

# The Region 3 News Update

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**The new National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) has replaced the old color codes of the Homeland Security Advisory System. For more information go to: <http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/ntas.shtm>**

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**The Region 3 News Update is now available on both the Regional Website and MIHAN**



## **Region 3 Holds Very Successful Cornerstones in Preparedness Conference**

The third annual Region 3 Cornerstones in Preparedness conference was held on May 19<sup>th</sup> with over 80 attendees.

This year, the conference, held at the Dow Event Center in Saginaw, focused on Critical Infrastructure and decontamination preparedness.

The lead key note speaker was John Snider, RN, of the Henry Ford Health System who presented on response to biological events. He was followed by Mike Moll of the Department of Homeland Security who discussed recent

threats in Michigan and the importance of situational awareness.

After lunch, the attendees broke into two tracks to concentrate on either decontamination or critical infrastructure protection and continuity of operations planning.

The decontamination section was a demonstration and hands on session on the principals and techniques of decon including setting up and operation of a Zumro decon tent. This section was taught by Connie Ruth, RN of Covenant Healthcare and Capt. Rick Longoria and Capt. Ona Hoard of the Saginaw City Fire Dept.

The second track was lead off by SGT Bruce Payne of the Michigan State Police who discussed the concepts of critical infrastructure and key resource identification and protection. He also reviewed the Federal ACAMS program and its value to both the healthcare agencies attending as well as first responders. This track was concluded by Jim Brasseur, PA-C of Region 3 who presented on the importance of continuity of operations planning for healthcare agencies.

The evaluations for the conference have now been analyzed and the responses were all very positive. The general feelings of the attendees, as expressed on their course evaluation forms, was that the program was highly useful and valuable training and that they looked forward to the fourth Cornerstones conference next year.

Thank you to all who attended, the presenters, the Regional Partners who assisted in the planning and execution of the event and the Regional Staff who organized and coordinated

this event, especially Cari Hillman and Jennifer Stefaniak. Without all of you, this would not have been the successful conference it was.

There are more conference photos at the end of the News Update.

**Remember to register for the MI VOLUNTEER REGISTRY – it's a great way to help your neighbors, our community and the State! For more information, go to: [www.mivolunteerregistry.org](http://www.mivolunteerregistry.org)**

## Cooperative Reimbursement Program for All Participating Long Term Care Agencies Nears Completion

The deadline is quickly approaching for the 30+ Long Term Care (LTC) agencies in Region 3 who have agreed to participate in the current cooperative reimbursement program.

Of the approximately 73 LTC's in Region 3, we now have 40+ actively participating agencies and these have now been offered up to \$1400.00 each to assist in their emergency preparedness efforts.

As with previous cooperative reimbursement programs offered through the Region, those agencies interested in this offering are required to sign and return an acceptance letter by a specified deadline – for this program that deadline is close of business today. Cari Hillman has been stellar in her work with these agencies and has been instrumental in promoting this project to them. Through her hard work, we have well over 30 LTC's who will be taking benefit of this offer

Once they had submitted their acceptance letter, which provided them guidance on the types of goods and services that are covered – and what is not covered, they then must provide a standard Region 3 Justification form for review and approval prior to obligating any funds. Once approved and the goods and/or services are obtained, they then must submit copies of the

paid invoices to the Regional Office for reimbursement.

**The final deadline for submitting these invoices for processing is May 31<sup>st</sup>.** Reimbursement requests submitted for processing after that date will not be eligible for funding and the agency will be responsible for the costs.

LTC agencies with ANY questions regarding this project should contact Jim in the Regional Office.

**Reminder:**  
**Reimbursement Submissions for Approved Attendees to the Spring Homeland Security Conference are due to the Regional Office NO LATER THAN NOON on FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2011! If we don't have your reimbursement submissions by then, we will not be able to process them!**

## Deployment Drill and Re-standardization of all Region 3 Trailers Scheduled for May 31 – June 2

All three of the Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) and five Acute Care Center (ACC) trailers will be involved in a pre-planned deployment exercise to the Birch Run Expo Center on May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The purpose of this event will be to test not only the deployment protocol for the trailers but also to take advantage of having all of them at one site for re-standardization of their load patterns.

Also as part of this event, all of the systems on each trailer, especially the MCI trailers, their generators, furnaces, and air conditioner units will be tested.

This is part of an effort coordinated by the Assessment, Readiness and Long Term Planning workgroup of our Advisory Committee to improve the readiness levels of these Regional assets. This will include a new regular check off sheet for each trailer host agency to assure each is ready to be deployed on short notice.

Thank you to Jennifer Stefaniak and the workgroup for their hard work getting this event planned! We look forward to a successful deployment, testing and re-loading of these trailers.

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## **All ACC Site Visits Completed**

As part of this year's State guidance, the Region is required to inspect each of the primary Alternate Care Center (ACC) sites for each acute care hospital.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we completed the last of the 21 ACC site visits and inspections.

During these evaluations, we used an ACC site inspection survey developed by AHRQ for these visits. This allowed us to easily compare the sites throughout the Region, giving specific scores for each.

We appreciate the assistance and cooperation of our acute care hospitals in this effort. Please contact the Regional Office with any questions.

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## **Fundamental Disaster Management Courses Return To Covenant Healthcare**

Following a co-sponsorship of the first-in-Michigan Fundamentals course with Region 3, Covenant Healthcare is once again has taken the lead in co-sponsoring two additional courses this fiscal year. The next FDM course is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Cooper Lecture Theater at the Covenant Cooper Lecture Theater.

This one-day course, developed by the Society of Critical Care Medicine, offers intensive, hands-on training and course work for healthcare professionals who work as first receiver-intensivists for adult and pediatric patients, following natural or intentional mass disasters.

The course covers the types of disasters that would likely result in an expanded need for critical care services which will likely have to be provided outside a typical critical care setting. From nuclear detonation to multiple shooting victims to mass chemical release, this course covers the algorithms and pathways to critical care response during mass disasters. You will learn guiding principles for triage and allocation of scarce resources during a disaster, as well as the proper use of appropriate personal protective equipment and environmental controls required while caring for critically ill victims.

An additional component of this course includes the importance of working within an Incident Command System to effectively accomplish medical mass disaster response. Finally, knowing what staffing, supplies, and equipment would be required, and the resources available to you will help prepare you to respond appropriately to specific disaster types.

Registration for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> course is now closed, as we have reached the maximum number of participants. Each attendee will receive a Society of Critical Care Medicine FDM training manual, all course materials, CME credits, and food and beverages for the day. Costs for this course are covered by Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Network and Covenant Healthcare through a grant from the Michigan Department of Community Health, with funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness, Hospital Preparedness Program.

Questions regarding this course should be directed to Jim Brasseur at 989-758-3712.

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## Zimek Unit Continues to be out of Service

The Zimek machine is still out of service due to an apparent dispute between a large ambulance company in New Jersey and their union which has resulted in a hold order issued by the E.P.A. local office covering New Jersey.

Because of this hold order which does not involve the Zimek machine itself but rather the chemical used in it, Region 3, as well as Region 1 who also have a Zimek machine, have chosen to take our units out of service until the situation is cleared up.

The hold order on the Zimek QD used in the units still allows the chemical to be mixed and used by hand, but does not allow its use in the Zimek unit using the same water/chemical formula because the label does not specifically mention its use in the machine.

While this appears to be a labor issue in New Jersey, the E.P.A. hold order is affecting ours and other States. MIOSHA is now involved and all appropriate actions are being taken to assure that the process is taken care of.

We hope to be able to return the unit to service soon. We will inform all MCA's as soon as that happens or if there are any further developments.

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## Upcoming State SNS SharePoint Ordering Training and Exercises for All Region 3 Hospitals

In the last two years, hospitals have been able to order supplies and equipment from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) during states of emergency, once their, regional and State assets are expended. This ordering process has been performed via fax up to now.

The State Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP) is now moving this process to an on-line system using Microsoft SharePoint.

The movement to this new ordering system will require that key personnel at each hospital, primarily the Emergency Manager and

Pharmacy Director be issued SharePoint accounts, complete an approximately one hour training and complete an ordering practice exercise. The exercises all must be completed within 60 days of the completion of the training cycle. Local Health Dept. Emergency Preparedness Coordinators and County Emergency Managers will be invited to participate in the training and exercises.

The Regional Office has submitted the required list of hospital personnel for SharePoint accounts to OPHP. Once we receive the information that the accounts are set up, we will coordinate the dates and times of the required trainings, which will likely be done on line. When the training is completed, we will set up the ordering exercises and submit the After Action Reviews.

For more information regarding this new SNS/SharePoint ordering process, please contact Jim in the Regional Office.

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## Upcoming Training Courses and Conferences:

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**6/22/11: Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS)**

**Co-sponsored with Region 2 North**

**To be held at the CRESS center at Oakland Community College (right off I75)**

**Registration Information to follow**

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## Upcoming Meetings:

**Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Regional Planning Board. May 23, 2011 at 1:00 at the Lincoln Center, 820 South Lincoln St, Bay City, MI.**

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**Region 3 Healthcare  
Preparedness Advisory  
Committee, June 14, 2011 at  
1:00 at the Lincoln Center, 820  
South Lincoln St, Bay City, MI**  
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**Quote of the Day:**  
You miss 100 percent of the shots  
you never take.  
Wayne Gretzky

**Photos from the May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Cornerstones Conference**





# THE SEVEN SIGNS OF TERRORISM

## **1. Surveillance:**

Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras (either still or video), note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.

## **2. Elicitation:**

People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone, or in person.

## **3. Tests of security:**

Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

## **4. Acquiring supplies:**

Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. Also includes acquiring military or other uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items.

## **5. Suspicious persons out of place:**

People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else. Includes suspicious border crossings and stowaways aboard ship or people jumping ship in port.

## **6. Dry run/Trial Run:**

Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

## **7. Deploying assets:**

People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

**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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