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Name the Newsletter & Win \$100 Gift Card!

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition Newsletter. This monthly newsletter will share key information and updates with Coalition members. But it needs a name.

Submit your suggestions for the newsletter name by April 14th at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NametheCFDMCNewsletter> or email cfdm.coalition@att.net.

The winning entry will be announced in the May newsletter, and the winner will receive a \$100 Appleby's gift card!

About the Coalition

In response to federal requirements, Region 5 has created the Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition (CFDMC). The CFDMC mission is to develop and promote healthcare emergency preparedness and response capabilities in the East Central Florida Domestic Security Task Force Region 5 (RDSTF Region 5), including the following nine counties: Brevard, Indian River, Lake, Martin, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, St. Lucie, and Volusia Counties. The CFDMC will facilitate healthcare and other partners in working together collaboratively to build, strengthen and sustain a healthcare preparedness and response system within Central Florida and to assist Emergency Management and ESF8 (Health and Medical) with preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities related to healthcare disaster operations. The major goals are:

- 1) facilitate information sharing among participating CFDMC Members and with jurisdictional authorities to promote common situational awareness;
- 2) facilitate resource support by expediting the mutual aid process or other resource sharing arrangements among CFDMC Members and support the request and receipt of assistance from local, State, and Federal authorities;
- 3) facilitate the interface between the CFDMC and appropriate jurisdictional authorities to establish effective support for healthcare system resiliency and medical surge; and



"We all have a piece of the puzzle!"

Please Join Us at the Next Coalition Meeting!

Date: Thursday, April 24, 2014

Time: 1:30 pm to 4 pm

Location:

Renaissance Senior Center
3800 S. Econlockhatchee Trail
Orlando, FL 32829

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Meet the Board

Bradley Hilliard, Board Chair, Director, School of Nursing, Orlando Medical Institute, ARNP at Level I Trauma Center, and EMS Paramedic

Dave Freeman, Board Executive Director, & RDSTF Region & Health & Medical Co-Chair, Director Orange County Emergency Management

Larry Lee, Board Executive Committee & RDSTF Region 5 Health & Medical Co-Chair, Administrator, Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County

Bill McDeavitt, Board Executive Committee & RDSTF Region 5 Health & Medical Co-Chair, Director of Safety and Emergency Management, Florida Hospital

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Rich Collins, Director Osceola County Emergency Management

Cory Richter, Battalion Chief Training & QA, Indian River County Fire Rescue, Florida EMS Advisory Council Chairman, Florida EMS Strategic Visions Committee Chairman, NAEMT Region II Director & State Advocacy Coordinator

Bob Sorenson, Osceola County Fire Chief

Hylan Boxer, Director of Pharmacy for the Central Florida Family Health Center, Inc.

Dr. Michael Gervasi, President and Chief Executive Officer of Florida Community Health Centers, Inc.

Lynda G.W. Mason, Emotional & Spiritual Team Leader – Disaster Response at Northland, Coordinator and Minister - Stephen Ministry at Northland, A Church Distributed, Member of Florida Crisis Consortium & Disaster Behavioral Health Response Team

Join the Coalition!

Our goal is for all healthcare and emergency preparedness and response partners to join the Coalition!
Please click the link below to join the Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CoalitionCharterandCodeofEthics>

County Corner:

St. Lucie & Indian River Counties, in conjunction with Okeechobee County, are hosting the 2nd Annual Florida's Region 5 MRC Disaster Response Volunteer Conference, April 26, 2014 8 am to 5 pm. For additional information contact: Joan.Rivera@flhealth.gov or Sonji.Hawkins@flhealth.gov

Operation Liberation Full Scale Community Exercise

By: Eric Alberts, Manager, Emergency Preparedness, Orlando Health, Inc.



A full scale community exercise was held in both Orange and Seminole Counties on March 13th, 2014. The scenario of the exercise surrounded a protest at the City of Orlando's City Hall regarding the decision of Island De Soto's (IDS) options to pursue statehood or maintain common wealth which results in a riot. Two VIP dignitaries from IDS were injured, there were over fourteen gunshot victims, and a riot control agent was used in a crowd of over 575 people. All area hospitals were alerted to anticipate a Level 4 MCI (Mass Casualty Incident) with multiple trauma alerts which ultimately taxed the emergency response agencies and hospitals' resources.

Planning efforts for the exercise started back in August of 2013 with numerous community partners, and all exercise meetings and documents were HSEEP compliant. The following are some facts about the exercise:

- *37 agencies were included in the exercise to include the Central Florida Intelligence Exchange (CFIX) FBI, Fire Rescue-Hazmat, Law Enforcement, The Salvation Army, The American Red Cross, MRC, LYNX, Orange & Seminole County School Boards, 12 hospitals, and the Orlando V.A.
- *All centered on the same incident, on the same day, at the same time.
- *517 volunteer victims, most of which from Orange County Public Schools Health Sciences Program who want to be MDs or clinicians
- *57 volunteer victim management staff.
- *12 DHS Core Capabilities exercised.
- *Supported by donations and assistance from local restaurants and businesses, The Salvation Army, and Orange County Office of Emergency Management.
- *Cost of donations/assistance totaled \$16,247.04.
- *705 free meals and beverages
- *T-Shirts for volunteer victims
- *Moulage equipment



The exercise highlighted hospitals' staff and first responder's knowledge and use of HICS/ICS and their roles and responsibilities. Additionally the coordination between all agencies was very positive and will definitely assist during a response to a real incident of this size. Improvement items include better use of reporting software and notification (i.e. EMResource). Tracking of mass number of patients to 12 different hospitals will be a big concern if we have a real incident.



Upcoming Events:

Save the Date: The State Medical Response Team (SMRT) will hold a full scale exercise at Orlando International Airport on May 31st and June 1st. Additional details will be available soon.

Strategic National Stockpile Table Top Exercise to be held in late September / early October(exact dates and location TBD) to review a Mass Prophylaxis incident in an arena for people exposed to plague, with emphasis on responders first and then secondly to the exposed

Overview of Region 5 Coalition Alternate Care Site Exercise

By Terry L. Schenk, MS, CEM, Bureau of Preparedness & Response

It has become clear that one of the steps a local community must take to prepare for the medical response to a disaster / catastrophic mass casualty event (especially involving terrorism) is the development of an Alternate Care Site (formerly AMTS) plan. Hospitals across Florida are extremely busy on a daily basis. Hospitals in a disaster situation will, therefore, become overwhelmed and it is critical that their resources remain available for treating critical patients. One method to achieve this is to open Alternate Care Sites (ACS) to handle the “green tagged” or “minor” patients. The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) is working to assist every county in Florida with the development of their own ACS plan and has developed an ACS “guideline” that communities can use to develop their own local plan. A copy of this guideline (soon to be updated) can be found on the FDOH website.

On Tuesday, March 4, 2014, the Region 5 Healthcare Coalition held an ACS exercise at the Orange County Emergency Operations Center. The exercise was the culmination of a three month planning effort that put together a respiratory illness scenario to assess how a regional response would be fielded to handle medical surge in the Central Florida area.



The exercise was the fourth and final ACS exercise for 2014, facilitated by the DOH Medical Surge Unit. Other such ACS exercises were conducted for the Palm Beach Coalition (tornado scenario), the Region 2 “Big Bend” Coalition (stadium collapse scenario) and the Region 4 Health and Medical Coalition (hurricane scenario). The event brought together health and medical agencies from across the region who met for the all day tabletop exercise. Facilitated breakout sessions were used to address a wide variety of command, patient care, and logistical issues that would be present with a large scale incident or pandemic. Lessons learned will be captured in an exercise After Action Report and Improvement Plan to be delivered to the Exercise Planning Committee in April. At the exercise, FDOH personnel made participants aware of a free online training and education module on alternate care sites has been developed to provide emergency response personnel with an introduction to the concept of using alternate care sites as one solution to medical surge. Participants can earn one CEU or CME credit for completing this introductory course. The course can be viewed at:

<https://fl.train.org/DesktopModules/eLearning/CourseDetails/CourseDetailsForm.aspx?courseid=1044951>