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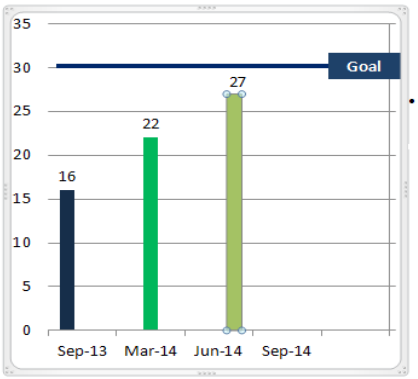
EMERGENCY CREDENTIAL LEVEL 1 (ECL 1) PROJECT UPDATE

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP) Emergency Credential Level 1 (ECL1) Project has started to take off. Thanks to all participating hospitals for helping increase the number of ECL 1 volunteers and approaching Michigan's goal of 25% hospital participation. The quality and quantity of "hospital-ready" volunteers is dependent on hospital participation. When disaster strikes and pre-credentialed volunteers are needed, participation helps to ensure that the needs of our hospital partners will be met. For information on how to participate with the ECL 1 Project, contact Virginia Zimmerman, MI Volunteer Registry State Coordinator, at (517) 335-8150 or via email at zimmermanv@michigan.gov.



- As of 3/1/14 this goal is 90% complete

MI-TESA FULL SCALE EXERCISE IN BIG RAPIDS, MI, MAY 19 – 22, 2014

The Michigan Transportable Emergency Surge Assistance (MI-TESA) Medical Unit is a state resource consisting of a 100-bed mobile field hospital that is stored and maintained by the Region 2 South Medical Bio-Defense Network, and a 40-bed mobile field hospital that is stored and maintained by the District 5 Medical Response Coalition. The MI-TESA Medical Unit expands surge capacity, re-establishes emergency triage, and treatment in an area where the healthcare infrastructure has been disrupted.

A full scale exercise of this state resource occurred on the campus of Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI, during the third full week in May 2014. The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP) collaborated with three Regional HealthCare Coalitions to demonstrate the multi-disciplinary effort it takes to support a local community in a state of medical surge. Volunteers from around the state attended and participated in myriad activities to exercise this capability.

The director of MDCH, James Haveman, related in the State of Michigan's May 2014 News Brief that: "I had the great fortune to see the Michigan Transportable Emergency Surge Assistance Medical Unit practice an exercise in Big Rapids standing up a portable hospital... Events like this support the fact that we are a department that truly takes the mission of protecting the health, wellness, and safety of our residents seriously. In these efforts, we are united."

Click on the link to view a YouTube video about the MITESA exercise:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muOFNA6FueI

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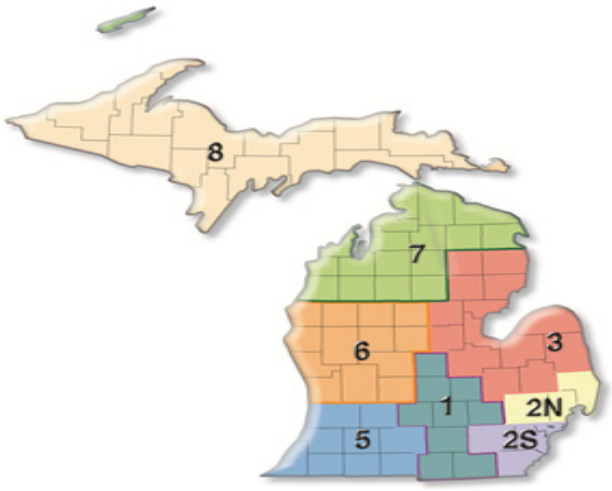
HEALTHCARE COALITION NEWS



REGION 8 HEALTHCARE COALITION

MI-TESA EXERCISE: SMALL TOWN; BIG BENEFIT

Grand Marais, Michigan is located in Burt Township, at the eastern end of Alger County in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The full-time population of the township is approximately 500; swelling to over 2,000 in the summer with seasonal residents and visitors. To the west is Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore; to the east and south is Lake Superior State Forest; to the north are many miles of cold Lake Superior water!

Within this small township is a small group of truly dedicated volunteers who make up the Burt Township Medical Reserve Corps. Though they may be small in numbers, they are big in heart. The Burt Township MRC exudes a desire and a passion to make a difference. Region 8 salutes such a dedicated group of volunteers who lead by example.

So when they found out about the MI-TESA exercise being held at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan, it was no surprise when four of their members did not hesitate to sign up. The Burt Township MRC members were activated, processed, and deployed in various roles during the MI-TESA exercise.

Nancy Weston, the Coordinator of the Burt Township MRC and one of its members who attended the MI-TESA training (pictured above third from left), really captured the experience in a couple of comments. "We had a wonderful experience and I am so glad we were there," Weston said. "My volunteers really were inspired. I really enjoyed the opportunity to participate and would like to help down the line in any way I can."

Gary Gustafson
Region 8 Assistant Coordinator

REGION 1 HEALTHCARE COALITION

PLAYING IN THE DERT

Region 1 and the Livingston County Health Department recently collaborated in order to develop a Mobile Medical Field Team (MMFT). The MMFT, known as the District 1 Emergency Response Team (DERT), participated in numerous training and education sessions in preparation for the May Michigan Transportable Emergency Surge Assistance (MI-TESA) exercise. This event was held on the campus of Ferris State University in

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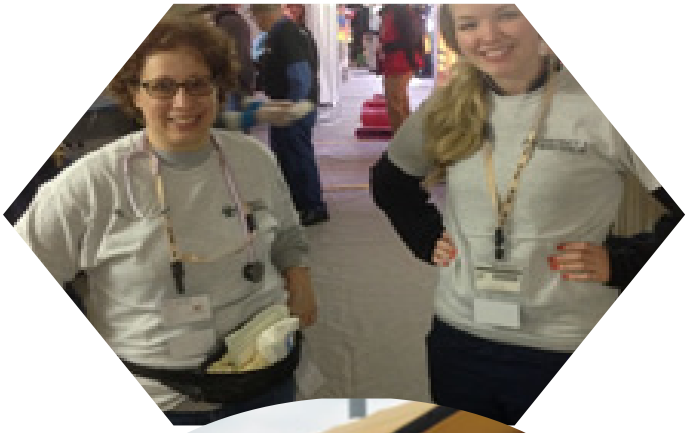
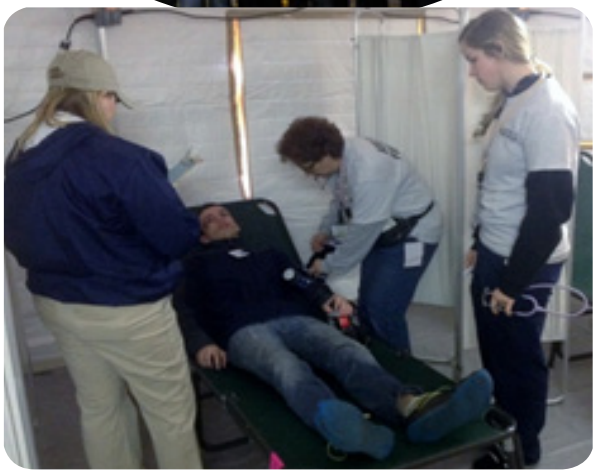
Big Rapids, MI. Mobile Medical Field Teams involved in the MI-TESA exercise, including the DERT team, received training for work in austere and potentially chaotic conditions. Nineteen members of Region 1, the majority of who are volunteers, attended this exercise. Seen below are some pictures taken on site of Region 1 staff and volunteers who participated in this event.

Matthew Price
Region 1 Coordinator





REGION 2 NORTH HEALTHCARE COALITION

REGION 2 NORTH MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS AWARDED SPECIAL $5,000 GRANT

The Region 2 North (R2N) Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) has been awarded a special grant by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP) in the amount of $5,000. The funds in this grant will be used to help the R2N MRC collaborate with the Region 2 North Healthcare Coalition and their partners in improving our capabilities in several key areas as follows:

- Alternate Care Site: trailer set up procedures and administration staffing
- Volunteer Reception Centers/Volunteer Badging: administrator training of badging equipment in support of the organization(s) running the center(s)
- Patient Tracking: training for MRC members to assist patient tracking efforts during evacuations at hospital, long term facilities, and others as required
- Moulage Team: training for MRC members so that they may provide moulage wound simulations in support of regional exercises
- Animal Support: training for volunteers who indicate availability to care for responders' pets

The R2N MRC Coordinator, Lori Wieber, reports to the Region 2 North Healthcare Coalition Coordinator and is ready to get started on these objectives. Region 2N and Region 2N MRC will collaborate together, in conjunction with our other partners, to help us improve our preparedness and response capabilities in the region. For additional information, feel free to contact the R2N Regional Coordinator, Rick Drummer, at rdrummer@region2north.com.

Rick Drummer
Region 2 North Coordinator

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REGION 7 HEALTHCARE COALITION

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION CENTER TRAINING

The Region 7 Healthcare Coalition (HCC) conducted Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) training on Saturday, April 5, 2014, for approximately 40 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members. This training afforded volunteers the opportunity to learn how to activate a VRC when a disaster occurs. The CERT members really felt like they learned what a Volunteer Reception Center is and how to implement it when needed.

Throughout the training, questions were highly encouraged and answered appropriately within the framework established by the expert CERT/MRC trainers from Region 6. The participants were asked to play a role in the VRC training to help better understand its flow. During this time, they were able to network with other CERT members in the region. The participants seemed to enjoy the training; however, they would have preferred the training to last longer in order for them to learn more techniques in setting up a VRC. Moving forward, Region 7 would like to offer an additional VRC training and include in this training a more extensive “hands on” activity based day.

Tori Jensen
Region 7 Assistant Coordinator

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS CORNER

2014 DIVISION OF THE CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Congratulations to the **Montcalm-Ionia Medical Reserve Corps** (MRC) for receiving the Community Resilience award. Their Preparedness Campaign website (www.montcalmioniamrc.org) launched early in May due to the April Region 6 flooding incident. It provided public information from Ionia Public Safety, Ionia County Central Dispatch, the American Red Cross, the Ionia County Health Department, and several others. Information included flood water predication levels, evacuation areas, road closures, shelter info, and other safety material. A local radio station assisted with spreading the word of this new website with hourly updates and reports.

Congratulations **Macomb County Health Department Medical Reserve Corps** (MRC) for receiving the Picture of the Year award. This picture was taken at the Michigan Region 2 North Citizen Corps Exercise in September 2013. Macomb MRC members in the blue vests triaged “victims” that had been “rescued” by the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Search and Rescue Teams. This picture not only shows MRC members in action during an exercise, but also demonstrates multiple jurisdictions and multiple Citizen Corps teams working together.