

Office of Emergency Preparedness

Southern Tier Briefing

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Training & Education

- ◆ EM 101 was presented to several urgent care centers during the week of April 12, 2004. The goal of these presentations was to discuss the urgent care center role in emergency preparedness education and training module customization. An EM 101 Urgent Care Center version will be developed based on input derived from these meetings.
- ◆ The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Perinatal Infection Disease Prevention Program is sponsoring a Smallpox Vaccinator Train-the-Trainer workshop on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, from 8:45 am to 2:00 p. m. at the New Haven Fire Training Academy. Interested physicians and nurses may register on the DPH TRAIN website at <http://ct.train.org>. This is a train-the-trainer course for persons who will train additional smallpox vaccination team staff on the principles and practice of smallpox vaccination. These teams are based in acute care hospitals and will provide smallpox vaccination for hospital employees in accordance with the State smallpox response plan. Subject areas that will be covered include smallpox control through vaccination, vaccine clinic operations management, vaccine preparation and vaccination technique, contraindications and adverse reactions, follow up monitoring, vaccine administration technique demonstration and practice, and training vaccinators/lesson plan." For more information, please contact Monica Rak, RN, at (860) 509-7900.

Civil Air Patrol Advisory

- ◆ Please be advised that the Connecticut Wing Civil Air Patrol will be flying in the vicinity of Connecticut Hospitals on a mission to take aerial photographs of all hospital landing zones (LZs). These flights will commence on Friday, April 16, 2004, and continue through Monday, April 19, 2004.

Aircraft:	Cessna 182
Color:	Tan with Red Stripe
Tail #:	9633X
Call sign:	CAP Flight 1928
Contact:	Captain Jack Shapiro (860) 653-3578

Drills & Exercises

- ◆ A communications drill for the acute care hospitals is scheduled for May 15, 2004 with participation from both southern and northern tier hospitals. Objectives of this exercise include communication activation and interoperability among participating support agencies, activation and coordination of resources for emergency support functions, and stockpile activation, receipt, delivery, and distribution process review.

Laboratory Response Network

- ◆ A day-long statewide laboratory conference has been scheduled for June 3, 2004 at CHA in Wallingford. Presentations will include laboratory response to biological, chemical, and radiological threats, syndromic surveillance, and biodetection systems. Please contact Elaine Forte, Laboratory Program Advisor, for more information at (203) 688-3391.

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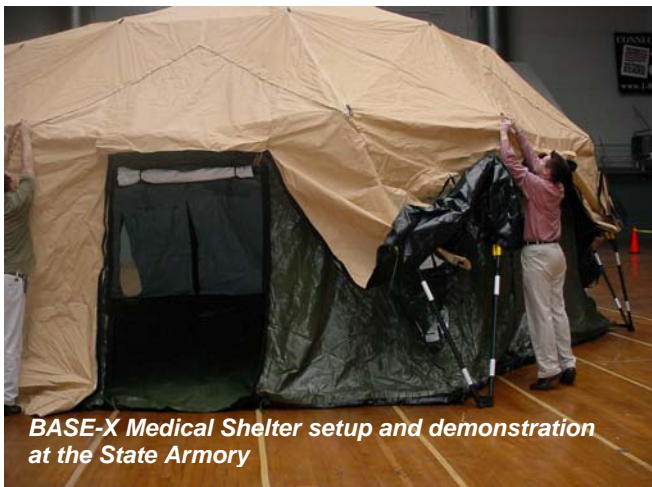
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Regional Planning

- ◆ Development of emergency management plan best practices for the southern tier hospitals is underway. Southern tier hospitals are reminded to forward their existing hospital emergency management plans to Mukesh Roy, Regional Planning Coordinator, at mukesh.roy@ynhh.org.
- ◆ The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health will distribute the final copies of the regional planning documents *Direction of Regional Partners and Planning Guidance for a Regional Response to a Public Health Emergency* at the next Focus Area A meeting

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Migration and Quarantine MOA Update

- ◆ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is currently revising the Quarantine Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) previously distributed in December 2003. The MOA outlines processes associated with isolation, evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of ill passengers arriving by public conveyance (e.g., cruise ships, airplanes). Questions regarding the CDC MOA can be forwarded to Mukesh Roy, Regional Planning Coordinator at (203) 688-2563.



BASE-X Medical Shelter setup and demonstration at the State Armory

Emerging Infectious Diseases & Public Health Threats

Smallpox

- ◆ Work continues with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health on the development of the smallpox hospital staff vaccination guidelines.

Influenza

- ◆ During the week of March 20-27, 2004, patient visits remained below the national baseline, and mortality due to pneumonia and influenza remained below the epidemic threshold. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has posted an Influenza update document on the CDC website entitled *Influenza Activity-United States, 2003-04 Season*. The document can be downloaded from <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5313a2.htm>.

SARS

- ◆ An article entitled *Hospital Preparedness and SARS* by Loutfy, M. R., Wallington, T., and Rutledge, T., et al., (2004) is available for download from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/vol10no5/03-0717.htm>.

New OEP Staff

- ◆ Please welcome Valerie Applebaum as an Instructor Trainer to OEP.

Questions, comments, or suggestions should be forwarded by FAX to (203) 688-4618 or by e-mail to OEPWEB@ynhh.org.

MaSH Demonstration

- ◆ A MaSH demonstration was conducted at the State Armory for the state legislature and the Commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health on April 15, 2004.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
BT ADVISORY COMM	4/19/04	1:00 PM	CHA
DHS-ODP MTG	4/23/04	9:00 AM	DPS
STATE OF CT BT ADVISORY COMM MTG	4/29/04	3:00 PM	CHA
DHS-ODP MTG	4/30/04	9:00 AM	DPS
STATEWIDE TOWN HALL MTG	6/10/04	8:30 AM	CHA

Statewide Town Hall Meeting

• A statewide Town Hall meeting for acute care hospitals and their state emergency planning partners is scheduled for early June 2004. The keynote speaker will be Eric Noji, MD, MPH, Special Assistant to the United States Surgeon General for Homeland Security and Disaster Medicine.



ONGOING TRAINING & EDUCATION

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) OPERATIONS AND PLANNING FOR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (PER-211) (860) 827-4478	4/20-22/04	8:00 AM	ITBD TRAINING CENTER, NEW BRITAIN
INCIDENT MANAGEMENT/UNIFIED COMMAND FOR WMD/TERRORISM INCIDENTS (MGT-313) GSALLYN@WESTHARTFORD.ORG	4/20-22/04	8:00 AM	CT FIRE ACADEMY
SMALLPOX VACCINATOR TRAIN-THE-TRAINER WORKSHOP HTTP://CT.TRAIN.ORG MONICA RAK, RN (860) 509-7900	5/4/04	8:45 AM	NEW HAVEN FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY

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