

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

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## Did you Miss Us?

Due to the markedly increase in the Regional Office's workload thanks to the recent Novel Type A H1N1 flu outbreak, and the Cornerstones Confernece, the Regional News Update hasn't been published since early April.

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## Region 3 Receives \$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.

Region 3 applied for these funds and was fortunate to receive them in April. We used these funds for the following equipment and programs:

- An additional PortaCount Fit Testing unit. (Received and ready for loan.)
- Supplies and related expenses for a PanFlu Tabletop exercise hosted by the Thumb Area Infection Control Committee.
- 3M Air Mate patient care PAPR's. (Received and being deployed to hospitals in Region 3.)
- N-95 masks for stockpiling. (Backordered and awaiting delivery.)

**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)**

## Region Holds Very Successful Cornerstones in Preparedness Conference

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, Region 3 held its first Cornerstones in Preparedness Conference at the Dow Event Center in Saginaw.

This program was targeted at a broad group of agencies that may find themselves dealing with the aftermath of an emergency or disaster.

After a review of the current national and State homeland security situation by Mr. Tony Katarsky of the Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division of Michigan State Police and an overview of the health aspects of emergency preparedness by Mrs. Linda Scott of the State Office of Public Health Preparedness, there was a keynote address by Dr. Kelly Klein of New York who discussed the response to a disaster such as hurricane Katrina or the event of 9/11/01.

After lunch, the program broke up into three separate tracks. One track that ran for the entire afternoon was Emergency Preparedness 101 geared towards healthcare agencies who have not been involved in regional preparedness activities in the past, such as primary care, long term care, home health care, etc. This program was given by Helen Lee and Melissa DeRoche of the Central Michigan District Health Department, Marc Griffis of Emergency Management and Region 3.

The other two tracks were on Psychological Aspects of Disaster Response by Dr. Merritt Schreiber Ph.D. of California and Dealing with At Risk Populations by Bruce McFarlane from EAD and Associates of Virginia.

Evaluations completed by attendees show that the program was very well received with numerous positive comments. Physician Cat. 1 CME and EMS Continuing Ed. credits were awarded for completion of this program.

Copies of the handouts are available through the Regional Office.

Thank you to all of the speakers and those who attended! We will be evaluating whether to offer a follow up to this conference next grant year.

See the last page of this Update for photos of the confernece.

## Region 3's Response to Swine Flu (Novel Type A H1N1 Influenza)

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, the first reports of a new type of flu became public knowledge in Michigan. Region 3 began that day with regular communications with all of our regional partners. We also started daily EMResource reporting for all hospitals, which still continues.

We have provided both Tamiflu and Relenza to all of the acute care hospitals in the region and have a back up supply of each in the Regional Office. We have also received N-95 masks, gowns, face shields, surgical masks and gloves from the Strategic National Stockpile and have them ready for deployment to healthcare agencies, not only hospitals but also EMS and other healthcare providers whenever needed. We have already provided supplies from this cache as well as the previous regional cache of supplies to agencies in need.

Region 3 is monitoring the H1N1 situation and will continue to provide information to all our partners as it arrives.

For more information, please contact Jim at the Regional Office.

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## Region 3 completes 10<sup>th</sup> 100% EMResource/HAvBED Monthly Drill

This drill was held as part of a State-wide EMResource HAvBED exercise.

### 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 May 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 April of 2009.

### 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!](#)

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## Registration Now Open!

➤ [June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009! EMTrack Mobile Train the Trainer Course at the Regional Office!](#)

➤ [June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009!](#)  
➤ [Third Annual Region 3 Mass Fatality Conference – “HELP, MY MORGUE IS FULL”!](#)

➤ [October 22, 2009! Second Annual Region 3 PIO Conference! \(Rescheduled from April 30<sup>th</sup>\)](#)

[These last 2 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 **FIFTH** 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 June 4, 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.

## Region 3 Participating in Long Term Care Funding

The State Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP) has offered up to \$10,000.00 to each of the long term care (LTC) agencies in the State to improve their emergency preparedness. Interested LTC agencies had to submit an application describing how they intended to utilize these funds. After review of the applications, 19 LTC agencies in Region 3 were awarded funding.

These agencies are working with our office to properly use these funds. They are also being invited to participate in regional activities and meetings.

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## Upcoming Meetings:

**Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Committee: June 9, 2009 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Center, 820 S. Lincoln St, Bay City, MI**

**Healthcare Preparedness Regional Planning Board: June 22, 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:

"Spring is not the best of seasons. Cold and flu are two good reasons; wind and rain and other sorrow, warm today and cold tomorrow. Whoever said Spring was romantic? The word that best applies is frantic!"  
Ann.

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# **Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Network**

Presents

## **EMTrack Mobile Train the Trainer Course**

*> Learn how the new Region 3 patient tracking system works and its capabilities.*

*> Become a trainer for EMTrack Mobile.*

*> EMS CE Credits applied for.*

*To register – go to [www.region3hpn.org](http://www.region3hpn.org)*

*There are still seats available for this program! Register NOW!*

# ***HELP! My morgue is full!***



## ***Planning for a local response to a mass fatality incident***

**June 25, 2009**

**The Dow Center, Saginaw MI**

**8:30 am – 4:30 pm**

### **Presented by the Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Network**

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| 8:00 – 8:30   | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 8:30 - 8:45   | <b>Welcome</b>  |
| 8:45 - 9:15   | <b>Overview State and Federal MF Resources</b> - Hilary Gentry, State Mass Fatality Coordinator, OPHP.                                  |
| 9:15 – 9:45   | <b>Overview of Region 3 MF Resources</b> - J. Brasseur, Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Coordinator.                                   |
| 9:45 - 10:00  | <b>Region 3 Morgue Capacity Survey</b> - Overview and comments.   |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | <i>Break</i>  |
| 10:15 - 11:15 | <b>Overview of Funeral Industry Standards and Practices.</b><br>R. Wakeman, certified Funeral Service Practitioner.                     |
| 11:15 - 12:15 | <i>Lunch Provided</i>   |
| 12:15 - 2:00  | <b>Featured speaker: Mr. Ray Stegman, Emergency Manager, speaking on the 2008 Greenburg Kansas, EF5 Tornado mass fatality incident.</b> |
| 2:00 - 2:15   | <i>Break</i>  |
| 2:15 - 3:15   | <b>Canine tools – “Lightning,” Cadaver Dog.</b> Trooper David Yount, MSP  |
| 3:15 - 4:15   | <b>Your Responsibilities in Dealing With Deaths.</b> Kathy Wahl, RN, Medical Examiner Investigator.                                     |
| 4:15 - 4:30   | <b>Closing Remarks</b>  |

***- CONFERENCE DETAILS AND CME INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE -***

# ***Planning for a local response to a mass fatality incident***

## **CONFERENCE GOALS**

- 1) Heighten awareness regarding Region 3 mass fatality capabilities and deficiencies.
- 2) Define roles and responsibilities of agencies that may be involved in mass fatality response.
- 3) Provide a foundation for future planning at the county and regional level.
- 4) Provide a basic knowledge of state and federal mass fatality assets.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

Medical and Deputy Medical Examiners, Funeral Home Directors, Hospital Laboratory directors (with responsibility for morgue), Pre-hospital Personnel, Emergency Management personnel, Medical Control Authority representatives, Health Officers & Other Public Health.

## **ONLINE REGISTRATION**

Is available now through the Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Network website at:

<http://www.region3hpn.org>

*(Registration will close June 12<sup>th</sup>)*

For additional assistance or questions, please contact the R3HPN office at 989-758-3712

## **There is NO FEE for this conference.**

Complementary continental breakfast, lunch buffet and beverages will be provided.

**6.5 CME credits have been approved.  
EMS CEU's have been applied for.**

**Conference Location: Dow Event Center, 303 Johnson St., Saginaw Michigan**

Directions to the venue are available at [www.doweventcenter.com](http://www.doweventcenter.com)

## **Our Speakers**

**Hilary Gentry.** Hilary is the Mass Fatality Coordinator for the State of Michigan from the Office of Public Health Preparedness.

**Rodney Wakeman.** The Wakeman family has been in the funeral home business since 1911.

**Ray Stegman.** Ray is the Emergency Manager of Kiowa County, Kansas. Ray was the emergency manager in May, 2007 when Greenburg, Kansas (pop 1,900) experienced near total destructions and 13 deaths from an EF5 tornado.

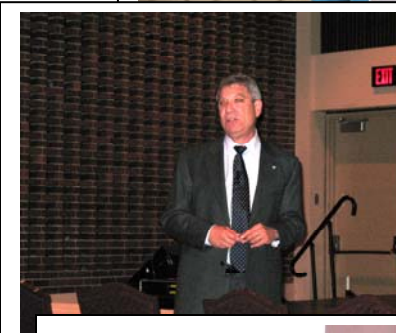
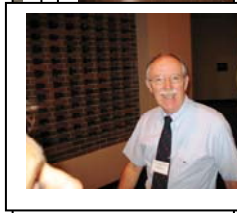
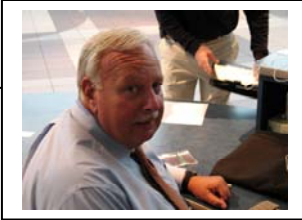
**David Yount.** Trooper Yount and his cadaver dog, Lightning, have responded to a variety of incidents involving deaths in Michigan. Hear about and see the capabilities of Lightning and the other skills available from the MSP Canine Unit.

**Kathy Wahl, R.N.** Kathy comes to share from her extensive experience from hospitals and the ED, healthcare, MiMORT, work in OPHP and as a Medical Examiner Investigator.

*MidMichigan Medical Center - Midland is accredited by the MSMS Committee on CME Accreditation to provide continuing medical education for physicians. MidMichigan Medical Center designates this educational activity for a maximum of 6.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. Physician should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Nurses: The MSMS is approved by the Board of Nursing as an acceptable provider of continuing education for license renewal or relicensure.*

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**Photos from the May 28<sup>th</sup> Cornerstones in Preparedness Conference...**



**Thanks for Coming!**