

**WHO PanFlu Alert Level 6 November 5, 2009 U.S. Terrorism Threat Level Yellow**

→The Regional News Update is now posted on MIHAN and the Regional Website←



## **Welcome To Jennifer Stefaniak!**

We are pleased to welcome Jennifer Stefaniak as our new Regional Administrative Assistant!

Jennifer is replacing Megan Norton who moved on to accept a position within her degree field.

Jen quickly picking up the routine and procedures of the Regional Office and you'll find her willing to help with your questions. She's already become very good at signing over equipment and supplies as well as working with the Regional video confernece system.

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Please make her welcome to the Region.

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## **Region 3 Completes Second Annual Public Information Office's Conference on October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Region 3 hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual PIO Conference on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Dow Event Center in Saginaw.

This was originally set for April 30<sup>th</sup> but it was cancelled due to the arrival of H1N1 influenza. That program was rescheduled to the October 22, 2009 date.

Approximately 90 attendees received presentations on techniques on dealing with the media by Robert Kolt as well as discussions on the media interactions after a major tornado strike at Union University in Tennessee by Mark Kahler and the helicopter crash at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids by Paula MacKenzie.

Evaluations completed by the attendees showed that the program was very well received and appreciated.

The Region will be considering a third PIO confernece building on the last two in the current grant year.

## **Joint Planning Board and Advisory Committee Meeting a Success**

Region 3 held a very successful joint meeting of the Planning Board and Advisory Committee on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw.

Members of the groups heard presentations on the plans for the new grant year as well as an update on the Pandemic Influenza funding projects given by Lisa Cross, the Regional PanFlu Planner.

In addition, the Board reelected John Shaffer of Midland/Gladwin MCA as Chair and elected Kay Lapp of Covenant Healthcare as Vice Chair.

The Advisory Committee elected William Jerome of the V.A. Medical Center in Saginaw as Chair and Cori Upper of District Health Department #2 as Vice Chair.

Members of both bodies were thanked by the Regional staff for their hard work and continued support of the preparedness efforts over the years of this program.

Without the dedication and labor of the numerous partners in our Region, this project would not be able to succeed.

**THANK YOU!**

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## **Report of the Region 3 800 MHz Radio Drill held November 5th**

The monthly Region 3 radio drill was held 11/5/09 for all hospitals, MCA's, Public Health Agencies and other key partners.

### **Procedure:**

Prior notice of the drill was provided to all key agencies in the Region via 1 email in the days prior to the drill and an MIHAN alert and email the morning of the drill.

The drill was started on November 5, 2009 at 8:00 AM with a MIHAN high level alert and email.

**Results:**

As outlined in the instructions, the drill was begun at 9:00 AM and ended at 12:23 with the following results.

Hospitals listed (includes Tribal Wellness Center): 23  
Hospitals responding: 23  
Percentage: 100%  
(Unchanged from previous test)

MCA's listed: 11  
MCA's responding: 11  
Percentage: 100%  
(Unchanged from previous test)

Health Dept. listed: 10  
Health Dept. responding: 10  
Percentage: 100%  
(Unchanged from previous test)

Other personnel listed:  
(includes EMHSD Dist Coordinator, BT Assistant,  
BT Medical Director & Regional Lab) 3  
Other personnel responding: 3  
Percentage: 100%  
(Unchanged from previous test)

**Overall Percentage of agencies contacted: 100%  
(UNCHANGED from 100% for the previous test)**

*Please note: this is now the **11<sup>th</sup>** time in a row that we have had a 100% completion rating for these monthly tests.*

**Follow up Plan:**

In that all agencies completed the drill in the allocated time, no follow up actions were needed.

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**Office Closure Notice:**

The Region 3 Office will be CLOSED, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009 in honor of Veteran's Day.

Please take a moment to thank a Vet.



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**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Committee:**  
Next regular meeting **November 10 2009** from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Center, 820 S. Lincoln St., Bay City, MI.

**Healthcare Preparedness Regional Planning Board:** Next regular meeting **November 23, 2009** from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Center, 820 S. Lincoln St, Bay City, MI

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**Today's Quote:**

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

# The Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Network

Is pleased to announce the availability of



# **FREE!**

## **On Line Training.**

These four ~~FIVE~~ modules are now available on MITRAIN (<https://mi.train.org>)

- Region 3 MCC Operations
  - Region 3 ACC Trailer
  - Region 3 MCI Trailer
  - Region 3 Radio Systems
- **NEW COURSE! - REGION 3 ORIENTATION!!!**

***The 1<sup>st</sup> four offer EMS CE credit!***

To find the courses, after registering and logging into MITRAIN, go to the "Course Search" tab (at the top of the page) and click on "Key Word Search" under the Search Options (on the left side of the page.) Type in "Region 3" and the courses will be listed. Just select the course you want.

Contact the Region 3 office with any questions or problems.

***Enjoy your FREE learning experience!***

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