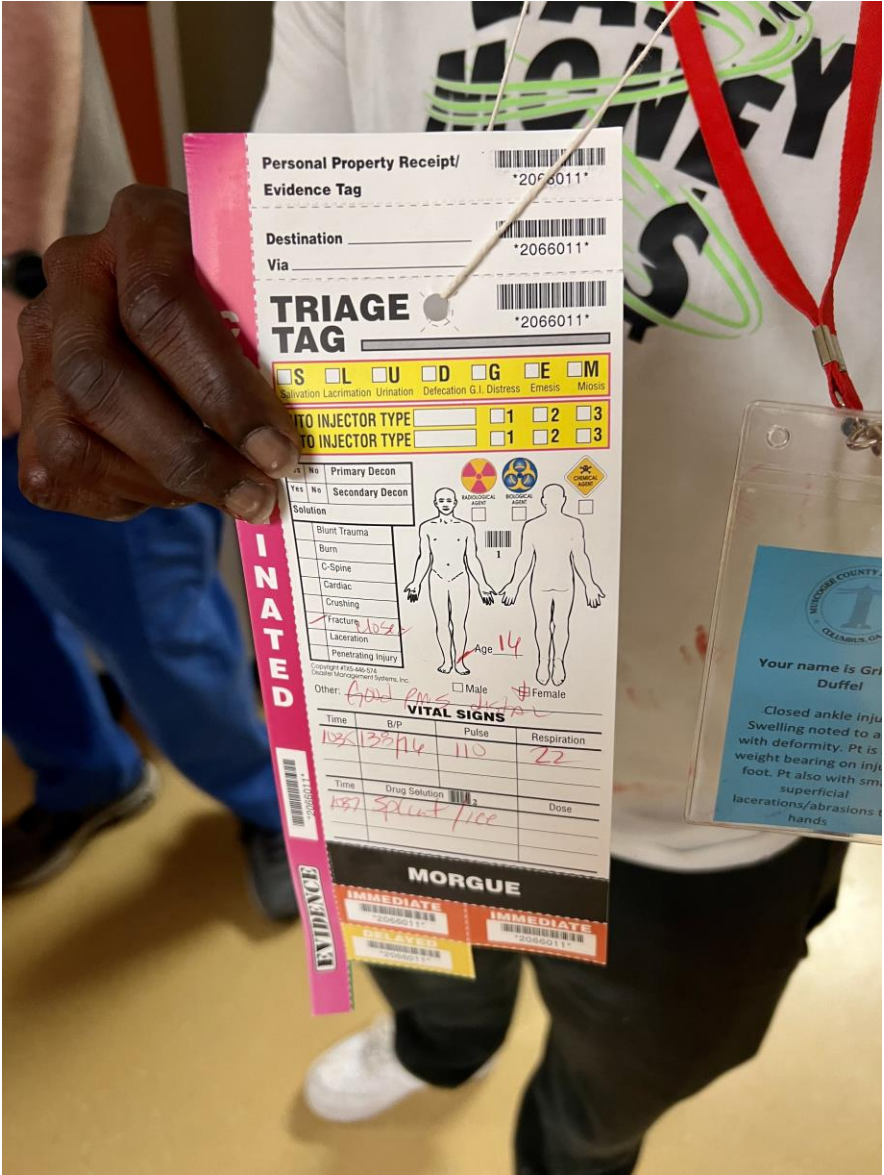
Summary

On March 22, Muscogee County School District, Muscogee County Sheriff's Department, Columbus Police Department, Columbus Fire and EMS along with numerous other departments participated in the multi-agency disaster drill. The drill simulated a tornado hitting a local high school with students present. Actual students were involved in the drill representing walking wounded, entrapped and uninjured students. Simulated injured students were transported to Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown campus for evaluation and treatment. Parents of these patients were also simulated and arrived at the hospital to be reunited with their children. Code Cupid plan was enacted and hospital security, pediatric emergency department personnel, volunteers trained in Code Cupid from the school system and hospital command center were all involved in the simulated identification and reunification of patients. Overall, 12 simulated patients reunited with family and 1 parent was notified that her child had been transported to Children's Hospital of Atlanta via helicopter. On a side note, the helicopter also simulated landing, loading the patient in the ED and then departing. Overall, the drill was an outstanding success with several opportunities for improvement identified as well.

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