



EBOLA PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP) partially activated the Community Health Emergency Communications Center (CHECC) in October.



Governor Snyder said, "Activating the CHECC allows our departments to further enhance and ensure the strongest collaboration

possible and be certain to accurately assess the situation and potential risks to Michigan and respond rapidly and effectively if needed."

To coordinate health-related preparedness efforts, the state continues to lead:

- Daily assessment of risk of Ebola in Michigan and travelers coming to Michigan
- Assessment of readiness in health care facilities across the state
- Support to health care facilities and workers as they continue to update their preparedness

These efforts enhance existing partnerships to prevent seasonal influenza and prepare for pandemic influenza. www.michigan.gov/ebola

HEALTHCARE COALITION NEWS

REGION 2 SOUTH HEALTHCARE COALITION

MI-TESA Inter-regional Deployment

In May 2014 Region 2 South, Region 5, and Region 6 participated in a full scale deployment of Michigan's Transportable Emergency Surge Assistance (MI-TESA) medical units to Big Rapids, Michigan. This was the first time both the 100-bed mobile field hospital maintained

by Region 2 South and the 25-40 bed hospital maintained by Region 5 were deployed to a Michigan region not affiliated with the state's MI-TESA program. Among the numerous objectives related to inter-regional deployment, the week-long event provided an opportunity for all eight Michigan Healthcare Coalitions to activate, deploy, and run field operations in the MI-TESA units with their mobile field teams comprised of volunteers from all medical and various non-medical disciplines. Volunteers with an interest in serving on a mobile field team are encouraged to contact their healthcare coalition for more information.



R2S Technical Support Team May 2014

Volunteers are also encouraged to contact these MRCs for additional information on team involvement and ways in which they can assist in local activities and response.

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REGION 5 HEALTHCARE COALITION

MRC Assists in Marathon

The Southwest Michigan 5th District Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) has a strong history of assisting in medical care at various marathons.



This year, the 5th District MRC was able to send volunteers to the Kalamazoo Marathon on May 4th and to the Chicago Marathon on October 12th. Missions were set up in the MI Volunteer Registry (Registry) for both events.

Notification via the Registry was sent out to the 5th District MRC for the 4th annual Kalamazoo Marathon and nine volunteers indicated availability. All nine volunteers were assigned to the mission and the message feature was used to communicate race day details. The volunteers had varied backgrounds and included EMTs, nurses and doctors. On race day, volunteers were placed at different



stations throughout the race, prepared to assist if any medical incident were to occur on the course.

A similar process

was used for the Chicago Marathon. In addition to setting up a mission, asking for availability and communicating race details; Registry badges were printed for the two volunteers assigned to the mission. Both RN volunteers helped staff the last mile of the race, where 40,802 runners crossed the finished line. The last mile of any marathon is where most medical incidents occur and can include cramping, collapses and even full codes. Both volunteers came back to Michigan with positive feedback and encouragement for Southwest Michigan 5th District MRC to continue support of marathon preparedness!

Stephanie Herderich
Region 5 Healthcare Coalition

REGION 3 HEALTHCARE COALITION

Conference and Volunteerism

The training and exercise workgroup of Region 3 HCC Advisory Committee is tentatively planning their annual Cornerstones Conference for June 2015. One topic being discussed for this year's theme is Volunteer Management, as this is a priority capability. The workgroup is looking to have the Cornerstones Conference showcase all the various volunteer organizations within Region 3 that focus on emergency planning, preparedness, and response. These organizations may include CERT, CCP, American Red Cross, local search and rescue, MI-MORT, and MI Volunteer Registry. As the workgroup further develops the conference details, they hope to have representatives from many volunteer organizations commit to participate in the day long conference.

The day's agenda would have speakers from the various volunteer groups give a presentation that would include their organization's history; what they do, and what they have done in the region. The region has identified many local volunteer groups, and each has much to offer. This conference could provide them a platform to share their goals and missions with the regional community. With 14 counties in Region 3, we are fortunate to have a number of volunteer organizations that provide a variety of services aimed at emergency preparedness and response. Bringing them together under one roof for a day will be a benefit to all. The training and exercise workgroup hope to finalize and confirm the conference theme this month.

Rob Kelly
Region 3 Healthcare Coalition





REGION 6 HEALTHCARE COALITION

Laboring and Badging Volunteers

Kent County MRC assisted with the Labor Day Festival at the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Downtown Grand Rapids. The MRC offered security for the event by patrolling the grounds and keeping the peace. They also provided the first aid for the event. MRC members took turns walking the grounds with first aid kits and being stationed at their information table. The information table was set up during the event to give out information about the MRC and tell people how to get involved. This event was an example of the valuable service that the MRC's offer to their communities.

Montcalm/Ionia MRC, Region 6, and public health participated in a MI Volunteer Registry (Registry) badging day in Fenwick on August 11th. We were able to query and call out volunteers on the Registry website. We had over 20 people show up to the badging day and had 2 new volunteers register on the site. Public Health from Mid-Michigan and Ionia provided just-in-time training on the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). There were lots of freebies including: first aid kits, flashlights, disaster guides, and supplies for family preparedness kits. MRC volunteers were able to learn how to use the Registry badging system and update their profiles. They were also able to test the system with multiple computers set up. Fifteen volunteers had their photos taken, updated their affiliations, and walked away with a printed Registry ID badge that will be valid for one year.

*Mike Gregg
Region 6 Healthcare Coalition*

OTHER NEWS

MICHIGAN STUDENT SAFETY INITIATIVE

[OK2SAY](#), Michigan's new Student Safety Initiative enables students to confidentially report potential harm or criminal activities aimed at students, teachers, staff or schools. The program's focus is on early intervention and prevention.



OK2SAY has been in operation for approximately two months and has received nearly 180 tips. This is due in part to the Attorney General's OK2SAY presentations that are given to middle and high school students across the State of Michigan.

DISASTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The new Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) [Disaster Behavioral Health Web Site](#) is now live.

Many valuable resources may be found on this site such as regional and local contact information, education and training, at risk populations, resilience and stress management, disaster behavioral apps, plan templates, and additional resources.





APPS FOR PREPAREDNESS

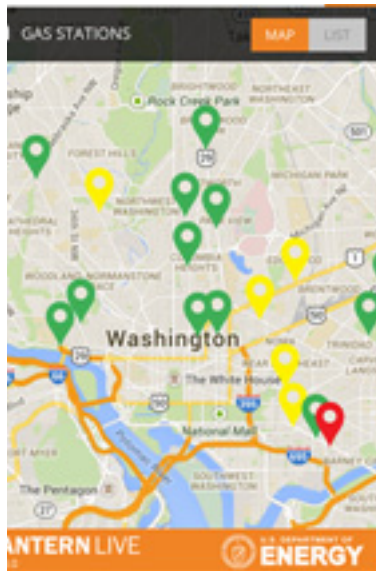
MI Prepares Emergency Mobile Plan App



The MDCH is pleased to announce the official release of the [Michigan Prepares Emergency Mobile Plan application](#). This app is a free easy-to-use tool that can help you and your family create a basic emergency plan in a few quick steps. This new mobile application is available for both Android and iPhone.

Lantern Live App

The [Department of Energy released an Android app](#) to provide people the ability to report status and location of fuel stations, check for power outages, and access safety tips. Part of a series of innovations made possible by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy's Disaster Response and Recovery Initiative, designed to increase the presence of open data in disaster.



CITIZEN CORPS PROGRAM NEWS

The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division has a new State Citizen Corps and CERT Coordinator. Jane Yount joined the State Police in September, due to Wendy Galbreath's promotion. Wendy will still be involved with these very important programs. Jane said, "It's exciting to be part of a group that shows such enthusiasm and passion for what they do."



Sue Fisher and Jane Yount

MI VOLUNTEER REGISTRY (REGISTRY) TRAINING AND EXERCISE

Maintaining an accurate profile in the Registry is highly important to ensure that you as a volunteer may be contacted in the event your skills, expertise, or location matches a request for assistance. Equally important is for administrators to stay practiced in managing requests for volunteer assistance.

To continue to provide preparedness opportunities for Registry administrators, two virtual OPHP hosted events will be held in January 2015. Both will feature a training and exercise component to evaluate systems, processes, and readiness for deploying and coordinating volunteers. Volunteers will NOT be asked to physically deploy.

Happy holidays to all and let us bring in the new year prepared!

