Call for action

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WASHINGTON (AFPN) – In the aftermath of the cowardly attack on our homeland Sept. 11, we are extremely proud of the service and contribution of America's Air Force men and women. Our vigilance and response has been and continues to be exceptional, effectively leveraging the value of the Service's capabilities.

We recognize the personal personal impact [illegible] support is about supporting the New York City attack, Pentagon and United 93 crash sites to Minot's and Pennsylvania, D.C. [illegible] in the medical support role. Additionally more than 1,200 Air Force medics are on standby ready to respond when required.

Air Force medical people have been providing medical care to New Yorkers and more operations continuing at the Pentagon.

[illegible] are doing all we can to help. It is time for others. We [illegible] Air Force and [illegible] Defense [illegible].

[illegible] our people, our other people [illegible] of the [illegible] of our Service commanders, [illegible], public services, and [illegible] absolutely pitched during this tragedy. Also we, as members of the United States Air Force, take the opportunity to express our thanks every day.

RESPONDING TO TRAGEDY

Air Force

Medical teams join recovery effort

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SAN ANTONIO – Air Force medical teams from bases around the nation are gathering at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex., to provide more casualty medical assistance to the victims of the Tuesday terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

The teams are part of a national medical contingency effort in support of the president's initiative to find and Disaster Medical System to handle mass casualties in the areas where two jet airliners struck each of the World Trade Center's twin towers in New York and another jet crashed into the Pentagon in an apparent coordinated terrorist attack.

The medical support teams will be providing critical care to casualties across civil jurisdiction after arriving. Because teams are properly equipped, they will also offer relief to some local medical facilities by providing short-term surgical and primary care.

Psychologists, social workers and medical technicians also will be available to help patients and medical workers deal with the psychological trauma associated with these kinds of incidents.

Across 200 Air Force medical professionals are expected to depart out of Lackland. The team is leading another 200 medical professionals to the area within hours of notification and "Wednesday" The Federal Emergency Management Agency is leading the operation.

Other teams will receive notice from the 21st Medical Group at Grand Air Force Base, Mass., four out of Gulfport, Miss., Monday aboard a C-17 Globemaster III and a C-9 Nightingale. The contingent included a general medical and surgical team, augmented by a field hospital, two critical care air transport teams and a [illegible] support team.

Two teams totaling roughly 120 people from Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB, Texas, departed the base Wednesday on C-17 Globe lifter aircraft. The teams, from the 59th Medical Wing, will handle critical care, minor surgery and other medical operations.

Lackland is preparing to send several hundred more people to Nevada, and Europe has medical professionals on standby and Germany and Germany's medical teams said.

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, deployed a 20-person aeromedical and critical care team Wednesday on a C-141 Starlifter cargo aircraft. The 445th Aeromedical Staging Wing at Wright-Patterson and the aeromedical crews in readiness.

Teams from the 1st Medical Group, Langley AFB, Va., and the 56th MDG, Eglin AFB, Fla., are also gathering at McGuire.

Additionally, the Air Force's engineering people in civil, construction, civil engineering and communications technology support is needed.

A 20-man technical officer team from the Air Force Research Laboratory deployed the morning of Travis AFB, Calif. The team will be working at Travis Field Laboratory which will be receiving remains of people killed in Tuesday's terrorist attack on the Pentagon. The Armed Forces Medical examiner has determined that 20 remains received from the Pentagon will be sent to Dover AFB, Delaware for Air Force Mortuary Affairs personnel.

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