

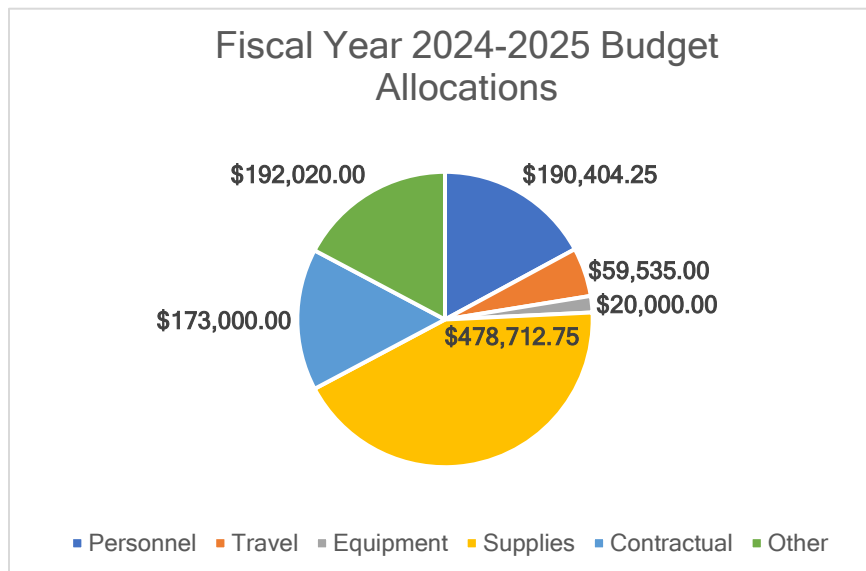
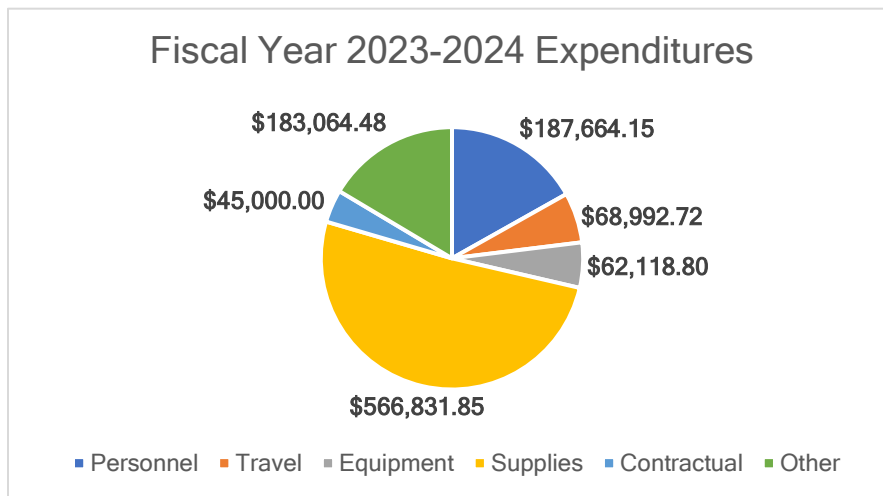
# Working together, CFDMC members accomplished amazing things in 2024!



The **Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition (CFDMC)** is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Hospital Preparedness Program, through a contract with the Florida Department of Health. 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. CFDMC facilitates healthcare organizations and other partners in working together collaboratively to build, strengthen, and sustain a healthcare preparedness and response system within Central Florida.

**Members:** as of December 31, 2024, there are 2,581 individual CFDMC members representing 900 organizations (see [Member List](#)).

## Budget & Expenditures (\$1,113,672 annually):



**2024 Leader of the Year**  
**Nicholas Gerth**



**2024 Member of the Year**  
**Amanda Nixon**



**Nicholas Gerth has taken over as Commander for the Region 5 Incident Management Team and has updated Team member requirements and the credentialing process. He works with CFDMC to provide incident management training throughout the region. Under Nick's leadership the IMT deployed twice In 2024; in response to Haiti Relief at Orlando International Airport, and under an EMAC request for the Oklahoma tornadoes. Nick's leadership has ensured that team members are ready when needed.**

**Amanda Nixon attended the Stress First Aid train-the-trainer program sponsored by the Coalition in 2022. Since then, she has provided the training to responders and healthcare personnel across Volusia County, including EVAC EMTs/paramedics, dispatchers, social work, and physician interns, and the Nova University cohort of physician assistant students. During 2024, she provided training at Halifax Hospital, the Volusia Parks Department, the Volusia Recovery Alliance, and all three shifts at the New Smyrna Beach Fire Department. Amanda's dedication to ensuring responder and healthcare personnel access to stress first aid is outstanding!**

Nicholas and Amanda's awards were presented during the CFDMC Annual Conference on December 4, 2024.

Other Leader of the Year nominees were Eric Alberts, Alan Harris and Dr. Tracy Zito, all previous Leader of the Year winners.

Other Member of the Year nominees were John Corfield (previous Member of the Year Winner, Steven Lerner, and Pamela Keil).

## It's All About Collaboration!

Healthcare and emergency response experts from across the region work together to improve regional preparedness and response, including:

**CFDMC Executive Committee & Board of Directors:** The Executive Committee addresses urgent operational issues and plans Board and member meetings. The CFDMC Board of Directors is comprised of decision makers from across the healthcare and emergency response stakeholder groups. They set strategy, allocate funding, and approve regional plans. See <https://www.centralfladisaster.org/directors>

**Regional Trauma Advisory Board & Committees:** The Region 5 Trauma Advisory Board Executive, Clinical Leadership, Preparedness and System Support Committees meet bi-monthly to improve trauma care, share best practices in injury prevention, and plan for mass casualty incidents. See <https://www.centralfladisaster.org/trauma>

**EID Collaborative:** This workgroup updates the regional infectious disease annex and provides guidance and equipment in outbreaks. See <https://www.centralfladisaster.org/teams>

**EMResource Steering Committee:** Hospitals, EMS, and emergency management from across the region are developing best practice guidelines and training videos. See [JUVARE PILOT | cfdmc \(centralfladisaster.org\)](#)

**Free Standing Emergency Department (FSED) Workgroup:** Hospital subject matter experts are working to develop best practice guidelines to better prepare the FSEDs for mass casualty incidents.

**Trauma/Burn Training Workgroup:** Representatives from trauma centers and the burn center are collaborating to develop a four-hour virtual course to prepare acute care hospitals and free-standing emergency departments to manage higher acuity patients in a mass casualty incident.

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**Coalition members provided 12,425.25 hours totaling \$99,032.49 dollars of in-kind support of Coalition activities in 2024!**

**During 2024, the Coalition received \$115,120.00 in donations and pro bono services.**

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## 2024 Coalition Highlights

### Organizing:

- ▶ Passed Federal & State Audits (no findings)
- ▶ Quarterly Member Meetings & Annual Conference. See [MEETING SUMMARIES | cfdmc 55\(centralfladisaster.org\)](#)
- ▶ Facilitated development of a Memo of Understanding among all Florida Healthcare Coalitions
- ▶ At the May Board Retreat, federal partners from ASPR escorted a delegation from Taiwan to meet with the CFDMC Board. The Taiwan delegation included the Minister of Health and Welfare, the Director-General for International Affairs, the Health Attache, and seven members of the Taiwan disaster medical assistance team. CFDMC Board members presented on regional collaboration and partnerships among hospitals, emergency management, EMS, public health, and subject matter expert workgroups such as the Emerging Infectious Disease Collaborative and the Region 5 Trauma Advisory Board.



**Planning:**

- ▶ Annual plan updates
- ▶ Family Reunification Center/Family Assistance Center: John Corfield at Orlando Health facilitated development of an FRC/FAC toolkit which was distributed to county emergency management, hospitals, and schools. ASPR has posted this as a best practice.
- ▶ See plans and provide input at <https://www.centralfladisaster.org/resources>

**Equipment:**

- ▶ Equipped new hospitals and FSEDs, and maintained all hospitals at minimum readiness standards (see equipment and supplies in annual budget)
- ▶ Purchased evacuation equipment cache for the south end of the region
- ▶ Ambu-bus for the City of Ocoee (via a donated bus from LYNX and UASI funding for conversion)
- ▶ The Regional Medical Assistance Team moved into new warehouse space in Lake County in December 2024
- ▶ Secured funding to refurbish tents in the nine alternate care site caches across the region
- ▶ See all equipment and response resources at <https://www.centralfladisaster.org/resources>

**Training:**

- ▶ Monthly Virtual COOP CEMP Workshops (helping members prepare their plans)
- ▶ February: L973 – Financial Section Chief
- ▶ May: L975 – Finance/Administration Unit Leader
- ▶ July: 0305 – All Hazards Incident Management Team Training
- ▶ August: MGT 340 – Crisis Leadership Training
- ▶ October: L950 – Incident Commander Training
- ▶ October: Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) Training
- ▶ December: Certified Health Safety Profession (CHSP) Training

**Exercises:**

- ▶ January: Great Tornado Drill (shelter in place)
- ▶ March: Statewide Chemical Surge Tabletop Exercise
- ▶ April: Full Scale Regional Medical Surge Exercise (69 hospitals, Seminole County Emergency Management, 1,700 volunteer victims, 100+ partner agencies)
- ▶ May: Statewide Radiation Surge Tabletop Exercise
- ▶ May: Operation Generate Confidence Drill (generator test)
- ▶ September: Operation Protect & Secure Drill (active shooter/lockdown plan)
- ▶ October: Cyber Tabletop Exercise
- ▶ December: A Glass of Mutual Aid Drill (test mutual aid agreements)

**Response:**

- ▶ The Regional Medical Assistance Team supported the Sanford Air Show in April 2024
- ▶ The Coalition facilitated regional situational awareness during several events, including OneBlood, the national IV fluid shortage, and Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

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