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Israel's National EMS



A Day under Fire

MDA Director General Eli Bin: “MDA teams around the country and especially in the southern and central regions are on high alert and are ready for any scenario. In an attempt to reduce the public’s panic, I have instructed all MDA personnel to change the ambulance siren so the public will be able to differentiate between a rocket alert siren and an ambulance siren. MDA is in constant contact with the IDF and security forces and calls on the public to obey the instructions of the Home Front Command. In any emergency situation, call 101 or use the “MyMDA” application to alert MDA’s 101 Emergency Dispatch Center.”

After a quiet but tense night, rocket fire resumed this morning into Israel. The emergency routine continues in Magen David Adom in particular, as well as across Israel in general.



MDA continues to remain on the highest level of alert, with crews ready and is prepared to deal with any incidents. 508 ambulances and MICUS are in service in the south and central regions, as opposed to the usual 291 ambulances and MICUS which operate on a routine day. MDA is on alert in the rest of the country as well.

Since yesterday at 05:00 and as of 17:30 today, MDA EMTs and Paramedics have treated 63 people, all of whom were mildly injured. Amongst the injured were 2 men ages 30 and 55 who were injured by shrapnel in the Beer Tuvia Regional Council and a woman aged 65 in Ashkelon, another 29 who were injured whilst on their way to the shelters and 31 suffering from stress symptoms.

At 8:04 while sirens were blaring, a call was received at the MDA 101 Emergency Call Center in the Ayalon Region for an 8 year old girl who collapsed. MDA EMTs and Paramedics provided lifesaving treatment including CPR until her pulse returned and evacuated her to Wolfson Medical Center in severe and stable condition while she is sedated and on a ventilator.

At 15:36 a report was received in MDA's 101 Emergency Call Center in the Lachish Region of a rocket which landed in Ashkelon. MDA EMTs and Paramedics treated and evacuated a 65 year old woman to Barzilai Hospital with minor injuries from glass.

MDA EMT Dvir Bribo recalls: "upon arrival we found a 65 year old woman fully conscious and walking around the scene. At the scene were shards of glass which had exploded and lightly injured her face and her extremities. We provided her treatment which included bandaging and stopping the bleeding and evacuated her in mild and stable condition to Barzilai Hospital."



MDA's Reservists

Akiva (Aki) Bedell was called up for reserves duty this morning in MDA's Reserves Unit and immediately left his job in Jerusalem to join the MDA teams operating in Sderot. "The call to come came at 5am in the morning and we were instructed to be there within a few hours. I even had prepared a salad for the office the night before, not knowing that my day was going to change so drastically." Akiva is part of an IDF reserves unit which is under MDA's jurisdiction. "The unit really supports our every need. The commanders are amazing and take care of even the most minute details, and no one is lacking for anything. Everything is done in complete cooperation with MDA's Human Resources Department and Director General. They all make sure that we aren't lacking a thing and that is what makes this unit so special, the sense of family. Everyone is responsible for something and go above and beyond. 3 hours after the first rocket was fired everyone was at their posts. We are the first ones in and the last ones out. We are committed and are there to serve and protect."

Brother in Arms

The rocket alert sirens and explosions cause many, some of whom suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to panic. The above picture shows an MDA Paramedic and his brother in arms, a service dog from Sderot, in a moment of solidarity. They share a common goal of bringing comfort to the residents of the area.

Thousands of first responders are on call on Medi-Cycles, MERVs and electric bicycles and are ready to respond to any scenario. In addition, MDA has called up tens of reservists



from the MDA Reserves Unit. Amongst those called in are EMTs and Paramedics. In addition, 30 ambulances were released from emergency storage and placed in service. Additional teams were called into the MDA 101 Emergency Dispatch Centers across the country and to the National Dispatch Center in Kiryat Ono. MDA's 101 Emergency Dispatch Centers are staffed with EMTs and Paramedics to answer all emergency calls.

During the Escalation, MDA Continues its day-to-day routine

Even while rockets are being fired into Israel, MDA continues to treat routine incidents. This morning **Ben Tetro**, a member of MDA's Medi-Cycle First Responders Unit responded to several medical incidents which occurred even under the threat of rockets.

"After my night shift, which was surprisingly calm, I began a shift on my Medi-Cycle. This is a volunteer shift. During this time I was dispatched by the First Responders Dispatch Center to several incidents, two of the incidents involved severely injured citizens who were in need of immediate medical treatment at the scene. As an MDA First Responder I feel a sense of calling and fulfillment being able to provide treatment to the residents of my hometown."

MDA's Medi-Cycles First Responders Unit provides rapid initial medical treatment to all emergencies even when rockets are falling around them.

MDA's Blood Services who are responsible for supplying blood products both to the IDF and hospitals added additional staffing since the beginning of the escalation to ensure the supply of blood products to the hospitals. As such, they supplied over 2,500 units of blood and blood products to hospitals all around Israel.

