

RESPONSE SYSTEMS INC (RSI)

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Support Mission

Staff Augmentation for LA BEMS

Response Systems, Inc (RSI) is actively recruiting individuals and TEAMS for potential deployment to Louisiana to assist the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (LA BEMS) in management process, in advance, of a major hurricane or other disaster incident responses. RSI has been providing medical mass evacuation assistance to states along the Gulf Coast for the past six years.



Individuals and Teams deployed are on an "as needed" basis. Events requiring activation generally occur in late summer. Hurricane "season" is June thru November. Pay scales are dependent upon experience, certifications and role or position. Additional bonuses are available based upon promptness and length of stay. Additional information and application can be found on our web site: www.DisasterPreparation.net

RSI is charged with fulfilling staff for the following tasks:

Tactical Operations Center

Ambulance Processing

Designated Regional Coordinator Support

Bus Triage

"I am anxious to work again on RSI missions. We were paid on time. That is very important to us. They also provide us with good plans and procedures which helps us get involved at a high level quickly"

Allen Wilkerson

Owner, EagleMed Services

REQUIREMENTS:

-Current or recent EMS Certification/License (EMT level and above), Nurse or Emergency Management certification and/or experience

-Minimum IS 100, 200, 700, & 800 certifications

- Operational Proficiency in ICS/NIMS

- Experience with Microsoft Office (Word/Excel)

- Documentation Skills

- Ability to pass background check

- Ability to respond to local airport within 4-8 hours

- Additional recommended skills:

- Working knowledge of Emergency Medical Services Dispatching Operations
- Staff Management experience
- ICS 300 &400 certifications

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The following are some frequently asked questions and answers about this mission:

Q. Can I wait until you are ready to deploy before signing up?

A. NO, you must be in the system to be eligible for deployment. Being in the system allows RSI to conduct training and obtain your certifications/Licenses to legally practice/work in other states. Additionally, our training also covers RSI's personnel policies and procedures. These items take some time. When team members are deploying there is not enough time to conduct these steps, therefore it is imperative you complete the sign up process now. Don't forget, there are no penalties for being unavailable for deployment so don't put it off any longer. SIGN UP NOW!

Q. Who is Response Systems Inc?

A. We are a private company who has been contracted to support LA BEMS with both medical and non-medical personnel. RSI has a long history of both training and response to large scale disasters. The LA BEMS is just one facet of our company. More information regarding RSI can be found at www.disasterpreparation.net

Q. What if I cannot go when I am notified?

A. RSI understands that not everyone can go all the time. Therefore part of our strategy is to maintain a large pool of individuals with a planning factor that not all team members will be able to respond every time they are asked. Therefore, if you are not able to respond on a given deployment, just let us know. We will keep you registered for subsequent deployments with absolutely no punitive repercussions.

Q. How will I be notified that I am needed?

A. RSI uses a state of the art electronic system that will notify you via multiple mediums, i.e. text, e-mail, and phone calls. You can then give your status update regarding your availability.

Q. How will I get there?

A. We will make all the arrangements for travel, lodging, and food. You will be responsible for travel to and from your home airport. Approved team members within driving distance can be reimbursed for driving to the designated deployment site.

Q. Who will assure we have the supplies we need?

A. The client has a logistics plan in place and will manage all needed supplies.

Q. Is there a possibility to be deployed before the incident, like a storm?

A. Yes, if the disaster is pending, select individuals may deploy prior to the pending incident. This is a very fluid decision as we do not always know if, when, or how big the impact may be.

Q. How long do I have to be deployed?

A. We are asking for a minimum 2 day deployment plus a travel day there and travel day back; if you can deploy for a longer period you may be eligible for additional bonuses.

Q. How much will I get paid?

A. Pay is dependent on your professional level, time of deployment, and position assigned. You are paid a daily rate and we operate the shelters on 12 hour shifts/operational periods. Payment options can be discussed by contacting our office once your application has been approved. Payroll rates are in line with the national averages for this type of work.

Q. What are the positions or roles available?

A. There are numerous roles to be filled. Tactical Operations Center will be the focal point of all information relative to the EMS response by the State. Designated Regional Coordinator (DRC) support will require individuals to assist the local DRC. Ambulance Processing will be conducting the check in process for ambulances coming to assist the State. Bus triage will be screening evacuees for ability to continue traveling on State sponsored evacuation buses. Within each of these deliverable are several different positions that will need to be filled.

Q. I see Louisiana is not a Compact State for nurses; how will that effect nurses and other licensed or certified personnel?

A. Louisiana has made provisions for emergency recognition and authority for "Out of State" medical professionals. The provider must currently be in good standing in the state in which they hold their license/certification to be accepted in Louisiana.

Q. Will my "Scope of Practice" change while working in Louisiana?

A. Unless specifically identified in your "Just in Time" training developed by the State of Louisiana, you will perform under the scope and /or the medical protocols of your home service/agency/organization. Most roles will not be delivering patient care; most roles are for information/project management. Bus triage will be screening patients.

Q. Why does the "Join Our Strike Team" link on the web site take me to another company web site?

A. The secondary web site is a secured web site which is hosted by the system RSI uses for rostering staff.