

## Office of Emergency Preparedness

### Southern Tier Briefing

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#### Training & Education

- YNHHS OEP will sponsor the American Medical Association's National Disaster Life Support (NDLS) instructor courses in late September. The series courses include Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS), Advanced Disaster Life Support (ADLS), and the ADLS instructor course. Each hospital in the state of Connecticut will be offered two participants in the program, thereby providing the state with a sufficient number of instructors capable of facilitating the basic and advanced level courses to other hospital and pre-hospital emergency personnel. Updates will be provided as available.
- Currently 9,545 healthcare personnel have completed EM 101. YNHHS continues to work with the southern tier hospitals, Hartford Hospital, and other healthcare delivery agencies such as nursing homes, home health, and others to expand the program statewide.

#### Health & Human Services Award

- Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tommy G. Thompson announced an additional \$849 million in awards through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to states, territories, and four major metropolitan areas to strengthen the ability of government and public health agencies to respond to bioterror attacks, infectious diseases, and natural disasters. This funding is in addition to the \$498 million released earlier this month by HHS's Health Resources Services Agency to strengthen hospitals and improve overall response capability. Since September 11, 2001, HHS has invested more than \$3.7 billion in strengthening the nation's public health infrastructure. The money will be used to improve the readiness of the public health sector and other major health care providers to respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

#### Stockpile Coordination

- A healthcare medical stockpile strategy has been submitted to the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) for review and approval. This strategy provides a framework for developing comprehensive coordinated medical stockpiles at healthcare facilities in Connecticut.

#### Drills & Exercises

- The tabletop exercise scheduled for Backus Hospital has been rescheduled to June 28, 2004. The drill will include local public health, emergency medical services, police, fire, and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). YNHHS has been participating in the planning and will serve as an evaluator.
- A tabletop exercise has been scheduled for Yale-New Haven Hospital (Y-NHH) on July 28, 2004. OEP will facilitate the exercise and individuals will be invited to participate through Y-NHH administration.

#### Southern Tier Hospitals Special Meeting Presentation on CD

- Dr. Eric Noji, MD, MPH, Senior Policy Advisor for Medical Readiness Department of Homeland Security and featured speaker at the June 10<sup>th</sup> Southern Tier Hospitals Special Meeting, has graciously granted permission to distribute his slide presentation on CD. Copies will be sent via regular mail to southern tier hospital administrative and clinical personnel and other attendees of last week's meeting.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
STATE DPH BT COMMITTEE	6/21/04	1:00 PM	CHA
ACHE ANNUAL MEETING	6/22/04	12:00 PM	AQUA TURF CLUB
OEP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	6/24/04	9:00 AM	OEP

**CURRENT DISASTER & EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT LITERATURE  
([WWW.SAFETYLIT.ORG](http://www.safetylit.org))**

CARLI P, TELION C, BAKER D. TERRORISM IN FRANCE. PREHOSPITAL DISASTER MED 2003; 18(2): 92-99.

ABSTRACT: [HTTP://WWW.SAFETYLIT.ORG/WEEK/2004/040614.HTM](http://www.safetylit.org/week/2004/040614.htm)

ORDONEZ-IRIARTE JM, GOMEZ ME, SANCHEZ JI, FERNANDEZ-AGUADO C, LOPEZ R, FERRER JB. THE ENVIRONMENT AND ITS IMPACT ON HEALTH: OLD RISKS, NEW RISKS. GAC SANIT 2004; 18 SUPPL 1: 222-233.

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**Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention Updates**
**CDC Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)**

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has implemented a pilot program called the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) to aid cities in increasing their capacity to deliver medicines and medical supplies during a large-scale public health emergency such as a bioterrorism attack or a nuclear accident. Twenty cities and the National Capital Region (District of Columbia) have been chosen to participate in the program based on population and geographic location. The CDC plans to share best practices tools and information developed during the CRI with all American cities and regions. The CRI document can be downloaded from the CDC website at: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/cri/pdf/facts.pdf>.

**Chemical Terrorism Agents**

- The updated version of *Shipping Instructions for Samples Collected from People Potentially Exposed to Chemical Terrorism Agents* is available for download from the CDC website at: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/labissues/pdf/shipping-samples.pdf>. The instructions discuss procedures for collecting, labeling, and packaging specimens, and preparing documentation and containers for shipping samples.

**ONGOING TRAINING & EDUCATION**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
SELECTION & USE OF PERSONAL & RESPIRATORY PROTECTION FOR HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: AN ALL-HAZARDS APPROACH	6/24/04	8:00 AM	CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
AGROTERRORISM AND PUBLIC HEALTH: REESTABLISHING AN OLD RELATIONSHIP <a href="http://www.adph.org/alphtn">HTTP://WWW.ADPH.ORG/ALPHTN</a>	6/24/04	1:00 PM EASTERN	SATELLITE BROADCAST
MASS ANTIOTIOTIC DISPENSING: A PRIMER <a href="http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/antioibiotic/default.asp">HTTP://WWW.PHPPO.CDC.GOV/PHTN/ANTIOIBIOTIC/DEFAULT.ASP</a>	6/24/04	1:00 PM EASTERN	SATELLITE BROADCAST
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION MASS CASUALTY PERSONNEL DECONTAMINATION ASSISTANT CHIEF GARY ALLYN <a href="mailto:GSALLYN@WESTHARDFORD.ORG">GSALLYN@WESTHARDFORD.ORG</a> (860) 570-3807	7/15-17/04	8:30 AM	CT FIRE ACADEMY
NACCHO ANNUAL 2004 CONFERENCE	7/14-16/04		ST. PAUL, MN

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