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Tripler Army Medical Center trains for MASCAL operations

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As part of both a state wide initiative and accreditation with the Joint Commission, Tripler Army Medical Center participated in a drill to exercise the processes for receiving and treating large numbers of unplanned casualties from natural and man-made disasters or any large influx of patients that overwhelms the common operational capabilities. The training helped staff identify and address needed changes in their Emergency Operations Plan, identify training gaps within their team and maintain a constant familiarity with the Emergency Operations Plan so it is familiar in the case of an actual emergency event. Participants included the entire chain of care starting at the point of injury with Emergency Management System agencies, like the Federal Fire Department, continuing on to the Tripler Emergency Department through the departments within the hospital that provided care to the casualties. These departments included the operating room, logistics, nutrition, leadership and inpatient units.

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