



Disaster Medical Coalition

# DISASTER CONNECTION

March—April 2015

## New Board & Coalition Members:

During March and April 2015, the CFDMC Board:

- ◆ Recognized two retiring Board member: Carmen Weatherford, and Dr. Jan Garavaglia, for their service to the Coalition and the Board.
- ◆ Appointed two new Board members: Captain Mike Hilliard is the Training Officer at Lake County EMS. Sheri Blanton is the Forensic Senior Program Manager for the District 9 Medical Examiner’s Office.
- ◆ Welcomed several new member organizations, including: Circles of Care, Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center/Oceanside, and Compass Pointe Cremation Services.

The Coalition currently has 172 members representing 105 organizations. For Board bios, a complete listing of member organizations, or to join the Coalition, please visit the CFDMC website at <http://centralfladisaster.org>.

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## March - April Highlights:

A Coalition Member Meeting was held on April 14 at the DOH-Brevard Conference Center in Viera. In the morning, Board Member Eric Alberts provided Incident Command System (ICS) training for healthcare partners. In the afternoon, Board Members provided key updates on a variety of topics, including Everbridge, coalition contract deliverables for 2014-2015 and expectations for contract year 2015-2016, and partner updates. The draft three-year Coalition strategic plan was previewed. The draft plan is posted on the Coalition website and members are encouraged to review and provide input on the plan through May 15. The final portion of the meeting included two Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) breakouts. The first breakout was a “how to develop your plan” training provided by Joan Rivera, Lisa Posiomek and Karen Street. The second breakout was a facilitated discussion among members with COOPs to share best practices and lessons learned. One of the final Coalition deliverables for this year is an assessment of members’ COOP status. If you have not yet participated in the assessment, please click on this link (or copy and paste the link in your Internet browser) to provide the status of your COOP plan:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COOPAssessment3-15>

A summary of the April 14 meeting and the presentations are posted on the Coalition website.



*“We all have a piece of the puzzle!”*

## March - April Highlights—Continued:

**Toxic Knight Exercise A Success!** The March 12 Region 5 full scale exercise, Toxic Knight, was considered by all a great learning opportunity. The exercise was a mass casualty incident at the UCF campus involving an active shooter with multiple gunshot wounds and trauma resulting from panic, along with a Hazmat incident involving 400 to 500 individuals exposed to Chloramine gas. More than 60 partners, including law enforcement, Fire/Rescue and EMS, hospitals, Orange County Public Schools, VA, the Salvation Army, Lynx and others participated in the exercise. There were 250 victims at UCF. The Coalition was responsible for the Barnett Park reception center, processing 419 student victim volunteers and an additional 80 chaperones to 14 area hospitals. The exercise focused on medical surge, decontamination, mass fatality and volunteer management capabilities. An After Action Report is being prepared and will be shared with Coalition members.



**The State Medical Response Team for Region 5 (SMRT 5)**, provided medical support at the April 25-26 Leesburg Bike Fest. SMRT 4, FAST (critical care transport) team, and the Lake and Orange Medical Reserve Corp also partnered with SMRT 5 in the event, providing medical care to more than a dozen patients during the two day event. Participation in this type of event provides a valuable service to our communities while allowing team members to train and exercise for disaster response.



## Upcoming Events

◆ **May 10-15, 2015: Governor's Hurricane Conference.** For information, visit: [www.flghc.org](http://www.flghc.org)

For a complete listing of upcoming events, please check out the Coalition website (Home Page, Activity Calendar). And if you have an upcoming event you'd like to share with other Coalition members, send details to:

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