



REGISTRY LAUNCHES ECL PILOT

The Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP) is working toward Emergency Credential Level (ECL) 1 verification satisfying hospitals' Joint Commission Emergency Management Accreditation Standards and large scale disaster response efforts. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to update their profile and indicate hospital employment and/or affiliation; in order to become ECL1 eligible.

(ECL)	Requirements
1	Confirmation that the volunteer is clinically active in a hospital as an employee or by virtue of having hospital privileges.
2	Confirmation that the volunteer is clinically active in any setting other than a hospital (e.g. clinic, private practice, nursing home, etc.).
3	Individual meets the basic qualification necessary to practice in the state in which they are registered.
4	Individuals who have healthcare experience or education in an area that would be useful in providing basic healthcare not controlled by scope of practice laws (e.g. healthcare students or retired healthcare professionals who no longer hold a license.).

HEALTHCARE COALITION NEWS

REGION 2 SOUTH

The Michigan Transportable Emergency Surge Assistance Medical Unit (MI-TESA) is a mobile field hospital that is equipped with the necessary medical equipment, pharmacy, X-ray and ventilator capacity to treat patients in a major disaster. In addition to general medical/ surgical patients, the hospital can be broken down into separate wards for triage, isolation, ob-gyn, pediatric, psychiatric and patients.

Regular training and exercise programs are conducted to maintain operational readiness. Volunteers with an interest in serving on one

of these teams are encouraged to contact the Region 2 South office at 734-728-7674.



Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) courses have been scheduled for January 3 and February 7. Participants that have already completed their certification

are invited to contact Region 2 South for information about the ADLS May course.

In Spring 2012, Region 2 South will institute the development and implementation of an regional volunteer orientation program. The annual "in-house" will enable volunteers to meet the Region 2 South staff, facilitate a better understanding of the regional mission and potential situations for which calls for duty are requested, and enable networking with other volunteer groups in the region. Information will be initiated through the MI Volunteer Registry.

Additional MRC Program Opportunities:

City of Detroit MRC: FloydJe@detroitmi.gov
Monroe Co. Health Dept: mrc@monroemi.org
Washtenaw Co. Health Dept MRC: nauglea@ewashtenaw.org

SW MI 5TH DISTRICT MRC

The Southwest Michigan 5th District Medical Reserve Corps (SWM5DMRC) was initially designed to provide assistance to SW Michigan healthcare communities during a large scale disaster or planned event. It has branched out to fill additional needs within the community and beyond.



Kalamazoo will hold its third annual marathon in May of 2013. The SWM5DMRC was involved in the initial planning phases of the first Kalamazoo marathon, and will continue to be involved in all future marathons.

In addition to local marathons, the SWM5DMRC has sent volunteers to assist with the medical team at the Chicago Marathon for two consecutive years.

Dr. Prudy Barrett Nelson of the SWM5DMRC said, "The Marathon was a high energy, fun (but somewhat cold), well-organized event. We had at least 3 volunteers from our MRC working the "pre-finish area" about 150 feet from the finish line. We had a great time interacting with the volunteers from other MRC units."



At the 2011 Chicago Marathon, Jodi Spresser-Ernstes of the SWM5DMRC had been assigned to the pre-finish area along with about 40 other volunteers. A 61 year old male runner collapsed and Jodi and 5 others went to his aid performing CPR and eventually saving his life.

The SWM5DMRC is completely managed through the MI Volunteer Registry. The ease of use to manage deployments and volunteers has greatly increased the communication and organizational leadership of the MRC.

REGION 3 HEALTHCARE COALITION

On January 18th Region 3 will be hosting a Basic Disaster Life Support Class (BDLS) with Mobile Medical Response, Inc (MMR). This course will be held from 8:00AM to 5:00PM at the Michigan Cardio vascular Institute Training Facility in Saginaw, MI. This course introduces concepts and principles to prepare health professionals for the management of injuries and illnesses caused by disasters and public health emergencies. It offers a review of natural disasters, traumatic and explosive events, nuclear and radiological events, biological events and chemical events. To register for this course, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9R28XJ2>

There will be two 800Mhz Radio Training courses available to those that use or would like to know how to use an 800 MHz radio. The first course is being held at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, MI on February 1st. The second course is being held March 5th at the Midland Law Enforcement Center in Midland, MI. Both trainings are being held from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. To register for either of these courses, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J6X8TFC> for the Flint course or <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QV9GKN3> for the Midland course.

Other events hosted by the region this year will include Cornerstones in Preparedness Conference, Long Term Care Facility Conference, Psychological First Aid Conference and Advance Disaster Life Support (ADLS) course. Details on these opportunities are yet to come.

If there is any interest or questions in regards to any of these courses, please contact the Region 3 office at 989-758-3713.



REGION 6 HEALTHCARE COALITION

Volunteers from across the 13 counties in Region 6 remain an integral partner in planning, exercising and real life responses. Key to ongoing success and integration is active engagement: leaders from the Medical Reserve Corps units, Citizens Corps groups, and other volunteer organizations participate in monthly Coalition, Emergency Management and Citizens Corps leadership meetings. This allows each local organization a direct communications link to initiatives, ideas and opportunities – and for two-way feedback and discussion of successes and gaps.



One of the most visible, recent volunteer-enhanced exercises was the full-scale Region 6 Alternate Care Site (ACS) exercise in May.

More than 50 volunteers provided hundreds of hours and helped establish a Volunteer Reception Center, just in time training, input on ACS operations, check-out and debriefing. Similar opportunities are planned for this program year, and volunteer leadership groups will remain engaged with Coalition activities.



Visit us on the Web at www.miregion6.org.

OTHER NEWS

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

OPHP recently released three new learning modules available at MI.TRAIN.org. These important emergency preparedness program modules were developed with physicians and first responders in mind including options for continuing education credit.



Introduction to the Modular Emergency Medical System (MEMS)



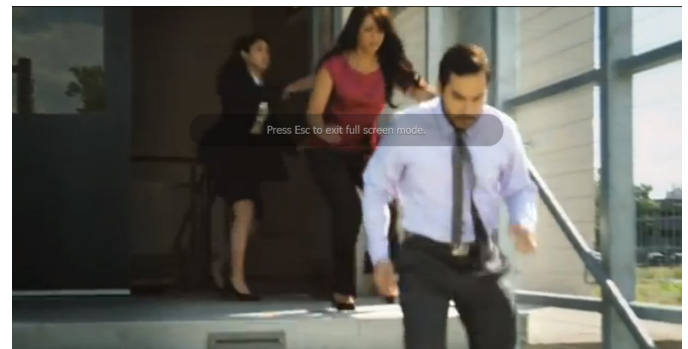
Michigan's MEDDRUN, CHEMPACK and Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)



Michigan CHEMPACK Program

SURVIVING AN ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENT.

The City of Houston has released a video designed to teach people how to react during a workplace shooting by emphasizing a three-word mantra: Run, Hide, Fight. The video was funded with federal grants and released following the Colorado theater shooting.



<http://www.policeone.com/media-relations/articles/5898055-Video-teaches-citizens-how-to-survive-an-active-shooter/>



ARE YOU UP TO DATE?



Personal preparedness plans should include having up to date immunizations. Some healthcare organizations require current, negative TB test documentation to accept you for a deployment.

Visit the MI Volunteer Registry document library for more information.

HOMETOWN HEALTH HERO

The Hometown Health Hero program is intended to award individuals that make health and wellbeing of the people in Michigan a priority. The theme for 2013 is "Public Health is ROI: Save Lives, Save Money."

If you would like to nominate an individual for this award go to: <http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,4612,7-132--271970--,00.html>.

Questions should be directed to Jim Koval at kovalj@michigan.gov or 517-335-8150.

APPS FOR PREPAREDNESS



bReddi is a Facebook app that helps you create a safety net inside and outside of your community.



Project Lifeline provides a simple, unified Facebook app that draws on your existing social networks to help you communicate with your Lifelines during a disaster.

PROGRAM FOR ASSISTED LIVING

The Red Cross *I'M OK program* ensures that senior residents will have someone check on them each day.



Residents are given an I'M OK door hanger to hang on the outside doorknob at an appointed hour. In the morning, a resident volunteer checks for the door for the I'M OK hanger. If the hanger is on the doorknob, the volunteer turns the hanger to its blank side, letting the occupant know that he or she has been "checked on." If the volunteer doesn't see an I'M OK hanger, help is summoned.

It's as simple as that. And it works.
<http://www.redcrosslv.org/IMOK.html>

INVOLVING CHILDREN IN PREPAREDNESS



Talking about emergencies in advance will help your child feel more confident and better able to respond to emergency situations.



A great website to visit is: <http://www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/toolkits/ready>.

This website is full of activities and tip sheets that will enable you to use everyday moments to talk to your child about the things you can do together to help keep your family safe.