



DISASTER CONNECTION

December 2015

Member Input is Vital!

The CFDMC Board of Directors are committed to seeking and using Member input in guiding the Coalition. In August, Members were surveyed to seek input on contract deliverables and 90 members responded: 62% wanted quarterly meetings, 46% wanted face-to-face meetings (others were split between webinar and conference calls), and 54% wanted meetings in a location central to all Coalition Members. Thus, quarterly meetings were scheduled in Viera. Members also identified the following as training priorities: #1 Fatality Management, #2 Risk Communication/Information Sharing, #3 Infectious Disease Response. Fatality Management Response training was offered in December with more than 20 Members attending. Infectious Disease training will be offered early in the new year. DOH Risk Communication/Information Sharing training is routinely offered and Members are notified as these trainings are scheduled. Members indicated that the best way to seek information from Members was in short, specific surveys. More than 85% of Members reported they routinely receive updates on issues such as approaching storms from other sources and did not want the Coalition to duplicate these. Members were given the opportunity during November to nominate Board Members, and Members elected five individuals to the Board on December 17.

The Coalition needs continued Member input and engagement. Here are ways Members can provide feedback or get involved:

- ✓ Join one or more funding committees to determine capabilities, gaps and propose projects to close gaps. The funding committees will meet by conference call over the next two months. To join, go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CFDMCFundingCommittees>

- ✓ Reach out to Board members (listed on the website) or send us an email (see link below).

- ✓ Use the new “Ask the Coalition” feature on the website.

- ✓ Join us at the March 24 Coalition Member meeting. Missed a meeting? Minutes and presentations are posted on the website.

- ✓ Check for trainings/exercises on the website’s Activity Calendar.

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“We all have a piece of the puzzle!”

Board & Member Updates

The Board appointed Peter Pappas, MD, FACS to the Board in May, representing Trauma and Brevard County. In December, Members elected the following individuals to the Board:

Alan Harris, representing Emergency Management and Seminole County

Daniel Harshburger, Jr., representing Emergency Medical Services and Martin County

Aaron Kissler, representing Public Health and Lake County

Wayne Smith, representing Specialty Service Provider (Dialysis) and Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie & Martin Co.

Steve Wolfberg, representing Hospitals and Martin County

The Coalition currently has 238 members from 120 organizations. New Member organizations are:

Advanced Ambulatory Surgery Center

Agency for Healthcare Administration (Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie)

Canaveral Fire Rescue

City of Orlando Emergency Management

Community Health Centers, Inc.

Environmental Services, Staffing and Solutions

Florida Committee on Trauma

Health Risks Consultants, Inc.

Indian River Medical Center

Select Specialty Hospital – Daytona Beach

Select Specialty Hospital – Orlando

Stuart Fire Rescue

Triple Point

University of Puerto Rico Disaster Management

For Board member bios or a listing of all Member organizations, visit the website at www.centralfladisaster.org

Summer - Fall Highlights



Orlando Airport Authority

The county health department building in Port St. Lucie was dedicated to the late Larry J. Lee in May 2015. Larry was the DOH-St. Lucie Administrator and also served as a Region 5 Health and Medical Co-Chair.

Orlando Health set up a mobile hospital unit to train for potential disasters in the October 30 Mannequin Apocalypse. Other agencies participating included Orange County Office of EMS, DOH, Great-

Emergency Management, and City of Orlando Emergency Management. Multiple patients with injuries resulted from an aborted airline takeoff were treated.



The Bioshield 2016 Full Scale Exercise held November 2 through 5 was a great success, showing capability to receive and distribute the Strategic National Stockpile. All nine counties within the Region participated. For details, see the December 17 presentation on the coalition website.