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SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL



This Month in the Council

The citizens of San Diego count on us to be prepared in the event of a disaster. We as the San Diego Healthcare Disaster Council and support services proudly accept this challenge

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Each month at the Healthcare Disaster Council, disaster preparedness professionals come together for in-depth, passionate dialogue about a range of topics. Here's a glimpse at some of the discussion in June:

- HPP 12 has been closed out on schedule. The County has submitted the application materials to the State for HPP 13. The State said to expect a two month turnaround. HPP 13 activities will resemble HPP 12.
- It was reported that CHA's contract will not be renewed and it appears there will be no funding available after June 30, 2014. This was our representative Mary Massey's last meeting.
- There was a Concepts & Objectives PowerPoint for the November 2014 Statewide Medical Health Full Scale Exercise.
- Monique Imroth has filled Thérèse Rymer's position at UCSD.

Trainings and Drills

Statewide Medical Health Full Scale Exercise **Thursday, November 20, 2014**

Joint EOC / WebEOC Workshops

Agenda:

9:00 - 10:30: SEMS/NIMS Introduction
10:30 - 11:30: WebEOC Overview
11:30 - 12:30: WebEOC Subject Specific
12:30 - 1:30: Lunch (on your own)
1:30 - 4:30: EOC Section Specific

Registration is available via email at: WebEOC@sdcounty.ca.gov. Please include your contact information and

specify which *dates* and which *segments* you would like to attend.

Available Dates:

July 17, 2014 (Planning-Intel Section)
September 25, 2014 (Finance Section)

Location:

Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
5580 Overland Ave. Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123



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This Month's Focus

Violent Threat Exercise at Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas

Training and exercising is how we learn and prepare. Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas recently hosted a collaborative community effort to train using 5 real life-event based scenarios within the hospital environment. With the recently constructed critical care building not yet occupied, and in coordination with local Police, Fire, Sheriff, Emergency Medical Services, SWAT and the Bomb Arson squad, an elaborate exercise was developed to educate and help better prepare for a crisis response.

Observers, evaluators and controllers looked on as the scenario began. A patient presented to the emergency department and became violent. This violence escalated to shooting several victims and taking a hostage. The event expanded outside of the emergency department as the patient made his way to the 2nd floor of the hospital.

The hospital goals and objectives for the exercise included:

- Establish command and control of hospital operations; staff patients during escalation of events
- Full evacuation of Emergency department and partial evacuation of medical surgical unit to an alternate care site, and inter facility transfer to other hospital locations
- Collaborative communications between police/fire/ems agency unified command center and hospital command center
- Effective management of hospital operations during event mitigating business disruption, patient and staff safety and evacuation
- Test existing policy and procedure for lockdown, code black and mass casualty triage
- Develop new policy, education and communications for violent threat
- Web based training for Violent Threat scenarios for all staff with video clip demonstrations



Scripps had system wide participation from staff, physicians and executive leadership. Various colored vests were used to identify participant roles. The SMRT (Scripps Medical Response Team) also contributed, responding to an ACS (Alternate Care Site) established for the hospital evacuation. State, County and local hospital representatives served as evaluators and observers during the exercise, providing expert feedback and critique.

HPP funds were used to cover the costs of the exercise, including videotaping the entire scenario, to be edited and used as an educational tool.

While all agencies involved had their own goals and objectives to meet, it seemed the most agreed upon value was the opportunity to gather so many entities together for a training event that benefited everyone.