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  - on-scene or near-scene medical stabilization
  - transport to recognized (medical/trauma/burn) centers.
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• The incident and the number of casualties is of such a magnitude that local communities require assistance from other regions, from the State of Connecticut, and from applicable federal agencies in order to successfully manage and transport such casualties.
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• The State of Connecticut Protocol for the Pre-Hospital Management of Multiple (Burn/Trauma/Medical) Victims has been activated.
Connecticut’s Assumptions About “the Surge”

• The Statewide Trauma System Plan forms the matrix for
  - Disaster response planning
  - Prehospital triage
  - Forward movement of patients in an organized and predictable manner
  - Assisting the rapid implementation of the Capitol Region Metropolitan Medical Response System (CR-MMRS)
Connecticut’s Assumptions About “the Surge”

- Hospitals need to be involved in planning and preparation of all-hazards response protocols
  - Planning, surveillance, emergency response, communication, education, and evaluation
- Hospitals need to respond quickly
  - Injured will most likely seek care from their local hospital
RECONSIDER Connecticut’s Assumptions About “the Surge”

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Connecticut’s Implementation of a Surge Capacity

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  - on-scene/near-scene medical triage stabilization
  - transport to recognized (medical/trauma/burn) surge holding centers.
Statewide Need

- Where is there...
  - A true need?
  - Adequate space?
  - Adequate shelter?
  - Adequate resources?
  - Adequate personnel?

...... for “additional locations”?