

CDP Alumnumus

Center for Domestic Preparedness — Anniston, AL

Michigan trains with partner hospitals
Managing mass-casualty incidents

Arizona prepares for Super Bowl XLIX

Kansas tests healthcare emergency response

Florida Department of Environmental
Protection plans hazardous materials response



FEMA

Great Lake's State prep for response, recovery

CDP Mission

The CDP develops and delivers training for emergency response providers from state, local and tribal governments and when appropriate the federal government, foreign governments and private entities.

CDP Vision

An emergency response community prepared for and capable of responding to all-hazards events.

CDP Training Tally

852,850 as of Dec. 6, 2014

Cost

Training at the CDP campus is federally funded at no cost to state, local and tribal emergency response professionals or their agency. All tuition, lodging, meals and transportation are covered.

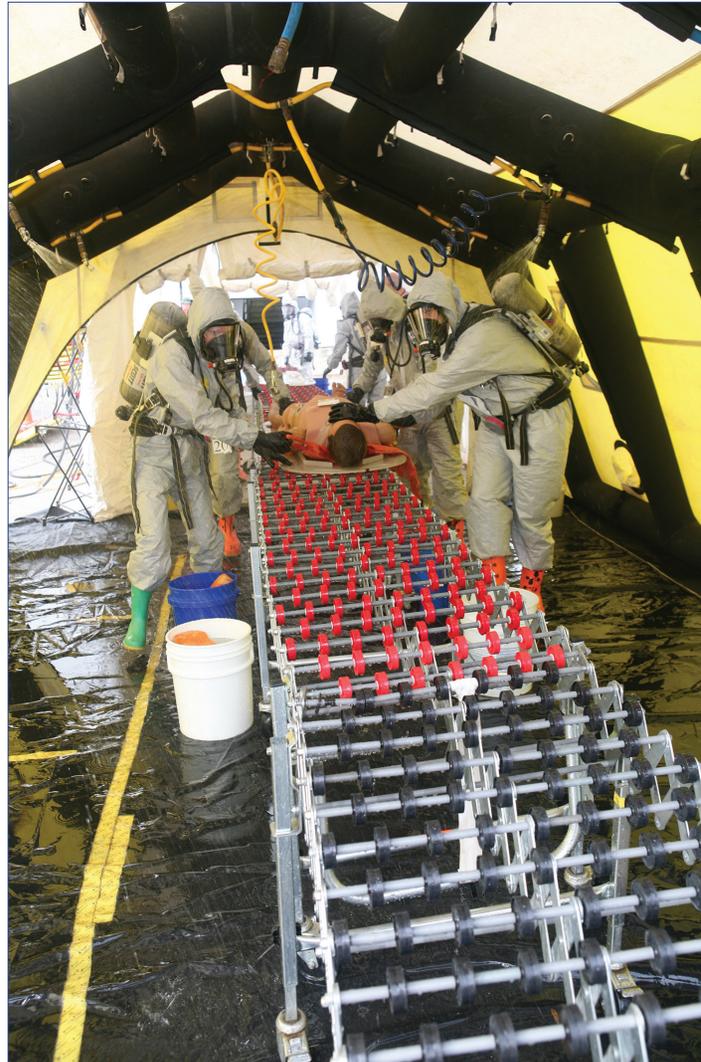
Training focuses on incident management, mass casualty response and emergency response to a catastrophic natural or man-made disaster. For more information or to register for CDP specialized programs or courses, please visit our web site at <http://cdp.dhs.gov>

Cover photo: A healthcare professional decontaminates a patient simulator during CDP training. The CDP uses actual role players and patient simulators capable of getting wet in its training scenarios.
Photo by Shannon Arledge.

Nearly 140 healthcare personnel, representing more than 25 Michigan hospitals, long-term care facilities, EMS agencies and fire departments, attended training at the CDP recently. These personnel represented six counties, almost 22 percent of the Great Lake State.

"Each of us has our own expertise and we are fortunate to have many disciplines and departments represented here this week," said Gail Juleff, Emergency Preparedness Program Manager from Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich. "You need everybody in an incident. The Noble Training Facility here functions like an actual hospital. We are learning the various roles of incident command and response; the importance of the collaboration with all partners; and how essential communication and coordination is during an emergency."

The NTF is the only hospital in the nation solely dedicated to training healthcare professionals for



Michigan hospital employees simulate the decontamination of a survivor following a simulated mass-casualty incident during training.

mass-casualty response. These Michigan employees attended one of three courses, depending on their occupations —the Hospital Emergency Response Training (HERT) course, the Healthcare Leadership for Mass Casualty Incidents (HCL) course or the Emergency Medical Operations for CBRNE Incidents (EMO) course. All of these courses focus on emergency management, healthcare, the fire service, law enforcement, emergency medical services and hazardous materials.

This was an opportunity for the Michigan responders to exercise their ability to manage a mass-casualty incident resulting in a hospital-patient surge. The training was intended to maintain proficient emergency incident and disaster management skills and develop relationships between regional hospitals.

"Training is dynamic; it is not static," said Bob Dickerson, Emergency Medical Services Coordinator, St. John Macomb - Oakland hospitals in Warren and Madi-

Managing a hospital patient surge, building relationships

son Heights. “We know that natural disasters or chemical accidents can happen at any time. Training at the CDP allows us to prepare and identify opportunities to improve, find our strengths and better serve our patients and community.”

During training, these healthcare professionals were required to activate the hospital’s command center and effectively provide a medical response to a simulated mass-casualty incident. The CDP builds realistic exercise scenarios into its courses. The scenarios involve role players with serious injuries and wounds. According to Dickerson, the training provides students an opportunity to network and understand how each facility and agency

trains, allowing them to learn from one another during the training week.

“We have multi-disciplinary groups here from hospital leadership and administrators to emergency department personnel and facilities and operations,” said Dickerson. “We don’t always work directly with our peers from other facilities and exchange ideas. We’re discussing real challenges and opportunities that may allow us to standardize our practices as a region.”



Michigan healthcare workers activate the hospital’s command center and effectively drive a medical response to a simulated mass-casualty incident.



Michigan healthcare employees treat the symptoms of a Human Patient Simulator following a scenario-based mass-casualty incident at the CDP. Nearly 140 healthcare personnel, representing more than 25 Michigan hospitals, attended training.

“This training is important,” said Juleff. “Fourteen years ago there wasn’t the same investment in training. Following 9/11 the need and importance was obvious. I encourage everyone to come here and learn, practice and see why this training is so important.”

The CDP incorporates the use of modern equipment and procedures emergency responders use in emergency situations. Each scenario focuses on the foundations of CDP training—incident management, mass-casualty response and emergency

response to a catastrophic natural disaster or terrorist act.

“This training is not a vacation,” said Dickerson. “This is hard work and takes commitment. Compare what we’ve learned over the past 13 years and you’ll see how much better we’ve gotten in achieving an improved level of preparedness. We should all take pride in the dedication that all first responders and receivers have committed to.”

“Planning was a critical element in these courses,” Juleff added. “The training requires critical thinking and recognizing the fact that current plans may need to be revised. It is by practicing the plan that we can identify change.”

Accreditation Continuing Education Units

The Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) has been accredited as an Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). In obtaining this accreditation, the CDP has demonstrated that it complies with the ANSI/IACET Standard which is recognized internationally as a standard of good practice. As a result of its Authorized Provider status, the CDP is authorized to offer IACET CEUs for its programs that qualify under the ANSI/IACET Standard.

Courses Offered	Course Hours	IACET	Nursing ABN	NEHA	CA REHS ONLY	CME UAB
Advanced Public Information Officer: Health & Hospital Emergencies (APIOHHE)	32	3.2	32			
Advanced Radiological Incident Operations (ARIO)	40	4				
Crime Scene Management (CSM)	8	0.8				
Division of Strategic National Stockpile DSNS SNS Preparedness Course (SNS)	27	2.7				
Emergency Medical Operations for CBRNE Incidents (EMO)	32	3.2	32			
Emergency Responder Hazardous Materials Technician for CBRNE Incidents (ERHM)	40	4				
Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response Operations (EHTER OPS)	32	3.2				
Field Force Command & Planning (FFC)	24	2.4				
Field Force Extrication Tactics (FFE)	24	2.4				
Field Force Operations (FFO)	24	2.4				
Framework for Healthcare Emergency Management (FRAME)	32	3.2	32	32	32	32
Hazard Assessment & Response Management for CBRNE Incidents (HARM)	25	2.5		25	25	
Hazardous Materials Evidence Collection for CBRNE Incidents (HEC)	16	1.6				
Hazardous Materials Emergency Response (HMER)	8	0.8				
Hazardous Materials Emergency Response – Hands-on-Training (HMER - HOT)	8	0.8				
Healthcare Leadership for Mass Casualty Incidents (HCL)	32	3.2	32			32
Hospital Emergency Response Training for Mass Casualty Incidents (HERT)	24	2.4	24			24
Hospital Emergency Response Training for Mass Casualty Incidents Train-the-Trainer (HERT TtT)	8	0.8	8			
Hands-on-Training for CBRNE Incidents (HOT)	16	1.6	16			
Intermediate Hands-on-Training for CBRNE Incidents (HOT I)	8	0.8	8			
Hands-on-Training for Law Enforcement (HOT LE)	8	0.8				
Hazardous Material Technician for CBRNE Incidents (HT)	40	4				
Incident Command: Capabilities, Planning & Response Actions for All Hazards (IC)	24	2.4			24	
WMD Complexities Incident Response (ICR)	8	0.8	8			
Initial Law Enforcement Response to Suicide Bomb Attacks (ILERSBA)	8	0.8				
Instructor Training Certification (ITC)	40	4				
Law Enforcement Protective Measures for CBRNE Incidents (LEPM)	8	0.8				
Law Enforcement Protective Measures for CBRNE Incidents Train-the-Trainer (LEPM TtT)	16	1.6				
Law Enforcement Response Actions for CBRNE Incidents (LERA)	8	0.8				
Mass Antibiotic Dispensing Train-the-Trainer (MADT)	24	2.4		24		
Pandemic Planning & Preparedness (P3)	24	2.4	24	24	24	24
Radiological Series, Train-the-Trainer (RAD TtT)	32	3.2				
Radiological Emergency Response Operations (RERO)	40	4	40			
Respiratory Protection: Program & Administration (RP)	24	2.4	24			
Standardized Awareness Authorized Trainer Program (Train-the-Trainer) (SAAT TtT)	24	2.4	24			
Standardized Awareness Training (SAT)	8	0.8	8			
Strategic National Stockpile Preparedness (SNS)	24	2.4		24		
Technical Emergency Response Training for CBRNE Incidents (TERT)	32	3.2	32	32	32	
Vehicle-Borne Improvised Device Detection (VBIED)	8	0.8				

IACET - International Association for Continuing Education and Training

ABN - Alabama Board of Nursing (Nurses Only)

CME - Continuing Medical Education (Physicians and additional Allied Health fields may be able to apply)

NEHA - National Environmental Health Association

UAB - University of Alabama Birmingham

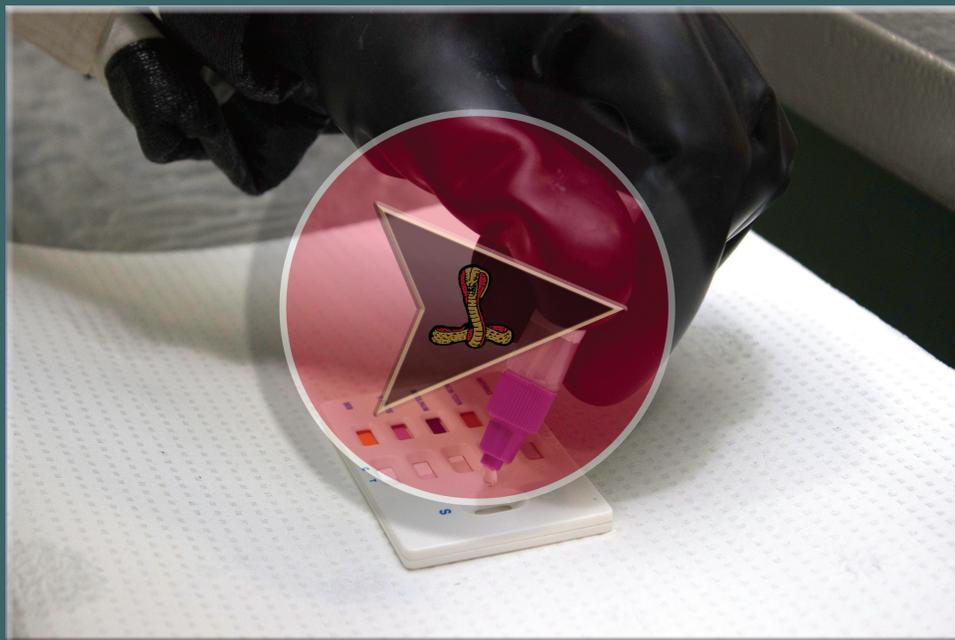
CA REHS - California Department of Public Health Environmental Health Specialist Registration Program / Registered Environmental Health Specialists

CECBEMS – Continuing Education Coordinating Board for EMS

POST – Police Officer Standards & Training

COBRA TRAINING OPERATIONS

In February 2012 the CDP incorporated biological materials Anthrax and Ricin into its training using chemical agents Sarin (GB) and VX. Click this link and go inside the training area with emergency responders learning about biological and chemical response.



COBRA FACTS

- Originally founded as the U.S. Army's Chemical Defense Training Facility (CDTF)
- First civilians trained and graduated with military graduates in 1995
- Renamed the Chemical, Ordnance, Biological and RAdiological (COBRA) Training Facility in 1998
- The COBRA training scenarios offer the only program in the nation featuring civilian training exercises in a true toxic environment
- In February 2012 biological materials Anthrax and Ricin were introduced into training
- As of October 2014 more than 55,000 have completed COBRA training programs
- Incorporates Northville—a fictional town that replicates a real town setting

Radiological Emergency Operations

The Radiological Emergency Preparedness program (REP) is designed to introduce radiological responders and managers to current threats and trends. REP spearheads a variety of courses that provide hands-on training to basic- and advanced-level operations. Some training is available through Video Teleconference and even offered with interactive Web-based training. REP prepares responders with a radiological threat to safely respond and recover from incidents that threaten communities nationwide. Find your course by clicking below.



Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program

REP Training



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<p>AWR-317 REP Core Concepts Course (RCCC) (1.5-day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Upcoming¹ 11/17-18 RCCC Missouri (R-VII) Jefferson City, MO • Upcoming² 12/15-16 RCCC CDP (15-01) Anniston, AL ⊙ Upcoming³ 01/26-27/2015 RCCC Louisiana (R-VI) Baton Rouge, LA 	<p>PER-314 REP Exercise Evaluator Course (REEC) (3.5-day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBA 	<p>PER-315 REP Plan Review Course (RPPR) (2.5-day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Upcoming¹ 11/18-21 RPPR Missouri (R-VII) Jefferson City, MO • Upcoming² 12/16-19 RPPR CDP (15-01) Anniston, AL ⊙ Upcoming³ 01/28-30/2015 RPPR Louisiana (R-VI) Baton Rouge, LA 	<p>PER-316 Radiological Accident Assessment Course (RAAC) (5.0-day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming 01/12-16/2015 RAAC California (R-IV) San Luis Obispo, CA • Upcoming 03/16-20/2015 RAAC Alabama (R-IV) Montgomery, AL 	<p>AWR-318 REP Disaster Initiated Review (RDI) (0.5-day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBA 	<p>PER-904 Radiological Emergency Response Operations (RERO) Course (5.0-day) (CDP / Anniston, AL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming 12/15-19 RERO (R-ICE) (15-01) Anniston, AL 	<p>PER-905 Advanced Radiological Incident Operations (ARIO) Course (5.0-day) (CDP / Anniston, AL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming 12/15-19 ARIO (R-ICE) (15-01) Anniston, AL
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▶ Upcoming ⊙ - indicates a combined course offering (matching superscripts)

Would you like to host a REP Training event in your State?
 Email for more information: FEMA-REPP-Training@fema.dhs.gov
 Click to open: [REP Course Request Form](#)

DHS/FEMA/NPD/National Training & Education Division (NTED) Course Levels
 NTED offers courses at the awareness, performance, and management and planning levels to accommodate different job functions of the first responder community. Awareness level (AWR) courses are designed for responders who require the skills necessary to recognize and report a potential catastrophic incident or who are likely to witness or investigate an event involving the use of hazardous and/or explosive devices. Performance level (PER) courses are designed for first responders who perform tasks during the initial response to a catastrophic event, such as safeguarding the at-risk public, rescuing victims, decontaminating victims. Management and planning level (MGT) courses are designed, as the title suggests, for managers who build plans and coordinate the response to a mass consequence manmade or natural event.

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For more information contact the REP Training Team POC: FEMA-REPP-Training@fema.dhs.gov

Worth Repeating



Officer Royce Curtiss
Portland Police Bureau

“It is always important to stay knowledgeable in current trends and stay sharp. The courses here are a great opportunity for me and a couple other officers from Portland with me this week. We belong to our rapid response team and this training focuses on incidents we may respond to.”



Brett Cross
Strategic National Stockpile
Salt Lake City, Utah

“The hands-on training is very effective. Here, you are moving and participating. It’s impossible to not pay attention or get involved. The training this week has been phenomenal.”

Chuck Chase
Exercise Training Officer
Lincoln, Neb. (EMA)

“There is a lot to learn when teaching a class. The [ITC] course helps me understand the process to put together FEMA-approved lesson plans and identify training and response areas we can improve.”



Heather Coburn
EMS Coordinator
Hendricks Regional Health
Danville, Ind.

“I’ve been in the fire and EMS service for over 30 years and every time I [train at the CDP] I learn something new to bring back to my hospital or my EMS community. I haven’t found it anywhere else. This training is invaluable to EMS responders.”



Worth Repeating



Holli Werner
Graduate Student
Disaster Preparedness &
Emergency Management
Arkansas State University

“This is the closest to the real thing I can imagine. I am better prepared and we have better expectations for what the real event may be like versus what you read in a book.”

Shawn Yao
Forensics Supervisor
Tallahassee Police Department

“The training refreshes me with the appropriate procedures and skills necessary to work in a hazardous-materials environment; I have gained more confidence in my abilities through the hands-on nature of the course.”



Michael Klecker
Volunteer Firefighter
Aiken County Hazmat, S.C.

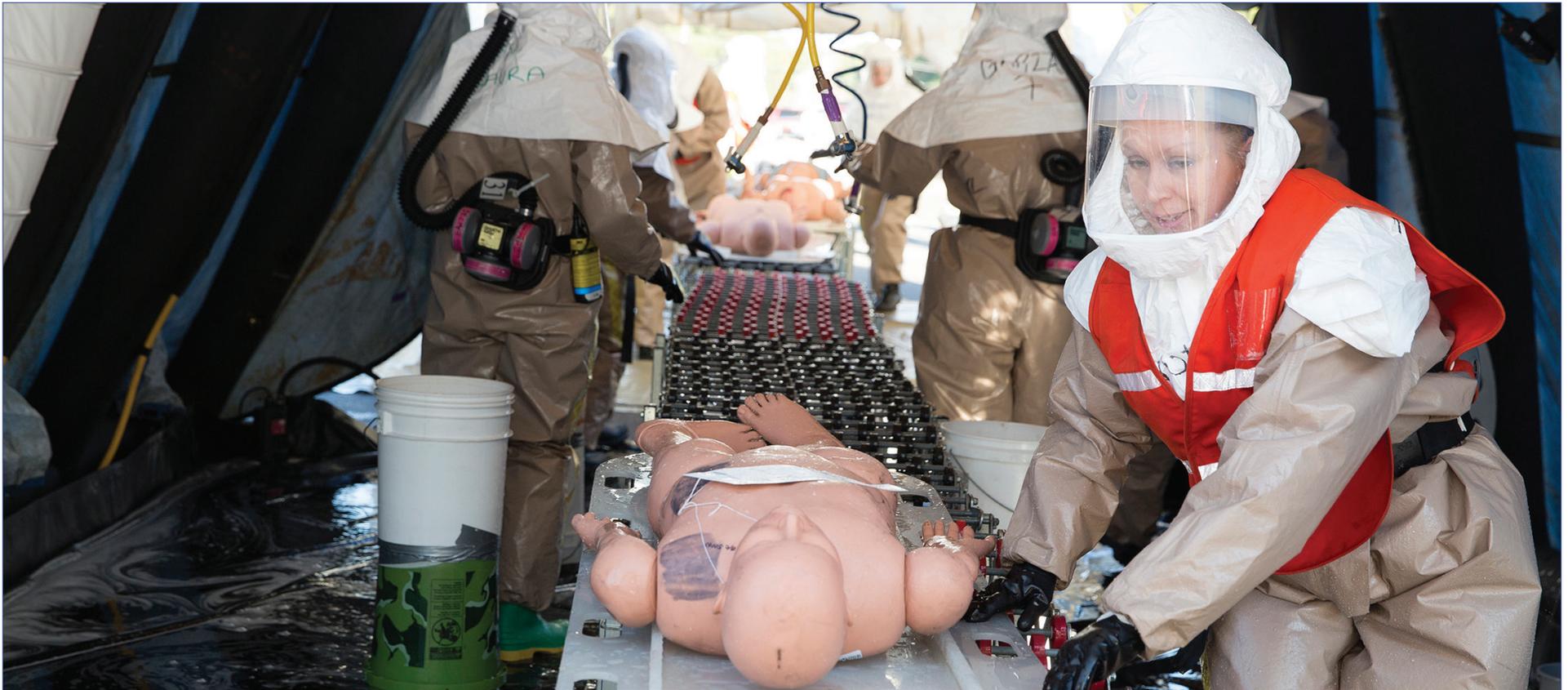
“If you practice like you play, on game day you will play well. For first responders, it is not a win-or-lose situation, it is potentially life or death. There is so much more you can soak up and learn. This is an incredible place and the expectations were high, for me, because of what I’ve heard and it has surpassed what I expected.”

Tamarah Lezama
Firefighter/HazMat Technician
Virgin Islands

“I train to ensure I know how to protect people in an emergency. Training allows me to bring more to my team. If you are not training, you lose valuable skills. In order to grow you always have to train and the CDP is perfect.”



Arizona healthcare partners prepare for Super Bowl XLIX



Hospital emergency personnel attending the Hospital Emergency Response Training for Mass Casualty Incidents (HERT) course simulate the final stage of decontamination before a patient may enter the hospital.

The Arizona Coalition for Healthcare Emergency Response (Central Region) took advantage of CDP training recently in preparation for Super Bowl 49. The coalition is a group of partner hospitals, law enforcement and others who play a role in emergency response.

The Super Bowl is expected to draw crowds reaching more than 90,000 at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. As the most-watched program in America gets set to kickoff, the coalition prepares for all types

of emergencies that could impact healthcare and other emergency services.

“The Super Bowl will affect three major cities, so we’re preparing for any hazard,” said Keith Fehr, director of emergency management, Maricopa Integrated Health System in Phoenix. “This gives us an opportunity to exercise our processes and allows us to test to a true failure point and it doesn’t affect someone’s health or safety. It gives us the ability, through all the scenarios, to not only

hit key risks we have identified as hazards, but additional risks that we haven’t thought of.”

The coalition includes three counties, 49 hospitals and other emergency-related entities, including tribal communities. More than 85 coalition members trained at the CDP’s Noble Training Facility (NTF). The NTF is the only hospital in the nation solely dedicated to training healthcare professionals for mass-casualty response.

“This is the first time I’ve participated in training like this in an actual hospital,” said Toni Gross, a pediatric emergency medicine physician at Phoenix Children’s Hospital. “This training was very intense and very real-world. As a children’s hospital we may not be the first hospital EMS considers, but this training gave us a better idea of how to communicate with other facilities and explain the level of support we can provide.”

The coalition attended two healthcare courses, Hospital Emergency Response Training (HERT) and Healthcare Leadership for Mass Casualty Incidents (HCL). The students from the two courses merged together during the final day of training for the Integrated



A student and evaluator discuss emergency department patient procedures during a hospital surge following a simulated mass-casualty incident. These healthcare professionals are preparing for Super Bowl XLIX.

Capstone Event (ICE). The ICE is an end-of-course training event that merges each class with the other, requiring students to respond to a single mass casualty-type event, working together as multiple agencies would in a real-world incident.

“It’s been eye opening and a good opportunity to practice communication and work closer as a team,” said Fehr. “We are all more aware and our coordination with each partner and their processes has improved. I was impressed with the ICE. Everyone should have a better understanding of what the other part of the team is doing and how everything fits into the incident command process.”

“This training is preparing us for a variety of all-hazards events that may surge our healthcare and emergency medical services,” said Albert Razo, EMS coordinator at

the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix. “My number one goal was communication and, secondly, the wear, use and decontamination of protective equipment. The training pulled us all together as a coalition to work as a team and make certain our community is safer.”

As preparation for the Big Game continues, the Arizona Coalition for Healthcare Emergency Response (Central Region) will continue to prepare, as well. The coalition continues to plan and prepare its staffs in an effort to save lives and respond appropriately.



The CDP incorporates amputee role players into the realistic training programs.



Healthcare personnel attending the HERT course use a tracking board to display the location and total time other colleagues are dressed in PPE caring for patients.

Florida Environmental Response Team combines to support state

More than 20 members of Florida's Environmental Response Team (ERT) practiced in hands-on training recently at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP), located in Anniston, Ala. These first responders attended the Hazardous Materials Technician for CBRNE Incidents (HT) course. The course conveys complex concepts using hands-on learning models of offering realistic scenario-based exercises.

The ERT members represented more than 12 cities around the state. The various team members included fire experts, law enforcement, public health, hazardous materials and safety specialists. "The team's primary focus is to respond to CBRNE incidents to protect human health and the environment," said Jeff Waters, Emergency Response Specialist for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. "Our ERT specializes in identifying unknown hazards, collecting forensic evidence and mitigating the hazard."

The course is designed for personnel

working in emergency management, emergency medical services, fire service, governmental administrative, hazardous materials, healthcare, law enforcement, public health, public safety communications and public works.

Over the past 16 years nearly 18,000 emergency responders have completed the HT course; of those more than 11,500 are fire service, more than 2,500 law enforcement and more than 3,500 make up other disciplines.

"The training aided in learning how to identify a biological, chemical or radiological incident," said Christopher Scovotto, a law enforcement detective for the state's Fire Marshal's Office. "Using the appropriate instruments for testing showed a variety of different capabilities."

"Many of our team members have trained at the CDP individually," said Waters. "Attending as a team provides opportunities for our members to learn and lead as a group."

"As a member of the [ERT] this training provides me with the opportunity to expand and further hone the skills that

Florida's Environmental Response Team (ERT) surveys an accident scene that shows readings for possible radiological contamination.



The Florida Environmental Response Team (ERT) poses for a photo in the CDP's indoor street scene prior to radiological training.



Members of Florida's Environmental Response Team (ERT) sample hazardous materials while preserving evidence during CDP training.



Florida's Environmental Response Team (ERT) surveys an accident scene that shows readings for possible radiological contamination.

I may be required to use in the event we mobilize to deal with a threat involving a chemical, biological or radiological nature,” said Shawn Yao, forensic supervisor for the Tallahassee Police Department. “Since we trained as a group, this helps continue to develop as a member of our multi-agency team and integrate my set of skills with the others in order to provide a positive impact on the team.”

The five-day course allows students to operate equipment and exercise their ability to respond to an all-hazards event. In addition to more advanced response tools, the course includes advanced training venues that expanded the CDP’s ability to offer students an even more realistic training experience.

The training venues used include a large indoor street scene where students can detect live radioactive sources and a subway train system. Dressed in protective equipment, the students move through dark passageways triaging survivors while sampling crime scene evidence. The training environment also incorporates smoke-filled rooms, a mock post office, distinctive lighting and sound effects to simulate a realistic incident.



A first responder with Florida’s Environmental Response Team (ERT) conducts triage and searches for viable survivors during training.

“Frequent training and exercises allow the team to better prepare to effectively respond during a real-world incident,” said Brett Starling, an investigator with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. “Our response might be with the ERT or when the team members are working their day-to-day jobs. In both cases we are more knowledgeable and confident in the equipment we use and are more successful at protecting Florida’s public and environment.”

HT challenged the response team with an extensive hands-on training experience. The course also provides students an overview of both international and domestic threats, with a spotlight on identi-



A first responder with Florida’s Environmental Response Team (ERT) uses a monitoring device following a simulated radiological emergency.

fication and decontamination of biological, chemical, radiological and explosive hazards. The 40-hour course includes training at the Chemical, Ordnance, Biological, and Radiological training facility (COBRA). The COBRA is the only civilian facility in the nation conducting training exercises using nerve agents, GB and VX, and also includes biological materials, Anthrax and Ricin.

“The identification and equipment used at the COBRA, and the scenarios, has increased my confidence and my ability to be more of an asset to the ERT,” added Scovotto.

“The COBRA facility allowed our team to use equipment and practice procedures we’ll use in the field,” said Waters. “Donning protective equipment [and training] with real agents and biologicals is an experience that improved my knowledge and confidence.”



Members of Florida’s Environmental Response Team (ERT) enter the CDP’s indoor street scene following a simulated incident involving live radioactive sources.

Kansas South Central Healthcare Coalition tests emergency response

The South Central Kansas Healthcare Coalition reinforced bonds and tested its ability to respond during an emergency recently. The coalition attended training at the CDP, practicing with multiple counties and multiple hospitals from the Sunflower State.

More than 50 healthcare professionals from nine counties, representing 10 different hospitals, three public health departments and other health and medical agencies merged together at the CDP for the Healthcare Leadership for Mass Casualty Incidents (HCL) course. The 32-hour course lasts four days and includes both classroom instruction



Kansas hospital lead staff discuss response procedures in the hospital's command center conference room.



Healthcare professionals from South Central Kansas treat a Human Patient Simulator (HPS) during a mass-casualty training scenario.

and realistic scenario-based exercises—complete with the expected chaos, noise, power failures, media briefs, and even victims from a mass-casualty event.

“The benefits of all these people coming to the training not only include receiving the information delivered in a classroom, but also the ability to apply it in a simulated setting,” said Charlie Keeton, South Central Kansas Hospital preparedness coordinator. “Because hospitals are

24/7 operations, it is impossible to recreate this type of exercise within a working hospital. Coming to Anniston gives us the opportunity to apply what we learned in a realistic setting.”

“The first two days focused on lectures and discussion,” said Janet Kaiser, chief nursing officer at the Kansas Medical Center in Andover, Kan. “The course progressed and got very serious; we experienced a full disaster. The exercise was very real, especially using moulaged role players,

a modern emergency department and the hospital's command center—it was very real.”

Healthcare training takes place at the CDP's Noble Training Facility (NTF). The NTF is the only hospital in the nation solely dedicated to training healthcare professionals for mass-casualty response. The former U.S. Army Noble Hospital was converted into a training site for health and medical education in disasters and mass-casualty events in 1999. Years later, and after several changes in operation-



A team of hospital Emergency Department employees respond to a simulated emergency situation.

Multiple regional healthcare providers strengthen preparedness

al responsibility, the full potential of this facility was realized and the official name changed from the Noble Training Center to the Noble Training Facility (NTF). The CDP has operated the NTF since 2007 and completely funds all training—to include travel, meals and lodging for state, local and tribal emergency responders.

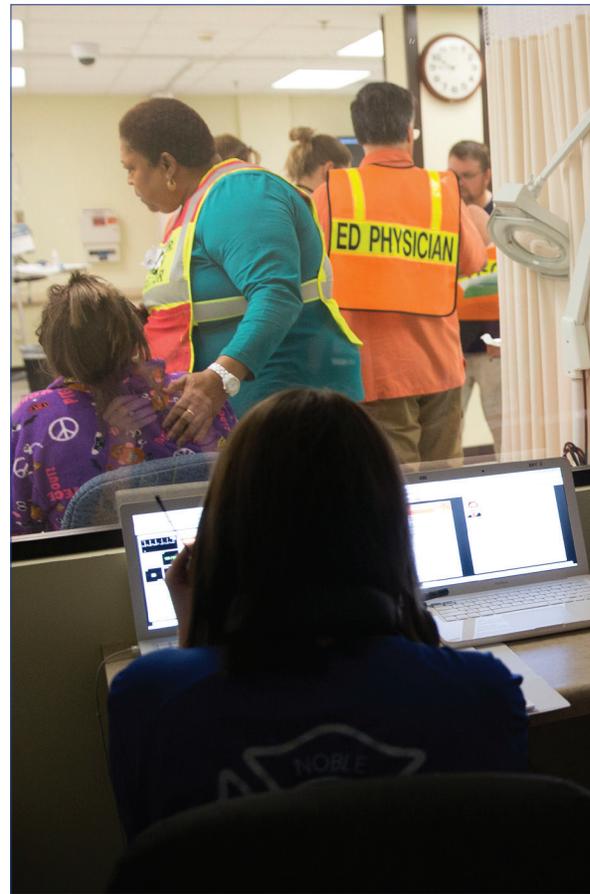
“It is okay to read about [response], but in order to really be ready you have to put [response] into practice,” said Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, interim director, Sedgwick County Public Health. “We learn from mistakes and this training makes us more ready to respond.”

Altogether, the South Central Kansas Healthcare Coalition

encompasses 19 counties, 32 hospitals and three public health regions. Twelve of those Emergency Support Function Eight (ESF-8) disciplines were represented during training. The Kansas healthcare team encompassed everyone from hospital care and public health to mortuary services and long-term care.

During training, the students were required to activate the hospital’s

command center and effectively provide a medical response to a simulated mass-casualty incident. Instructors come from a variety of backgrounds, including emergency room physicians and nurses, paramedics,



CDP staff observe behind two-way glass and control the actions of Human Patient Simulators as students respond to a changing scenario.

pharmacists and public health professionals.

“Coming to Anniston allows the members of the coalition to strengthen working relationships beyond bi-monthly meetings at home,” said Keeton. “To me, relationship building is the most valuable part of the trip.”

“I know that if the state of Kansas was impacted by a disaster this team would come together and we would function in an emergency,” said Kaiser. “Practice makes perfect and in a disaster you want to know everyone can respond effectively.”

The CDP builds realistic exercise scenarios into its courses. The scenarios involve real people with serious injuries and wounds. The instructors also incorporate the use of modern equipment and procedures emergency responders use in emergency situations. Each scenario focuses on the foundations of CDP training—incident management, mass-casualty response and emergency response to a catastrophic natural disaster or terrorist act.



Kansas healthcare employees, assigned roles as hospital leadership, discuss current situation reports inside the NTF command center.



Hospital staff on the second floor of the NTF coordinate bed space as patients are admitted to the hospital.



FEMA leadership meets at CDP, observes response training

FEMA's top leadership gathered at the CDP for its annual senior leadership offsite, Oct. 8.

FEMA's leaders also observed training at the Noble Training Facility, toured the COBRA and also witnessed a mass-casualty incident response at the CDP's Advanced Responder Training Complex that includes an indoor

subway and urban area street scene training venues.

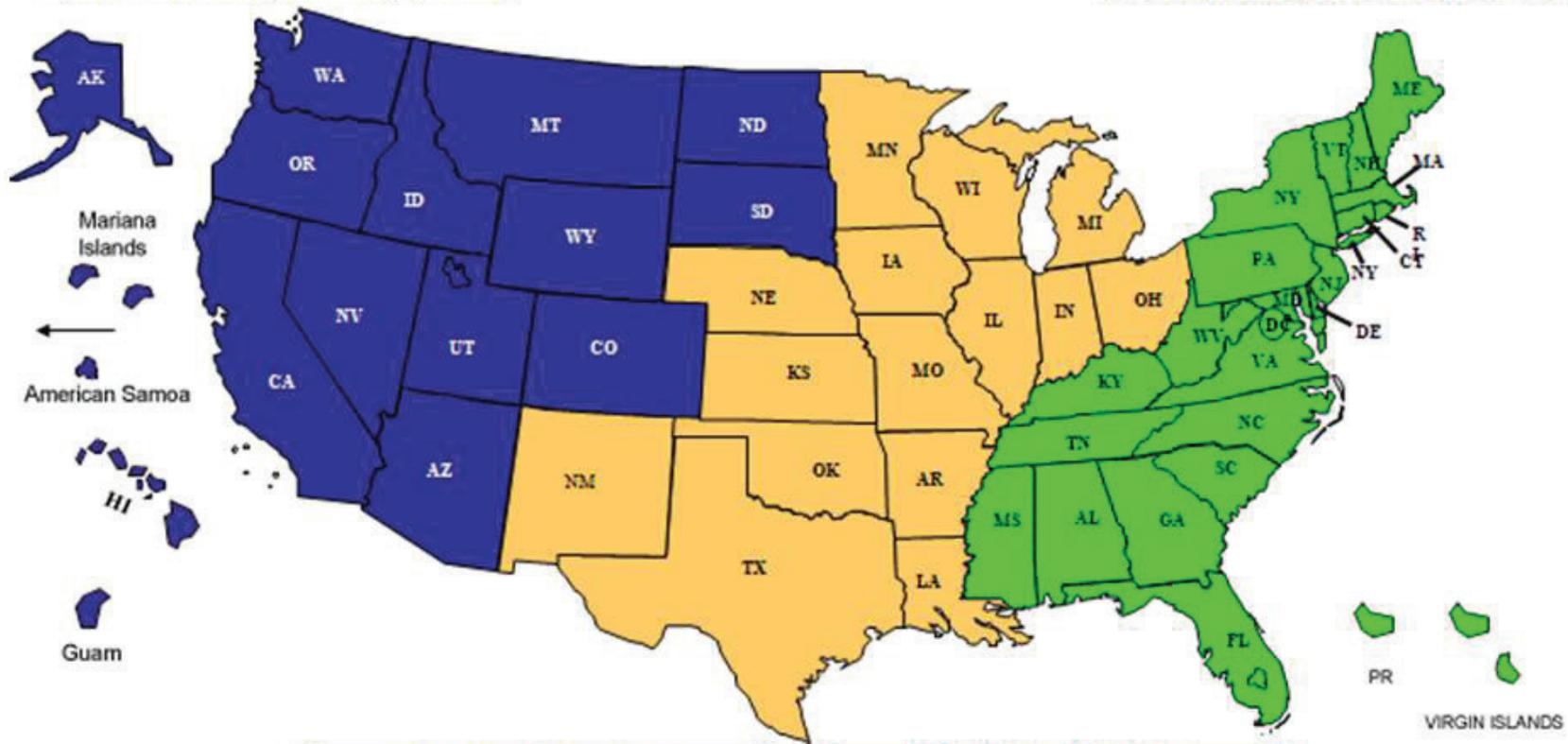
Following the CDP visit, the group travelled to Atlanta to attend the National Emergency Management Conference—a meeting of emergency management professionals focusing on emergencies, disasters and threats to the nation's security.

Bottom Row (left to right): Elizabeth Edge (Director, Office of Regional Operations), Adrian Sevier (Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel), Michael George (Advisor to the Administrator), David Miller (Associate Administrator of the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration), Edward Johnson (Chief Financial Officer, Office of Chief Finance Officer), Kenneth Murphy (Regional Administrator, Region X), Jerome Hatfield (Regional Administrator, Region II), W. Craig Fugate (Administrator), David Robinson (Associate Administrator, Mission Support Bureau), Tony Russell (Regional Administrator, Region VIII), Elizabeth Zimmerman (Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery), Janet Odeshoo (Regional Administrator, Region V), Tony Robinson (Regional Administrator (Region VI), Lars Anderson (Advisor to the Administrator), Andrew Velasquez (Regional Administrator, Region IV), Kathleen Fox (Deputy Associate Administrator, Protection and National Preparedness), Paul Ford (Regional Administrator, Region I), Karen Armes (Regional Administrator, Region IX)—Top Row (left to right): Lt. Col. Stephen Stroud (Special Assistant to the Administrator), Joseph Nimmich (Deputy Administrator), Joshua Batkin (Director, External Affairs), Mary Ann Tierney (Regional Administrator, Region III), David Kaufman (Associate Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Analysis), Beth Freeman (Regional Administrator, Region VII), Avital Wenger (Advisor to the Deputy Administrator)—Not pictured: Michael Coen, Jr. (Chief of Staff).

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