

Medical Incident Support Team (MIST) Course Information

The **Medical Incident Support Team (M-IST)** is designed to provide support to the medical response at the local level during a disaster, serving as a liaison between to the Department of State Health Services, the DDC-RLO and the local jurisdiction. They also assist the local incident command structure with management of State and Federal assets, and provide subject matter expertise on issues relating to public health, assessment of medical facilities and support to local EMS. Team members are trained in procedures for evacuation of medical facilities and medical special needs populations, as well as the use of WebEOC to provide State and local officials with real time information on ESF-8 issues. Training will emphasize the M-IST's responsibility in the management of incident, as well as their vital role as liaison for State resources, forward observers for DSHS and the State Operations Center and as subject matter experts to aid local jurisdictions dealing with health and medical issues caused by the disaster.

Application Process: To apply for the Medical Incident Support Team (MIST) Course, contact regan.fritts@strac.org or 210-233-5835. After you submit your application, you will get an email from Ms. Fritts that states whether you've been approved for the class. You'll need the following information ready when applying:

- Name
- Email address
- Phone Number
- Rank / Title
- Department / Organization
- Supervisor
- Your RAC (Regional Advisory Council), your TSA (Trauma Service Area) & your TX-EM-TF (Texas Emergency Medical Task Force) region
- Do you meet qualifications for a MIST member?
 - *Senior Management*
 - *Command Level Officers*
 - *EMS Directors and Senior Supervisors*
 - *Hospital Emergency Managers*
 - *Highly skilled/motivated*
 - *Completed ICS 300/400*
 - *Rapidly Deployable*

Personnel who attend the course will be required to:

- Sign the DSHS Personnel MOU for reimbursement on deployments **AND**
- Submit a sponsorship letter by their chief officer attesting to their ability to be deployed this season.

Costs & Reimbursement: Course registration is funded through the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The cost of the hotel room is covered as part of the course (up to 3 nights). Any incidentals (room service, movies, laundry service...) are your responsibility. Breakfast, lunch and snack will be provided at the course both days. Travel and \$18.00 per day will be reimbursed. If you are driving and plan to claim mileage, calculate your mileage using 'Get Directions' at <http://maps.google.com/> Print out the map and attach it to the reimbursement form. Please print separate maps for each leg of your trip. We cannot reimburse mileage if you travel in an agency vehicle. If your agency had to pay for fuel, please attach any receipts to the reimbursement form and enter the amount in the 'other' column. If you have other travel expenses (airfare or rental car), save your receipts and turn them in with your reimbursement form. You may submit your reimbursement request to mary.roel@strac.org or fax to Mary's attention at 210-233-5851.

Contact regan.fritts@strac.org or 210-233-5835 with questions.