



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTHLY Maine Edition

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Welcome to the latest issue of Emergency Preparedness Monthly! [The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (formerly the Maine Bureau of Health), [the Regional Resource Centers](#), and [the Harvard School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness](#) have partnered to bring you regular updates on emergency preparedness news and activities in Maine and beyond. This free monthly newsletter is designed to be a resource for a regional audience of public health, healthcare, public safety, and emergency response practitioners throughout Maine, as well as state and local leaders interested in protecting the public's health. It includes a digest of select news stories and commentaries, links to relevant resources, and a listing of upcoming preparedness-related trainings and events. The goal of this publication is to provide a central forum for disseminating useful, current, and succinct preparedness information to busy professionals.

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Trainings/Exercises:



[Responding to Victims with Burn Injuries in Disaster Events](#)

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Location: TBD

Overview: "Fire killed more Americans in 2007 than all natural disasters combined, and most of those deaths were a result of infection. Find out how improved evaluation, triage and management of burn injuries can impact victim outcomes."

[Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program \(HSEEP\) Training Course](#)

Date: Thursday, July 30, 2009 - Friday, July 31, 2009

Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location: [Eastern Maine Health Care System Cianchette Building in the Auditorium Room 43 Whiting Hill, Brewer, Maine](#)

Overview: The HSEEP Training Course incorporates exercise guidance and best practices from the HSEEP Volumes. Throughout the course, participants will learn about topics including exercise program management, design and development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning. The HSEEP Training Course is an interactive course that allows participants to share personal lessons learned and

best practices while gaining practical experience. In addition to the instructor-led course presentations, the course includes small group activities, videos, and group discussions. The course also provides overviews of HSEEP-related initiatives such as technology (e.g., the HSEEP Toolkit) and capabilities-based planning (e.g., Target Capabilities List [TCL]). This blended approach will give participants hands-on experience that readily translates to real-world exercise skills. Activities include creating exercise documentation, conducting exercise planning conferences and briefings, and practicing exercise evaluation. The course has been developed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) using input from Federal partners, subject matter experts (SMEs), and State and local representatives. HSEEP is a capabilities-based exercise program that includes a cycle, mix, and range of exercise activities of varying degrees of complexity and interaction. The purpose of HSEEP is to build self-sustaining exercise programs and provide a standardized methodology for designing, developing, conducting, and evaluating all exercises.

Contact: Jeremy Damren (jeremy.damren@maine.gov), 207-624-4410

Maine's Elders and Emergencies: Working for the Future

Overview: "The Maine Center for Public Health, the Maine Office of Elder Services and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Maine Emergency Management Agency and the Harvard School of Public Health, Center for Public Health Preparedness (HSPH-CPHP) are pleased to present an online course intended to improve emergency preparedness planning for and among the elderly population titled: "Maine's Elders and Emergencies: Working for the Future." This course is designed for city and state officials, representatives of community-based organizations and other service providers, adult caregivers, first responders, elder adults, and any individual who wants to participate in promoting emergency preparedness for elder community needs. This course will provide you with the tools and knowledge necessary to prepare and respond to elders in an emergency. It is professionally narrated and has non-graded quizzes that will allow one to test their responses as well as printable facts and other downloadable information. We encourage you to share this online course with anyone involved in emergency preparedness or other groups/individuals who may benefit from it."

*** Become eligible for a \$50.00 gift certificate when you complete the course evaluation ***

Visit: <http://www.cphp.sph.harvard.edu/>

User name: Elder

Password: Elder

Please note, the above user name and password are case-sensitive

Certificates of completion will be sent via us mail 4-6 weeks from time of course completion.

Contact: Rubim Rwakabuba, 617-384-9696

Webcasts:



"Live Response-911- Medical Emergency" (Details Pending - Save The Date)

Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Time: 1:00PM - 2:00 PM ET

Contact: Ed Kronholm (dlnets@aol.com), 877-820-0305

Immunization Update 2009

Date: Thursday, July 30, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Overview: "Webcast available: This live satellite broadcast & webcast will provide up-to-date information on the rapidly changing field of immunization. Anticipated topics include influenza (including H1N1 influenza), rotavirus, vaccine safety & vaccine supply. So-called "alternative" vaccine schedules & other emerging vaccine issues will also be discussed. The 2.5-hour broadcast will occur live from 9:00 - 11:30 am and will be re-broadcast that day from 12:00 noon - 2:30 pm (Eastern Time). Both broadcasts will feature a live question-&-answer session in which participants nationwide can interact with the course

instructors via toll-free telephone lines."

News/Resources:



[Coastal Communities Get Hurricane Preparedness Tips](#)

WABI TV5 News, Acadia National Park

By Amy Erickson

Overview: "Emergency Management officials from around the state say they'll be better prepared the next time a hurricane bears down on Maine."

Research:



Hospital-related incidents; causes and its impact on disaster preparedness and prehospital organisations.

Khorrman-Manesh A, Hedelin A, Ortenwall P.

Overview: "Hospital's capacity and preparedness is one of the important parts of disaster planning. Hospital-related incidents, a new phenomenon in Swedish healthcare, may lead to ambulance diversions, increased waiting time at emergency departments and treatment delay along with deterioration of disaster management and surge capacity. We aimed to identify the causes and impacts of hospital-related incidents in Region Vastra Gotaland (western region of Sweden). METHODS: The regional registry at the Prehospital and Disaster Medicine Center was reviewed (2006-2008). The number of hospital-related incidents and its causes were analyzed. RESULTS: There were an increasing number of hospital-related incidents mainly caused by emergency department's overcrowdings, the lack of beds at ordinary wards and/or intensive care units and technical problems at the radiology departments. These incidents resulted in ambulance diversions and reduced the prehospital capacity as well as endangering the patient safety. CONCLUSION: Besides emergency department overcrowdings, ambulance diversions, endangering patient's safety and increasing risk for in-hospital mortality, hospital-related incidents reduces and limits the regional preparedness by minimizing the surge capacity. In order to prevent a future irreversible disaster, this problem should be avoided and addressed properly by further"

Protecting Home Health Care Workers: A Challenge to Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Planning.

Baron S, McPhaul K, Phillips S, Gershon R, Lipscomb J.

Overview: "The home health care sector is a critical element in a pandemic influenza emergency response. Roughly 85% of the 1.5 million workers delivering in-home care to 7.6 million clients are low-wage paraprofessionals, mostly women, and disproportionately members of racial and ethnic minorities. Home health care workers' ability and willingness to respond during a pandemic depends on appropriate communication, training, and adequate protections, including influenza vaccination and respiratory protection. Preparedness planning should also include support for child care and transportation and help home health care workers protect their income and access to health care. We summarize findings from a national stakeholder meeting, which highlighted the need to integrate home health care employers, workers, community advocates, and labor unions into the planning process."

Conference:



[NACCHO Annual 2009 Conference](#)

Date: Wednesday, July 29- Thursday, July 31, 2009

Location: 9939 Universal Blvd. Orlando, FL 32819

Overview: "NACCHO's Annual Conference is frequently cited as one of the most valuable opportunities in the field for local public health practitioners to come together and discuss the critical issues of the moment and to plan for the future. In 2009, NACCHO will offer exciting learning and

networking opportunities geared toward the unique needs of local public health professionals."

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