

WHO PanFlu Alert Level 3 **March 5, 2009** **U.S. Terrorism Threat Level Yellow**

→The Regional News Update is now posted on MIHAN←

Region 3 Sponsoring Four “Essentials of Modern Triage” Training Courses

Region 3, and our training services provider, CEMA, are pleased to be offering 4, half day training sessions on the “Essentials of Modern 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 MMR Base Station, 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

**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**

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 – “HELP,
MY MORGUE IS FULL”!**

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

**There is NO CHARGE to attend
these conferences!**

**Registration available SOON at
www.region3hon.org !**

Region 3 completes 7th 100% EMResource/HAvBED Monthly Drill

Background:

EMSystem is the method chosen by the State to report bed status information to the Federal HAvBED system for determining hospital bed availability and Emergency Department status in emergencies or disasters.

Procedure:

Prior notice of the drill was provided to all hospitals via 2 emails in the days prior to the drill and a MIHAN alert the morning of the drill.

The drill was started on March 5, 2009 at 0800 with a MIHAN high level alert followed immediately with an alert on EMResource and email to all hospitals.

Outcome of the Drill:

By 10:00 AM, 25 of 25 (**100%**) hospitals had responded and had updated their status on EMSsystem. This is **UNCHANGED** from the **100%** in February of 2009.

Results of the HAvBED Status at the end of the drill:

Status Type Summary	Total
01 ED Bed Availability	390
02 ICU	96
03 MedSurg	857
04 Burn Care	2
05 Peds ICU	13
06 Peds	73
07 Psychiatric	50
08 NegPressIso	51
09 OR	56
Vents	106

Status as of: 05 Mar 09:52

Follow up Plan:

In that all hospitals participated in this drill, no follow up was needed.

Plans for Future Drills:

These drills are a monthly event, similar to the present monthly 800 MHz radio drills. We will continue to strive for 100 % compliance for the 25 regional partner hospitals who participate in EMSsystem.

Congratulations to all of the hospitals who participated in this successful drill!

**Region 3 Completes Another
100% 800 MHz MPSCS Radio
Monthly Drill!**

For the **THIRD** time in a row, Region 3 completed its monthly 800 MHz MPSCS radio drill with **100% participation!**

Procedure:

Prior notice of the drill was provided to all key agencies in the Region via 2 emails in the days prior to the drill and an MIHAN alert and email the morning of the drill.

The drill was started on March 5, 2009 at 10:30 AM with a MIHAN high level alert and email.

Results:

As outlined in the instructions, the drill was begun at 10:30 AM and ended at 11:30 AM 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) 4
Other personnel responding: 4
Percentage: 100%
(Unchanged from previous test)

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

Upcoming Meetings:

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

**Watch for the
Region 3 MI VOLUNTEER REGISTRY
Public Service Announcement on
your Charter Cable stations.**

Today's Quote:

It was one of those March days when the sun
shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is
summer in the light, and winter in the shade.
~Charles Dickens

Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Network

- Conference Announcement -

Media Relations and You!



In a crisis someone *WILL* step up and speak for your organization.

- *How can you better prepare for your moment in the lights?*
 - *How do you deliver your desired message effectively?*
 - *How will the public view your organization the next day?*

This year, two Featured Speakers:

Ms. Paula Mackenzie

Director of Public Relations, Spectrum Health Systems, Grand Rapids

Speaking on their May 2008, helicopter crash

And, Mr. Mark Kahler,

Associate V.P. for University Communications, Union University, Tennessee

Speaking on their February 2008, tornado strike and resulting media attention

Additional sessions will be facilitated by:

Mr. Robert Kolt, President of Kolt Communications

Mr. Kolt has a background in television, as a media strategist, and as a Public Information Officer for both public and private organizations.

Mr. Kolt will be facilitating discussions and activities on:

- Doing a great media interview
- Developing a crisis communications plan
- Writing for the media
- Making News

SAVE THE DATE, April 30th, 2009!

Dow Event Center, Saginaw, Michigan

Conference details and registration information to follow shortly.

Visit us on the web at www.region3hpn.org