



MI VOLUNTEER REGISTRY PHONE PILOT



The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Bureau of EMS, Trauma and Preparedness

(BETP) and the Region 8 Healthcare Coalition (HCC) will be piloting MI Volunteer Registry (Registry) phone alerting functionality January 1 through June 30, 2016, for training, exercises, and incidents within the region. Region 8 Registry volunteers may be notified by a Registry administrator during this time in order to assess the value of this functionality; such as increased enrollment, response rates, and partner participation.

HEALTHCARE COALITION NEWS

REGION 2 SOUTH HEALTHCARE COALITION

Region 2 South Volunteer Involvement in Recent Events

Each year, the City of Detroit hosts a variety of special events bringing a vast number of participants and spectators into Region 2 South. In 2015, Detroit hosted two of the largest annual sporting events: the Detroit Free Press Talmer Bank Marathon and the Chevrolet Grand Prix. Competitive racing for the Chevrolet Grand Prix began on May 29, 2015 and concluded on May 31, 2015 on Belle Isle in Detroit requiring a large amount of preparation for first aid and emergency services support.

Similarly, the 38th Detroit Free Press Talmer Bank Marathon was held on October 18, 2015, with a reported 27,833 runners registered in one of the five races. Each of these labor-intensive annual events require assistance from a large number of medical volunteers in Southeast Michigan to staff medical stations, roving medical units, conduct surveillance and patient tracking operations.

Volunteer recruitment occurred prior to the events utilizing various healthcare organizations. For Grand Prix operations, over 59 volunteers attended the required event orientation and reported for three days of race operations. Over 58 volunteers attended the required orientation and reported for duty at the Detroit Free Press Talmer Bank Marathon. For each event, volunteer responsibilities included patient care in three medical stations strategically staged around the event activities, operating rover teams to provide patient assistance and transportation, and monitoring and updating patient tracking applications. Specifically for the Detroit Free Press Talmer Bank Marathon, volunteers were deployed internationally to assist with medical operations on both the Ambassador Bridge and the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Volunteers were pre-assigned to their stations and staged with equipment to prepare them for specialized patient care needs. Over the three day duration of the Grand Prix, volunteer medical staff treated 94 patients and an estimated 134 patients were seen during the Detroit Free Press Talmer Bank Marathon.



2015 Grand Prix Medical Team



Volunteer involvement will continue to be a critical component of ensuring that these events are safe for participants and spectators. Any volunteers interested in assisting with special event operations, like the

Detroit Free Press Talmer Bank Marathon and the Chevrolet Grand Prix, are encouraged to contact the Region 2 South office at 734-728-7674.

Region 2 South also encourages volunteers to investigate other local opportunities for volunteer involvement. Four Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) have been established and are active in the City of Detroit, Monroe, Wayne, and Washtenaw Counties within Region 2 South. Volunteers are encouraged to contact these MRCs for additional information on team involvement and ways in which they can assist in local activities and response.

Below is the contact information for the four MRCs within Region 2 South:

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REGION 3 HEALTHCARE COALITION

Volunteer Management is Focus at Region 3 Cornerstone's Conference

Region 3 Healthcare Coalition held their annual "Cornerstones in Preparedness" conference in Bay City this last June. With the theme being all about Volunteer Management, various volunteer groups that deal with emergency preparedness and response were invited to make a presentation on behalf of their organization. The daylong conference was held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City. Volunteer organizations that presented included the American Red Cross, Midland Search and Rescue, Region 3 Regional Response Team (Hazmat), the Michigan Volunteer Defense Force, Saginaw County CERT and Citizens Corps. In addition to these groups, a presentation was also provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Bureau of EMS, Trauma and Preparedness (BETP) on the MI Volunteer Registry. Information was provided on how the program can help each volunteer organization by providing a place where volunteers can access important topical information regarding specific events, exercises and drills as well as general knowledge and training. Discussions on the MI Volunteer Registry, prior to and after the presentation, was instrumental for further partner dialogue and information exchange. One topic that was of interest to many hospital partners was Michigan's efforts to enhance the hospital's emergency credentialing participation within the MI Volunteer Registry. Overall, about 100 regional partners attended the conference



representing hospital, EMS, public health, emergency management and long term care facilities. Conference attendees were pleased with the overall conference, and walked away with a better understanding of what services are available in the region. The conference was hosted by the Region 3 Healthcare Coalition and was supported by funding from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response (ASPR).

Rob Kelly
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REGION 6 HEALTHCARE COALITION

Training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP)



Region 6 Healthcare Coalition recently sent 133 of its partners to the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in Anniston, Alabama. The CDP is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and is the only federally chartered Weapons of Mass Destruction training facility in the nation. Among the partners were doctors, nurses, hospital staff, and eight volunteers from the 13 counties that make up Region 6.

They participated in classes such as: Health Care Leadership, Hospital Emergency Response Training for Mass Casualty Incidents, Emergency Medical Operations, and the Integrated Capstone Event (ICE). Responders participating in CDP training gain critical skills and confidence to respond

effectively to local incidents. The training also emphasizes the public health role in an emergency response and highlights areas where responders would collaborate with public health. The CDP offers more than 40 training courses focusing on incident management, mass-casualty response and emergency response to a catastrophic natural disaster or terrorist act. Training at the CDP campus is federally funded at no cost to state, local, tribal and territorial emergency response professionals or their agency.

The final day of the week long training was the Integrated Capstone Event (ICE). The ICE combines multiple courses in a final culminating exercise that promotes an interdisciplinary response to a mass casualty incident. ICE challenges responders in a complex all-hazards environment to include initial call-out, scene size up, rescue, decontamination, pre-hospital treatment, hospital surge crime scene management, evidence collection and hospital response. Region 6 partners gained a one of a kind experience by working together during large scale trainings as they would in real life disasters.

Mike Gregg
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REGION 5 HEALTHCARE COALITION

New Medical Reserve Corp Members Take Off Running

The Southwest Michigan 5th District Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) has seen an influx of new members in the last three months, thanks to the Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine. All first year medical students participate in a five week Medical First Responder (MFR) course, allowing the students to get a jump-start on their medical



Medical students providing medical support at a WMU football game. Pictured here with Kalamazoo Mayor (and paramedic) Bobby Hopewell, Dr. William Fales and Ryan Davis, a Life EMS paramedic.

career by obtaining their MFR licenses.

Several of the medical students have taken the opportunity to put their newly acquired skills to use

by signing up for the 5th District MRC. Since joining the MRC, the students have been able to assist in medical support efforts provided to Western Michigan University (WMU) football games. WMU football games attract large crowds and two medical areas are set up to help manage any injuries that occur during tailgating and the game itself. Working in this environment has been a great opportunity for the students to use their medical knowledge.

The Southwest Michigan 5th District MRC's newest members have even taken the lead on coordinating events of their own. A mission was set up on the Registry and equipment was utilized for basic medical support at a 5K event on October 11th, 2015, for the Kalamazoo Hispanic-American Council. The students also made use of their MRC connections and requested equipment to ensure there was proper medical supplies on hand for a Habitat for Humanity event where other students were volunteering. The Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine medical students have brought new blood and new life to the Southwest Michigan 5th District MRC!

*Stephanie Herderich
Region 5 Healthcare Coalition*

OTHER NEWS

THE HUMAN COST OF WEATHER-RELATED DISASTERS

[A report](#) from the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters and the United Nations Office for Risk Disaster Reduction provides an analysis of weather-related disasters over a 20 year period.

EBOLA VACCINE RESULTS

[An ebola vaccine clinical trial](#) shows it was well tolerated and stimulates strong immune response.

A phase 1 single-blind, randomized clinical trial of a new Ebola vaccine (ChAd3-EBO-Z) that resulted from a global consortium assembled by the World Health Organization has found that it is well tolerated and stimulates strong immune responses in adults in Mali, West Africa and in the US, according to a study published this week in the journal *Lancet Infectious Disease*. Larger trials of the vaccine have already begun to measure efficacy.

“DO 1 THING” DECEMBER GOAL

[Be prepared](#) to give first aid while waiting for an ambulance.

An emergency can happen at any time and any place. Many public places have a first aid kit, oxygen, or an AED (automated external defibrillator) to treat people. These items can only save lives if someone knows how to use them. Actions you take in the first few minutes after an injury or other medical incident may save someone's life.