

WHO PanFlu Alert Level 3 **January 30, 2009** **U.S. Terrorism Threat Level Yellow**

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Four More 100% Drills!

Region 3 has again reached the 100% participation on scheduled drills.

The quarterly MCA/EMS 800 MHz MPSCS radio tests that were due for completion on December 31st were all completed by the deadline with **100% participation**.

The monthly EMResource/HAVBED drill conducted on January 8th with all the hospitals in the Region also was completed with **100% participation**.

And the monthly 800 MHz MPSCS drill for all hospitals, MCA's, health departments, tribal wellness center, regional lab, EMHSD District Coordinator and regional staff also was completed on January 8th with **100% participation**.

Thank you to all the agencies who participated in these drills. Your participation in our preparedness activities is critical to our region's ability to respond in an emergency!

**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**

Region 3 MI Volunteer Registry Public Service Announcement Being Placed on Local Media

Two years ago, Region 3 produced a 30 second public service announcement (PSA) promoting the Michigan Volunteer Registry. This PSA was run then and again last year, with an increase in registrants of over 40% in our 14 counties.

This year, the Board approved some minor revisions to the PSA, primarily updating our new name and the new grant number, as well as placement of it again on local

TV, radio and cable. The first cable run of the PSA on Charter Media began on January 26th and will run on numerous channels for 60 days. The PSA will also be submitted to all TV and radio stations serving our 14 counties over the next month.

Please watch and listen for our PSA and let our office know if you see or hear it.

Also, Please consider volunteering for the MI Volunteer Registry and let your family, friends and neighbors know of this valuable volunteer opportunity.

Region Sponsoring Four “Essentials of Triage” Training Courses

Region 3, and our training services provider, CEMA, will be offering 4 half day training sessions on the “Essentials of Triage” at locations throughout our 14 counties in March of 2009.

These half day sessions will provide first responders and other healthcare professionals with an update on the principles of triage in an emergency. Also to be presented is the concepts of MISTART triage.

There is NO CHARGE for these courses. The four courses will be offered on the following dates, times and locations:

- March 12, 1-5 PM at Genesee County MCA, 3927 Beecher Rd, Flint, MI.
- March 18, 8 AM to Noon at Saginaw Valley MCA, 5450 W. Saginaw Rd, Vassar, MI
- March 25, 8 AM to Noon at St. Joseph Hospital, Classroom A&B, Tawas City, MI
- March 26, 1-5 PM Sanilac County MCA, 161 Elk St, Sandusky, MI

Registration can be completed on the Region 3 website, www.region3hpn.org beginning the middle of next week.

Please contact the Regional Office with any questions.

SAVE THESE DATES!

➤ **April 30th, 2009!**
Second Annual Region 3 PIO Conference!

➤ **May 28th, 2009!**
Cornerstones in Disaster Preparedness!

➤ **June 25th, 2009!**
Third Annual Region 3 Mass Fatality Conference!

All 3 will be held at the Dow Conference Center, in Saginaw.

Watch for further program and registration information!

Upcoming Meetings:

Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Committee:
February 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:
February 23, 2009 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Center, 820 S. Lincoln St, Bay City, MI

Today's Quote:

Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face."

~ Victor Hugo

Live Life on the Edge!



Remember the February Monthly Drills!

✓ EMResource/HAvBED drill: Thursday, February 5th!

✓ Regional 800 MHz MPSCS radio drill, also Thursday, February 5th.