

**WHO PanFlu Alert Level 3** **April 2, 2009** **U.S. Terrorism Threat Level Yellow**  
→The Regional News Update is now posted on MIHAN and the Regional Website←

## **Region 3 Applies for \$50,000 Supplemental Funding**

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the State Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP) announced the availability of \$50,000.00 for each of the 8 Regions in Michigan for use in activities dealing with personal protective equipment, alternate care centers and other Pandemic preparedness. This opportunity had a submission deadline of April 3<sup>rd</sup> and required a justification and budget for the intended use of these funds.

The Region surveyed the members of the Advisory Committee and developed a list of four projects that were submitted and approved by the Executive Committee earlier this week. Once quotes were obtained, the budget document was developed along with the justifications. The final proposal was submitted early to OPHP on April 1<sup>st</sup> and we hope to hear within the next 2 weeks if our projects have been approved.

The four projects, based on the responses of the survey, submitted for this funding include:

- An additional PortaCount Fit Testing unit.
- Supplies and related expenses for a PanFlu Tabletop exercise hosted by the Thumb Area Infection Control Committee.
- 3M Air Mate patient care PAPR's.
- N-95 masks for stockpiling.

We look forward to hearing of the approval of this project and the ability to provide these additional services to our partner agencies.

**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)**

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

## **Region 3 completes 9<sup>th</sup> 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 1 email in the days prior to the drill and a MIHAN alert the morning of the drill.

The drill was started on April 2, 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 10:30 AM, 25 of 25 (**100%**) hospitals had responded and had updated their status on EMSystem. This is **UNCHANGED** from the **100%** in March of 2009.

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

Status Type Summary	Total
01 ED Bed Availability	315
02 ICU	45
03 MedSurg	432
04 Burn Care	2
05 Peds ICU	14
06 Peds	37
07 Psychiatric	57
08 NegPressIso	48
09 OR	69
Vents	129

Status as of: 02 Apr 10:44

### **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 EMSystem.

**[Congratulations to all of the hospitals who participated in this successful drill!](#)**

# **Registration Now** **Open!**

➤ **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009!**  
**Second Annual Region 3 PIO**  
**Conference!**

➤ **May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009! Cornerstones in**  
**Disaster Preparedness!**

➤ **June 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 is available NOW at:**  
**[www.region3hon.org](http://www.region3hon.org) !**

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

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

### **Drill 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 April 2, 2009 at 9:00 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 Noon 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 test)**

### **Follow up Plan:**

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

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## **Regional Board Approves** **Change in Patient Tracking** **Vendor**

After considerable research, several vendor demonstrations and on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee Communications and Technology Workgroup, the Regional Planning Board approved a change in patient tracking vendors for Region 3 from Salamander Technologies “MEDDTRAX” system to the EMTrack Mobile system from EMSystems.

This change will be taking place over the next month, and the hardware is already at EMSystems being updated and having the EMTrack Mobile software installed. It is expected to be back at the Regional office within two weeks.

As part of this change, we will be offering a “Train the Trainer” session for the new system to be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009. The first planned use of the system will be as a registration tool for the Mass Fatality Conference on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

This new system adds some important capabilities and streamlined operation to our patient tracking system, including the ability to scan essentially any 1D or 2D bar code, take photos that can be attached to the tracking file, use in hospital evacuation situations, tracking

vaccination clinic and other similar patient groups as well as assisting in family re-unification and other events.

Further information will be available shortly on the capabilities of EMTrack Mobile.

For more information on EMTrack Mobile or the upcoming Train the Trainer session, please contact the Regional Office.

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## Upcoming Meetings:

Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Committee: April 14, 2009 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Center, 820 S. Lincoln St, Bay City, MI

Healthcare Preparedness Regional Planning Board: April 27, 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:

MIX A LITTLE FOOLISHNESS WITH YOUR PRUDENCE: IT'S GOOD TO BE SILLY AT THE RIGHT MOMENT.

- HORACE

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# Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Network

Presents

# Media Relations and You!

## April 30, 2009

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, we have 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

**This Conference is being held at the Dow Event Center, Saginaw, Michigan**  
**Register at: [www.region3hpn.org](http://www.region3hpn.org)**

Visit us on the web at [www.region3hpn.org](http://www.region3hpn.org)