

# Western Region Burn Mass Casualty Incident (BMCI) Response Plan

**The American Burn Association (ABA) designated Western Region<sup>1</sup> encompasses Burn Centers located west of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico, including Alaska and Hawaii.**

- **For a BMCI occurring anywhere within the Western region of the United States the Western Region Burn Disaster Consortium serves as a communications and coordination center to support Burn Center(s) with burn bed census and/ or patient triage and transfer**
- **A BMCI is defined as any incident where capacity and capability significantly compromises patient care, as identified in accordance with individual BC(s), state, regional or federal disaster response plans**

## Requesting Assistance from the Western Region Burn Disaster Consortium (WRBDC) for BMCI Response and Coordination

<p>Upon request by a referring BC(s) the WRCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducts a bed census of Western region BCs using the Utah Notification and Information System (UNIS) Burn Provider Group</li> <li>• Supports and assists with regional efforts for patient triage and transfer if requested</li> </ul>	<p>Agencies requesting assistance include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Western Region BCs</li> <li>• Affected ABA BCs</li> <li>• ABA Regional Coordinator(s)</li> <li>• ABA Central Office</li> <li>• Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS) or designee</li> </ul>
<p>To request WRBDC assistance contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The University of Utah Burn Center 24/7 line at <b>801-581-2700</b></li> <li>• Burn Medical Coordination Center (BMCC) 24 hour Emergency Hotline at <b>866-364-8824</b></li> </ul>	<p>Upon notification WRBDC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Activates the regional burn disaster plan</li> <li>○ Conducts burn bed census of non-affected Western region burn centers for 02,12, 24 hour intervals</li> <li>○ Coordinates requests for patient transfer between referring and receiving BC(s)</li> </ul>

### Definitions

1. Western Region (WR) - one of five American Burn Association-designated regions. Refer [www.ameriburn.org](http://www.ameriburn.org) Homepage for a map of all regions.
2. Western Region Burn Disaster Consortium (WRBDC)- a Utah-based consortium of 26 burn centers, 13 of which are verified, who have joined together to support disaster response efforts for one another throughout the Western Region.
3. Western Region Burn Coordination Center (WRBCC)- one of 3 centers located throughout the West with redundant communication technologies to support disaster response efforts for burn centers. These centers are Utah, Colorado and Phoenix (pending).



# Western Region Burn Disaster Consortium

## Mass Burn Event

### 96-Hour Response Plan

Agency / Entity	Primary Roles	Secondary Roles
EMS  Local Healthcare Coalition  Public Health  Emergency Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rescue, transport, and distribute casualties to appropriate local facilities in accordance with established burn center MCI protocols.</li> <li>● Request / mobilize any coalition/regional caches of burn supplies.</li> <li>● Activate coalition coordination mechanisms and any burn-specific plans.</li> <li>● Coordinate local lists of casualties and clinical information.</li> <li>● Triage/prioritize patients for forward movement to specialty centers in accordance with established BMCI protocols and /or expert input.</li> <li>● Coordinate with burn experts to determine appropriate destinations for patients that cannot be accommodated in the local healthcare system with assistance from state and ABA.</li> <li>● Assure that appropriate clinical information is relayed between the referring and receiving facilities during the transfer process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Coordinate information with state/federal/ ABA partners</li> </ul>
Closest ABA Burn Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide patient care.</li> <li>● Activate facility and regional surge capacity plans to accommodate multiple patients.</li> <li>● Liaison between local response and regional ABA coordinating center.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assist with patient triage for forward movement.</li> <li>● Support facilities providing care for burn patients in the area via telephone or telemedicine and/or request support from WRBDC coordination center</li> <li>● Ensure burn surge facilities use existing resources (96 hour project)</li> </ul>
Western Region Burn Coordination Center (WRBDCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Serve as the point of contact (POC) for the ABA system.</li> <li>● Conduct bed polling initially and as needed within ABA region (and request assistance from adjacent regions as required).</li> <li>● Assist the affected local burn center and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assist with bed matching (right patient to right bed/facility, while being mindful of family units).</li> <li>● Facilitate exchange of patient transfer information between referring and receiving facilities once patients are</li> </ul>

	<p>state PH in determining appropriate patient destinations and transportations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assist with the tracking of patient movement including arrival to destination centers. Provide updates as requested</li> <li>● Facilitate requests for tissue bank products, as well as graft equipment and other specialized supplies.</li> <li>● In collaboration with state and regional partners, establish when the BMCI has concluded.</li> <li>● Establish any post-incident system needs and initiate AAR process.</li> </ul>	<p>matched to destinations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assist the affected local burn center and/or burn surge facility by providing expert advice or telemedicine as requested. Engagement of other WRBDC facilities will be imperative.</li> <li>● Circulate / facilitate additional staff and supply needs as possible (e.g., notify regional facilities of specialized resource / staff requests that they may be able to assist with) in conjunction with affected community and ASPR REC</li> <li>● Provide situational awareness to all appropriate agencies</li> </ul>
State PH/ EM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Support local jurisdiction with state- level coordination and requests for assistance (e.g., federal declarations).</li> <li>● Assure that patient triage, tracking, and transport needs are addressed.</li> <li>● Make request for burn care assets, including dressings and other materials from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS).</li> <li>● Engage Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) assets to provide inter-state support for transportation, staff, or other logistics.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Liaison between local and federal resources.</li> <li>● Support bed polling and matching functions as required in coordination with ABA regional center.</li> </ul>
ABA National Headquarters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide expertise and advice on request from a member center.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide expertise and advice to inform the federal response</li> </ul>
HHS/ ASPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide federal support to local and state activities as requested/ authorized under the National Response Framework including supplies, staff, and transportation assistance through the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) appointed to the State for the incident.</li> <li>● Coordinate approved use of National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) personnel or transportation assets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Coordinate information and access to burn expertise during BMCI.</li> <li>● Support/ assist states and ABA information and system needs (e.g., bed polling / data management).</li> </ul>

\* Plan adopted from the Mass Burn Event Brief accessible at: <https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/aspr-aba-oem-mass-burn-event-overview.pdf>



# BURN MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT ACTIVATION ALGORITHM



w/ 10+ persons involved \*



**866-364-8824**  
24/7 On-Call Line



**Western Region Burn Coordinating Center Activation**



**Western Region Burn Disaster Consortium Bed Census (UNIS)**



**Coordination of Patient Triage & Transfer if needed**

\*Or as defined by state/ individual healthcare facility/EMS Agency