



# DISASTER CONNECTION

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## Disaster Medical Coalition

## In Memoriam - William McDeavitt

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It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of Coalition Board Member Bill McDeavitt on May 19.

Bill was the Director of Safety, Life Safety, Emergency Management and Hazardous Materials and Waste at Florida Hospital. Bill served as one of the region's health and medical co-chairs for more than 10 years.

He was a member of the state Strategic Planning Oversight Team, and both chaired and served on numerous state and regional working groups and committees. Dave Freeman, CFDMC Executive Director, states "Bill was a tireless champion for healthcare preparedness and for the Coalition. His knowledge, expertise and leadership were an enormous asset to Central Florida which cannot be easily replaced. Bill will be deeply missed."

## CFDMC ICAR Pilot

The Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition (CFDMC) has been chosen by DOH to participate in a one-year pilot to assess and ensure that designated hospitals are prepared to identify and manage patients with highly infectious disease, such as Ebola, for at least 5 days. DOH will work with CFDMC to evaluate selected hospitals in Region 5, via an on-site assessment, for their capability to meet the criteria set forth by the CDC as an Assessment Hospital (i.e. capacity to identify and manage an Ebola patient for 5 days). The goal is to identify a minimum of ten hospitals in Region 5 to participate in the process as an Assessment Hospital, ensuring coverage for all counties within the region. Additionally, the project will identify EMS agencies prepared to transport patients with highly infectious diseases, will conduct on-site assessment at 20 additional hospitals in Central Florida to evaluate their capability to act as a CDC-defined Frontline Hospital (capacity to identify, isolate, inform and transport a suspected Ebola patient) and will develop a concept of operations for a coalition-wide hospital area command system. All hospitals will be offered the opportunity to participate in an on-site assessment as a Front-Line Hospital. The project is scheduled to begin in August.



**"We all have a piece of the puzzle!"**

## May Highlights:

Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford and Osceola Regional Medical Center in Kissimmee (shown in photo) have been designated as provisional status Level 2 trauma centers by the Florida Department of Health. The provisional status signifies that both hospitals have 24/7 in-house coverage by a trauma surgeon, 24/7 access to specialty and non-specialty surgeons and physicians, 24/7 on-call neurosurgeons and a 24/7 on-site anesthesia provider, surgical services team and trauma-trained nurses. Both hospitals are able to accept Level 2 trauma patients with critical injuries, such as victims of car accidents, sports injuries, shootings and stabbings.



"This is a critical, life-saving advancement of medicine for the residents of Seminole and west Volusia counties, as well as for the many visitors who pass through our community each year," said Wendy Brandon, CEO of the 221-bed Central Florida Regional Hospital. "Our mission is to save lives by reducing transport times for critically injured patients to receive appropriate care. In addition, keeping families of trauma victims closer to their loved ones will help the recovery process for our patients." Osceola Regional Medical Center CEO Robert Krieger added that the new designation gives his community "urgently needed access to immediate, specialized trauma treatment."

## Upcoming Events

DOH in St. Lucie County is hosting the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium's (RDPC) Isolation and Quarantine Series. This training is open to all coalition members. There are four (4) classes total, each class is four (4) hours long. You may take one or more classes. The only requirement is that the first class - MGT 433 Isolation and Quarantine for Rural Communities- is a prerequisite for the other three classes. All classes will be held at the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County, 5150 NW Port St. Lucie FL 34983. Please feel free to share with this invitation to others in your network.

**Class 1- What: MGT 433 Isolation and Quarantine for Rural Communities June 16 (am):** Register by June 2 using this web link: [https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/schedule/2020-01-01-mgt433-portsaintlucie-fl-001/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2020-01-01-MGT433-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+21+2015&utm\\_content=2020-01-01-MGT433-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+21+2015+CID\\_2eccf3dbb9a58c7fd291cce691d65569&utm\\_source=Email%20Marketing&utm\\_term=More%20details](https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/schedule/2020-01-01-mgt433-portsaintlucie-fl-001/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2020-01-01-MGT433-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+21+2015&utm_content=2020-01-01-MGT433-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+21+2015+CID_2eccf3dbb9a58c7fd291cce691d65569&utm_source=Email%20Marketing&utm_term=More%20details)

**Class 2- What: Rural Isolation and Quarantine Planning: Private Sector Readiness June 16 (pm) :** Register by June 2 using this weblink: [https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/schedule/2020-01-01-mgt431-portsaintlucie-fl-001/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2020-01-01-MGT431-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+21+2015&utm\\_content=2020-01-01-MGT431-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+21+2015+CID\\_ca55822a2ada5abaf5a21a098fe3b8c4&utm\\_source=Email%20Marketing&utm\\_term=More%20details](https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/schedule/2020-01-01-mgt431-portsaintlucie-fl-001/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2020-01-01-MGT431-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+21+2015&utm_content=2020-01-01-MGT431-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+21+2015+CID_ca55822a2ada5abaf5a21a098fe3b8c4&utm_source=Email%20Marketing&utm_term=More%20details)

**Class 3-What: Rural Isolation and Quarantine for Public Health and Healthcare Professionals June 17 (am).** Register by June 3 using this web link: [https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/schedule/2015-06-17-per308-portsaintlucie-fl-001/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2015-06-17-PER308-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+22+2015&utm\\_content=2015-06-17-PER308-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+22+2015+CID\\_ac97929c6374e01e73b333f13438f889&utm\\_source=Email%20Marketing&utm\\_term=More%20details](https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/schedule/2015-06-17-per308-portsaintlucie-fl-001/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2015-06-17-PER308-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+22+2015&utm_content=2015-06-17-PER308-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+22+2015+CID_ac97929c6374e01e73b333f13438f889&utm_source=Email%20Marketing&utm_term=More%20details)

**Class 4-What: Isolation and Quarantine for Rural Public Safety Personnel June 17 (pm).** Register by June 3 using this web link: [https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/schedule/2015-06-17-mgt432-portsaintlucie-fl-001/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2015-06-17-MGT432-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+22+2015&utm\\_content=2015-06-17-MGT432-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+22+2015+CID\\_cf0fbd7fa28829c112f1118ed9640839&utm\\_source=Email%20Marketing&utm\\_term=More%20details](https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/schedule/2015-06-17-mgt432-portsaintlucie-fl-001/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2015-06-17-MGT432-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+22+2015&utm_content=2015-06-17-MGT432-PORTSAINTLUCIE-FL-001+announcement+for+Apr+22+2015+CID_cf0fbd7fa28829c112f1118ed9640839&utm_source=Email%20Marketing&utm_term=More%20details)