

→ **WHO PanFlu Alert Level 6** **July 2, 2009** **U.S. Terrorism Threat Level Yellow**
→ **The Regional News Update is now posted on MIHAN and the Regional Website**←



Office Closure Notice:

NOTE: Our building, and therefore our office, will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2009 in observance of Independence Day. We will be back in on Monday, 7/6.

Region 3 Holds Third Highly Successful Mass Fatality Conference

On June 25th, Region 3 held its third annual Mass Fatality Conference at the Dow Event Center in Saginaw.

This conference, this year titled: "HELP, MY MORGUE IS FULL!" was attended by over 80 healthcare, emergency management, public health funeral, behavioral health and medical examiners from Region 3 and other regions throughout the State.

The day started out with a presentation by Rodney Wakeman with an overview of funeral industry standards and practices, followed by Hilary Gentry of the Office of Public Health Preparedness on State and Federal Resources. Betty Ann Eash of MidMichigan Medical Center Midland then reviewed the results of the Region 3 Morgue Capacity Survey followed by Jim Brasseur of Region 3 on Regional Resources.

After lunch, featured speaker Ray Stegman, Emergency manager of Greenburg Kansas discussed the aftermath of their EF5 tornado mass fatality incident in 2008. He was then followed by MSP Trooper David Yount and his cadaver dog "Lightning" on canine tools in the aftermath of a mass fatality event.

The closing speaker was Kathy Wahl, RN and Medical Examiner Investigator on "Your responsibilities in dealing with deaths".

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 for those interested.

Thank you to all of the speakers and those who attended! Also, thank you to CEMA for the fine work in coordinating this conference as well as the members of the Mass fatality Workgroup! We have already been asked by attendees to hold a follow up conference next grant year.

We also tested our new EMTrack Mobile system for registration. We are in the process of evaluating the results. See the last page of this Update for photos of the HELP MY MORGUE IS FULL! conference.

**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 Receives Supplies from the SNS for Swine Flu Response (Novel Type A H1N1 Influenza)

Region 3 has continued to help coordinate the response to the H1N1 pandemic. In the last few weeks, we have received 16 pallets of N-95 respirators, surgical masks, gowns, gloves and face shields for further deployment to healthcare agencies when needed.

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.

Region 3 Completes EMTrack Mobile Train the Trainer Program

On June 17th, Region 3 hosted a Train the Trainer program for users of the newly deployed EMTrack Mobile Patient tracking system.

This program, attended by 17 healthcare personnel from throughout the Region, as well as a representative from another interested Region, taught users how to use the EMTrack Mobile system as well as practical experience in patient tracking.

For information on how to receive training for your agency staff on EMTrack Mobile use, please contact the Regional office.

Registration Now Open!

➤ **October 22, 2009!**
**Second Annual Region 3 PIO
Conference!**
(Rescheduled from April 30th)

**This event will be held at the Dow
Event Center, in Saginaw.**

**There is *NO CHARGE* to attend
this conference!**

**Registration is available *NOW* at:
www.region3hon.org !**

Results of EMSystem/HAvBED Status Update

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:

Since the onset of the Novel Type A H1N1 influenza outbreak, Region 3 has required its partner hospitals to report their bed and E.D. status at least daily. This report is a snapshot of the status as of today and has been done in conjunction with a State-wide NDMS bed drill held this morning.

Status Report:

Status Type	Summary	Total
Burn Care		1
ED Bed Availability		317
ICU		57
MedSurg		494
NegPressIso		64
OR		116
Peds		56
Peds ICU		12
Psychiatric		54
Vents		154

Status as of: 01 Jul 12:53

Follow up Plan:

In that all hospitals are participating in this daily reporting, no follow up is needed.

Plans for Future Activity:

The current H1N1 pandemic is ongoing and Region 3 will continue to require daily reporting of bed and E.D. status on EMResource at least until the current situation is resolved.

Please feel free to contact the Regional Office with any questions.

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

For the **SIXTH** 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 July 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.

Upcoming Meetings:

Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Committee: July 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: July 27, 2009 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Center, 820 S. Lincoln St, Bay City, MI

Today's Quote:

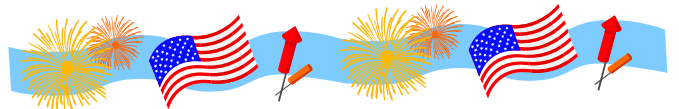
What is the difference between Bird Flu and Swine Flu?

For bird flu you need tweetment and for swine flu you need oinkment.

(Thank you, K.W.)



Have a SAFE and HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!



The Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Network

Is pleased to announce the availability of



FREE!

On Line Training.

These four 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

Each offers 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.

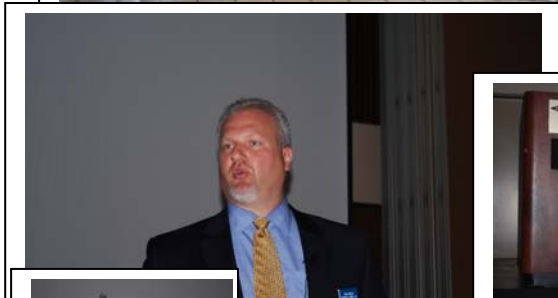
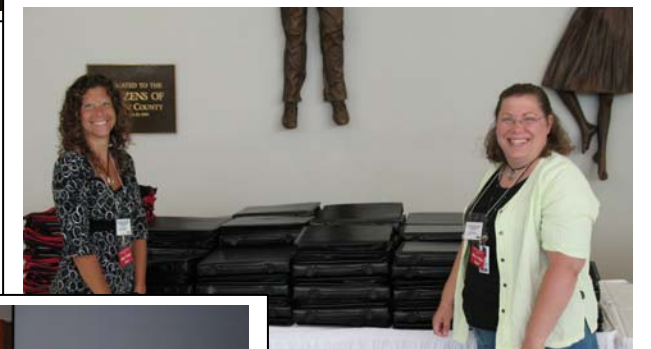
There Are More Free Training Modules To Come!

Contact the Region 3 office with any questions or problems.

Enjoy your FREE learning experience!

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Photos from the June 25th Mass Fatality Conference... *HELP! MY MORGUE IS FULL!*



Thanks for Coming!

