

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>

Be Situationally Aware – See Something, Say Something!

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

Sorry For The Hiatus

It's been since May 20th of this year that we've published an edition of the NEWS UPDATE. And we would like to apologize to our partners. We've been rather tied up with numerous exercises, drills, funding projects, closing out the 2010-11 grant cycle and doing the application for the new 2011-12 cycle. This is the longest break in the publication of the UPDATE since we started it way back on Nov 18th of 2005. We will try not to let this happen again.

Therefore, this edition will be very much a review of what has been happening in the last three months in the Region and our office.

Staffing Changes in the Region 3 Office

Kathe Martin, our previous Assistant Coordinator, was not able to return to her position after having back surgery.

Jennifer Stefaniak, who was the Interim Assistant Coordinator while Kathe was out, was asked and agreed to continue on full time in the position. She will be also covering some of her previous administrative responsibilities.

Cari Hillman, our Partnership Development contractor in the 2010-11 grant year, has agreed to come on full time as our Regional Training and Development Coordinator on a contractor

basis. She will be assuming much of Kathe's responsibilities in the areas of exercise and training. Cari took on the operation of the highly successful Cornerstones in Preparedness conference in May and is already working hard to plan the various training and exercises for the 2011-12 cycle. She will also be continuing her work with partnership development as we continue to reach out to a broader group of healthcare partners.

New Grant Cycle Begun on July

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The FY 2011 (2011-12) grant cycle begun on July 1, 2011 and will run through June 30th 2012.

The budget for this cycle reflects the realities of the current fiscal environment as well as the maturing of the overall Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP) Federal grant. The Implementation budget showed a decrease of 28% to \$584,482. Legacy costs of various implementation projects again takes up a very large percentage of that budget and the Administrative budget remained unchanged from the previous year.

The Region's application for this cycle was submitted prior to the July 15th deadline and the first request for funding was submitted on June 27th. We are awaiting approval of the June 27th funding request.

For more information on the 11-12 budget, please contact Jim Brasseur in the Regional office.

Report of Drills and Tests Completed

Over the last few months, Region 3 has completed the following successful drills:

May:

- 800 MHz radio drill 98% successful
- Satellite Phone monthly tests 100%
- Video Conference monthly tests 97%
- Daily, Hospital reported on EMResource
- Weekly, LTC reported on EMResource

June:

- 800 MHz radio drill 98% successful
- Satellite Phone monthly tests 96%
- Video Conference monthly tests 97%
- Daily, Hospital reported on EMResource
- Weekly, LTC reported on EMResource
- MCA/EMS Quarterly 800 MHz test 100%

July

- 800 MHz radio drill 98% successful
- Satellite Phone monthly tests 100%
- Video Conference monthly tests 97%
- Daily, Hospital reported on EMResource
- Weekly, LTC reported on EMResource

Regarding the monthly 800 MHz radio tests, we have been changing the parameters on these drills by making them unannounced and progressively shortening the timeframe for response. In July, we were down to a 3 hour window for our hospitals, MCA's, Health Departments and other key partners to respond. In upcoming months, we will also be adding additional requirements on these drills including use of multiple talkgroups.

For the daily EMResource hospital bed reporting, we have been averaging well over 90% participation during this period.

For the weekly bed reporting by LTC agencies, we have had a progressively increasing number of them reporting their status on EMResource. As of this week, we have had over 20 LTC partners report.

Overall, we are very satisfied with the success of these various drills and will be working with our partner agencies to make them more challenging and to increase participation.

Thank you to ALL our partners who have continued to make these drills and tests successful!

We can't do it without YOU!



Emergency Lighting Provided to Interested Hospitals and Long Term Care

While all hospitals and long term care have some form of emergency lighting systems in case they lose power, there are routinely areas of each type of facility that are not covered by these systems. These may include patient bathrooms, closets, storage rooms, etc.

This was identified by our Advisory Committee as an issue and The Planning Board approved their proposal to provide additional emergency lighting, including free standing lights and headlights for hospitals and LTC.

A survey was held and two types of free standing emergency lights were provided to all interested agencies as well as head lights for their staff. These have all arrived at the Regional office and most have now been picked up and are available for use during emergencies.

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



Weather Alert Radios and GETS Cards Provided to all Interested Long Term Care

Region 3 is in now in the process of deploying emergency weather alert radios. The distribution of the weather radios has been based on the responses to a survey conducted. One radio is being provided to each LTC that indicated interest.

We have also provided GETS cards for LTC agencies who indicated their interest in receiving them. GETS (Government Emergency Telecommunications System) allows the agency to gain priority phone system access in an emergency. These cards have been issued to all interested long term care agencies in our 14 county region.

For information on this project, please contact Jennifer Stefaniak at 989-758-3713.

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 additional courses this fiscal year. The next FDM course is scheduled for October 7th 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 October 7th course is now open at the Region 3 website: www.region3hpn.org 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 Basseur at 989-758-3712.

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 are also invited to participate in the training and exercises.

The first group training was held August 4th with the next being presented as part of the Advisory

Committee meeting on August 9th. When the training is completed, we will set up the ordering exercises and submit the After Action Reviews. Three hospitals have already completed their exercises

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

Upcoming Meetings:

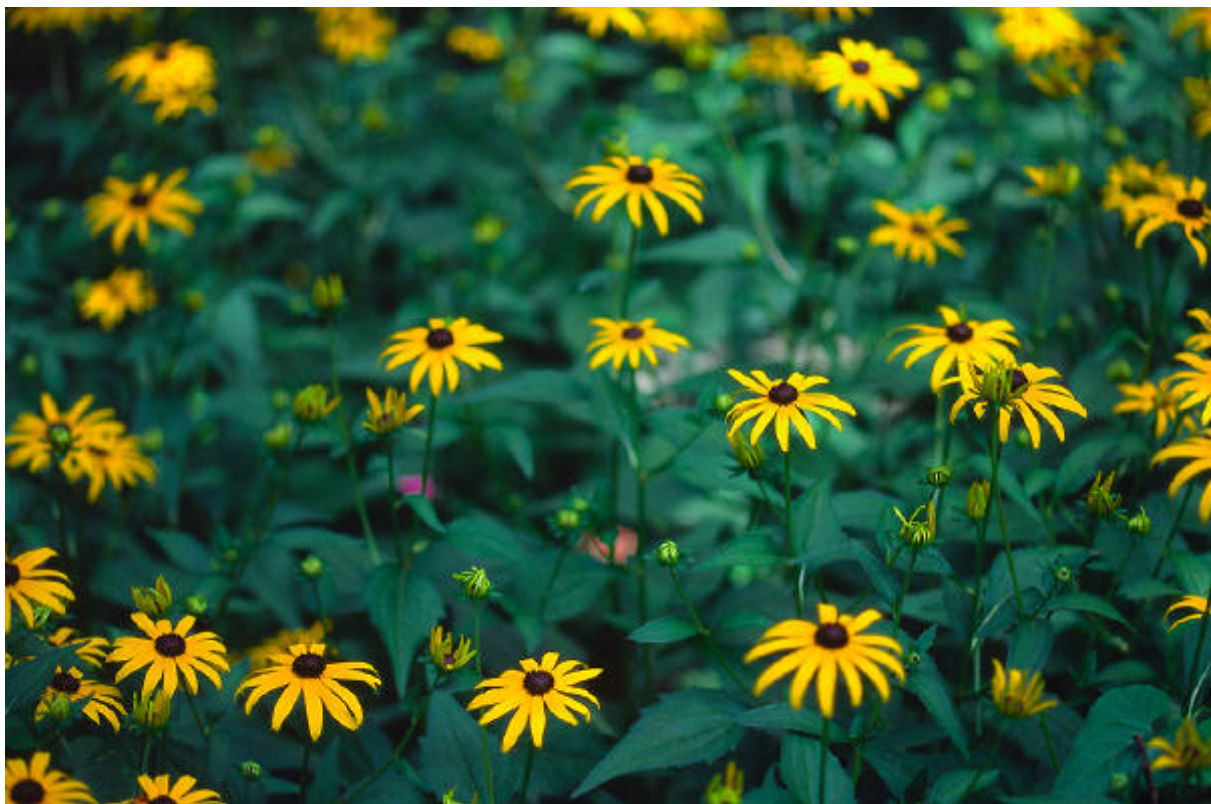
Region 3 Healthcare
Preparedness Advisory
Committee. August 9, 2011 at
1:00 at the Lincoln Center, 820
South Lincoln St, Bay City, MI

Region 3 Healthcare
Preparedness Regional
Planning Board. August 22,
2011 at 1:00 at the Lincoln
Center, 820 South Lincoln St,
Bay City, MI.

Quote of the Day:

We must become the change
we want to see in the world.

Mohandas Gandhi



***HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE
SUMMER - AND STAY COOL!***



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 1st 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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