

Dallas Medical Strike Team Dallas Fire-Rescue EMS Division



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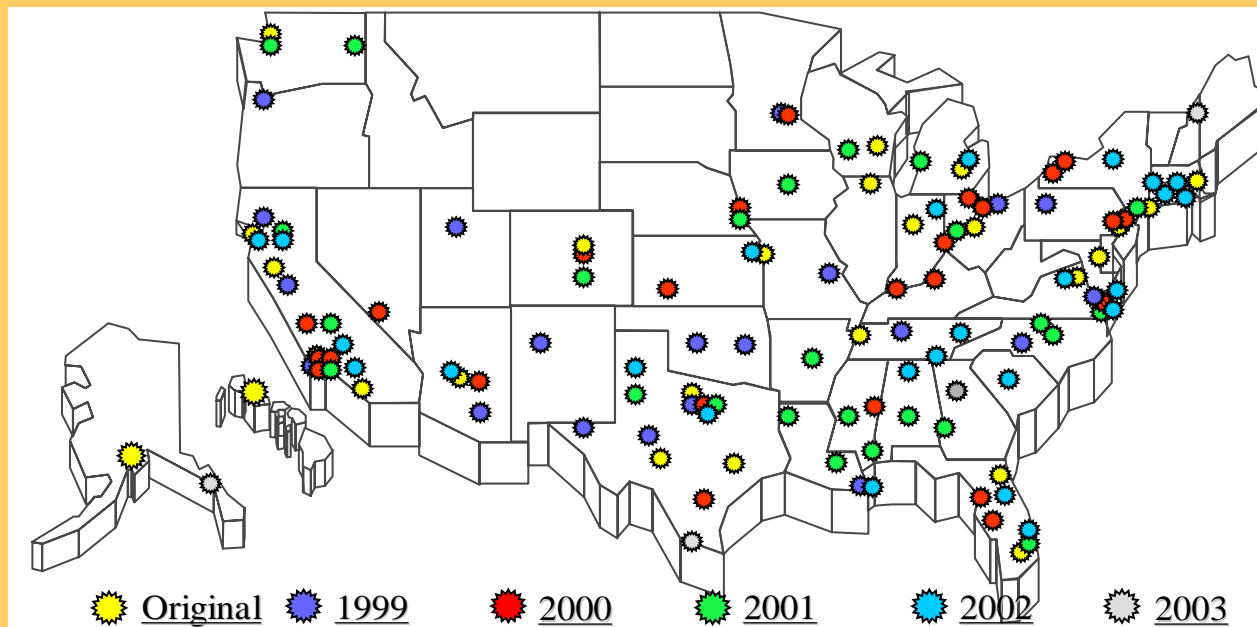
Background

- Dallas Medical Strike Team (DMST)
- Established 1999
- Federal grant program created in response to the 1996 Tokyo Mass Transit Sarin attack and the 1995 Murrah Federal building bombing



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- Dallas was one of 25 cities in 1997 to receive funding to establish Medical Strike Teams



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- DMST provides chemical warfare response capabilities
- DMST provides:
 - Specialized Equipment
 - Specialized Training
 - Support and treatment to victims of terrorism



DMST Coordinator

- First full time coordinator hired Spring 2005
- Coordinator is grant funded until October 1st, 2006. Will be city funded FY 06/07
- Coordinates Training and Equipment
- Subject matter expert for Weapons of Mass Destruction agents and events
- Coordinates with internal and external agencies

Capabilities

- With the ongoing world instability the DMST provides the ability for the City of Dallas to be prepared to respond to Terrorist events involving Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)
- DMST is maintained within the Dallas Fire-Rescue Emergency Medical Services Division



Capabilities

- Response Personnel :
 - Specially trained personnel come together to form teams
 - Dallas Fire-Rescue HazMat Technicians
 - Dallas Fire-Rescue Paramedics
 - Dallas Police Department Tactical Unit
 - Health Care Professionals from the Dallas County Health Department, UTSW/Parkland Hospital, Radiological and Biological specialists



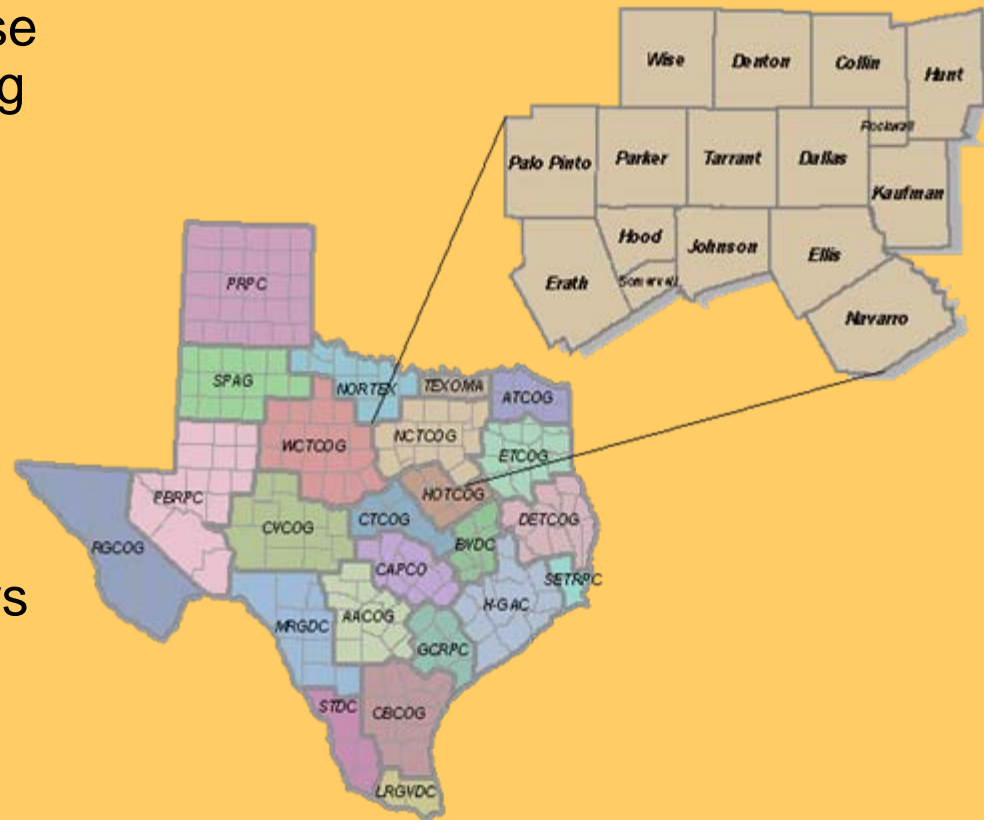
Capabilities Continued

- Antidotes for Nerve Agent Poisoning and Cyanide
- Detection and Identification of agents
- Mobile Decontamination for up to 1,000 people per hour
- Decontamination Foam Application Support Team (FAST)
- Logistical and communication support for responders
- Region wide consulting for WMD events to other agencies



Capabilities Continued

- Coordinates with the Metropolitan Medical Response System by use of grant funding and coordinated regional planning
- Regional response team for chemical warfare agents for North Texas
- Grant funded equipment allows for multi-hazard support



Equipment

- DMST Van – Field deployed chemical agent antidotes
- DECON 1 – Field deployed mass technical decontamination equipment
- FAST Vehicle – Field deployed decontamination foam applicator
- Communication Support
- Mass Casualty Support



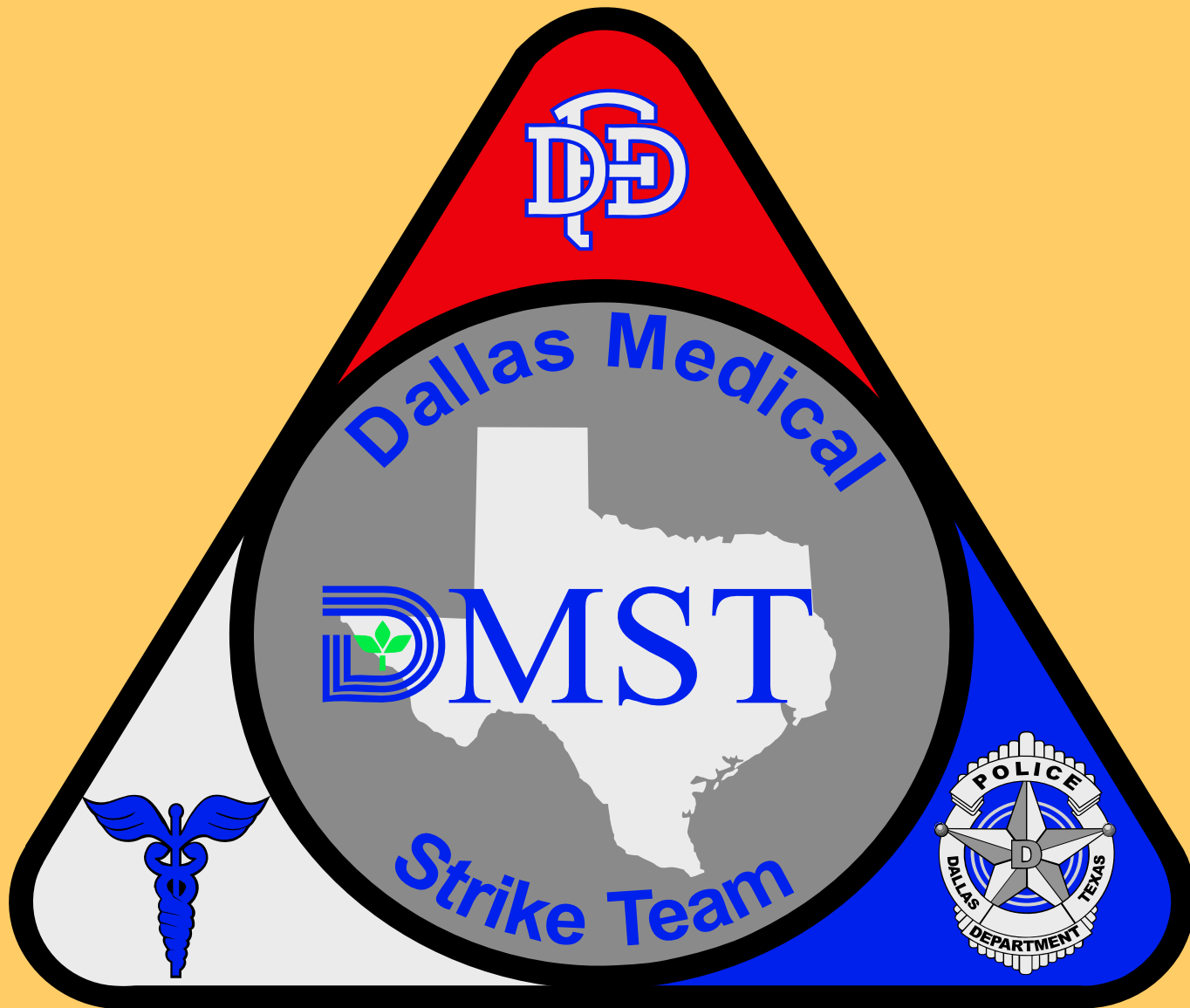
Funding

- **Nunn-Lugar-Dominici Act of 1996 (Nunn-Lugar II...Domestic Preparedness) D.O.D. domestic terrorism training for first responders**
- **U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) developed the MMST concept**



Current Funding

- Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)
- MMRS grants received:
 - 2003 . . . \$280,000
 - 2004 . . . \$400,000
 - 2005 . . . \$227,592
- We anticipate the 2006 grant funding of \$225,000 to be disbursed to the department in Spring 2007
- MMRS grant is managed by the Office of Emergency Management



Questions???