



National Disaster Medical System Newsletter

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Update on Haiti

Statement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

...HHS deployed over 1,100 personnel to Haiti: everyone from CDC public health experts, to the doctors and nurses who staffed the twelve disaster medical assistance teams (DMATs) that were sent to Haiti and the disaster mortuary team (DMORT) working to help recover those who lost their lives in the quake. They have been supported by thousands of other staff in the United States.

HHS efforts on the ground have directly benefited the Haitian people, who have suffered so greatly from the earthquake. Between January 17 and February 22, our DMATs saw more than 31,300 patients, performed 167 surgeries and delivered 45 babies. In addition to our acute care medical teams, HHS also contributed critical medical supplies and equipment, such as medicines and mobile medical tents, to the relief effort....

Our last NDMS teams returned on the 31st of March, leaving behind some medical equipment and supplies. The National Disaster Medical System medical evacuation flights transported more than 70 Haitian patients with life-threatening conditions to U.S. hospitals for critical acute care.

Source: http://www.hhs.gov/haiti/20100301haiti_statement.html

Special points of interest:

- * 2010 Summit
- * Ethics
- * In Memoriam
- * Tips for first responders: mental health

NDMS Field Training Exercises:

Central Region: June 20-26: Anniston AL

Western Region: June 13-19: March AFRB, Riverside CA

Eastern Region: July 25-31: TBD

DMORT National Training: May 17-23: Knoxville TN

ESF #8 Summit - Integrated Training Summit: May 10-16: Nashville TN

NLE 2010: May 17-23: Various sites.

New at NDMS

There are several new staff members at NDMS headquarters.

Roy Ball, MS, ACNP-BC: came to us from the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland in Baltimore, MD and will be providing support to the teams in Regions: 1, 2, 3, & 4.

Martha Bartz, MSN, RN, CCRN: came to us from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD and will be providing support to the teams in Regions: 8, 9, & 10.

Kathy Harrod: came to us from Human Resources and will be working with the new teams and administrative officers.

Verna Harmon (Niki), RN, MSN, CRNP: came to us from York Hospital Trauma Center in York, PA and will be focusing on the Electronic Medical Records (EMR).

Sara Wilson, RN/CNS, MSN, APHN-BC: came to us from the Florida Department of Health and will be focusing on online learning, such as Responder E-Learn

Linda Wisniewski, RN, MS, MBA: came to us from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD and be providing support to the teams in Regions: 5, 6, & 7.

**Don't forget the
2010 Integrated
Training Summit,
Nashville, TN**

The 2010 Integrated Training Summit will be held on May 12-16 in Nashville, TN at the Gaylord Opryland.

The program information can be found at:

[http://
www.integratedtrainingsummit.org/program/](http://www.integratedtrainingsummit.org/program/)

Registration information can be found at:

[http://
www.integratedtrainingsummit.org/](http://www.integratedtrainingsummit.org/)

Summit Mandatory Training schedule: See page 5 for detailed information.

Psychological First Aid for First Responders

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA)

Psychological First Aid for First Responders:
Tips for Emergency and Disaster Response Workers

<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/Disasterrelief/pubs/manemotion.asp>
<http://download.ncadi.samhsa.gov/ken/pdf/katrina/Psychological.pdf>

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Conferences and other websites of interest***

- ◆ May 29– June 3, 2010: Davos, Switzerland: Davos 2010: International Disaster and Risk Conference. <http://www.idrc.info/>
- ◆ 6/6-9/2010: World Conference on Disaster Management Summit Series: Toronto June 6-9, 2010, <http://www.wcdm.org>
- ◆ July 22, 2010: National Disaster Preparedness Summit, Houston, TX www.nationaldisastersummit.org/
- ◆ September 23, 2010: National Disaster Preparedness Summit, San Francisco, CA, <http://www.nationaldisastersummit.org/>
- ◆ Sep/Nov 2010; Australia (Sept/Nov 2010 TBD) <http://www.wcdm.org/>
- ◆ The National Center for Disaster Preparedness: <http://www.ncdp.mailman.columbia.edu/haiti.html>

Newsletter Content

The mission of the NDMS newsletter is to provide the NDMS teams with valuable information and resources to help them maintain force readiness, and enhance their performance when called to serve.

This is your newsletter, if there is a special focus you would be interested in, please let us know, if your team is coming up on some milestones, let us know. Milestones include anniversary of participation in NDMS system and/or articles written by team members. We are proud of you and what you do and want to celebrate your successes with the rest of the teams.

For submissions and/or suggestions, please contact: linda.wisniewski@hhs.gov.

Veterinary Issues

The AVMA provides the following items to help with animal health in disasters:

- AVMA Emergency Preparedness and Response: a searchable PDF for free. <http://www.avma.org/disaster/default.asp>
- Search and Rescue Dogs (SAR): http://www.avma.org/avmacollections/disaster/javma_225_6_854.pdf



Team Spotlight:

Minnesota—1

This month's team in the spotlight is MN-1. Check out their website at <http://www.mndmat.com/about-us.html>.

The MN-1 DMAT was started in 2002 in the aftermath of 911. MN-1 DMAT was initially mentored by MI-1 DMAT and first deployed to the Florida hurricanes in 2004. MN-1 DMAT deployed to Louisiana and Mississippi in response to Hurricane Katrina and Rita in 2005 and was elevated to a level II DMAT in 12/05. Subsequently, MN-1 DMAT has deployed to St. Paul, MN for the RNC and to Beaumont, TX in response to Hurricane Ike in 2008, to the Red River Floods in 3/2009, sent a vaccination team to the St. Croix of the US Virgin Islands in 1/10 and participated in the Haiti earthquake deployment in 1/10.

MN-1 DMAT most recently participated in the regional cold weather field training exercise in Anchorage, Alaska in 2/10 along with host team AK-1 DMAT, NC-1 DMAT and the IMSURT teams.

MN-1 DMAT safety officer Pete Huber recently completed his training and is now certified as a MN state emergency manager. Other team members who have attained this certification include security officers Jim Daly, Krysta Reuter and John Moore.

MN-1 DMAT mental health professional Jonathan Bundt has lead an effort in creating the MN community model of psychological first aid (PFA) for responders. He has trained over 200 PFA trainers including several MN-1 DMAT team members. His work includes running the family assistance center during the 35W bridge collapse and has put together a full day annual conference now in its fifth year on psychological footprint of a disaster. Part of his work in the metro area, he developed a comprehensive concept of operations for behavioral health response to disasters in the hospital setting has been recognized by national leaders. And, he too is now a certified emergency manager in the state of Minnesota.

Recent articles recently published by MN-1 DMAT team members include:

“Health and Medical Preparedness and Response to the Republican National Convention” published in the December 2009 edition of Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness, vol 3, no 4, pages 224-232 by Dr. John Hick and Dr. Merle Hillman.

Safety officer Pete Huber recently published an article on response to a pandemic “If we train them, they will come” in ASHE (American Society of Healthcare Engineering) in the September-October 2009 edition, vol 17, no 5, pages 36-39.

Several team members of MN-1 DMAT are offering a workshop at the upcoming ESF #8 training summit on cold weather deployment.

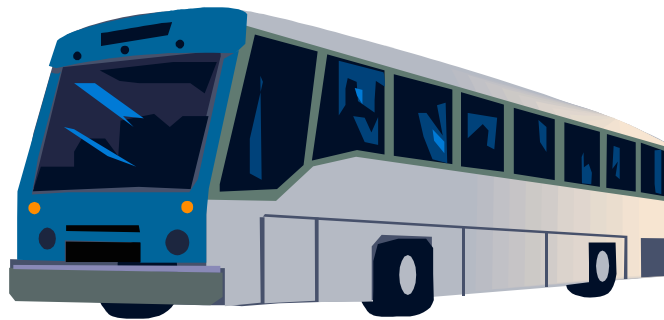
NDMS will feature one team per newsletter. We hope to share the many accomplishments of your team with others.

2010 Summit Training Schedule Invitation Only

AO training - AOs only
Wednesday, May 12: 10 am - 6 pm
Thursday, May 13: 8 am - 12 pm
Friday, May 14: 8 am - 12 pm
TO training - TOs only
Saturday, May 15: 8 am - 5 pm
Sunday, May 16: 8 am - 12 pm
TL training - TLs, DTLs, and AOs
Saturday, May 15: 8 am - 5 pm
New Team Meeting
Friday, May 14: 1 - 5 pm
CMO Training
<i>Travel In Monday, May 10</i>
Monday, May 10: 1 - 5 pm
Tuesday, May 11: 8:30 am - 5 pm
Wednesday, May 12: 5 - 7 pm
Thursday, May 13: 5 - 7 pm
<i>Travel Out Friday, May 14</i>
DMOD training
<i>Travel In Tuesday, May 11</i>
Wednesday, May 12: 8 am - 5 pm
Thursday, May 13: 8 am - 5 pm
Friday, May 14
<i>Travel Out Saturday, May 15</i>
Fingerprint Training
<i>Travel In: Friday, May 14</i>
Saturday, May 15: 8 am - 5 pm
Sunday, May 16: 8 am - 5 pm
<i>Travel Out: Monday, May 17</i>
IRCT Training
<i>Travel In Monday, May 10</i>
Tuesday, May 11: 8 am - 5 pm
Wednesday, May 12: 8 am - 5 pm
Thursday, May 13: 8 am - 5 pm
Friday, May 14: 8 am - 5 pm
Saturday, May 15: 8 - 11 am
<i>Travel Out Saturday, May 15</i>
ICS 300
Monday, May 10: 8 am - 5 pm
Tuesday, May 11: 8 am - 5 pm
ICS 400
Wednesday, May 12: 1 - 5 pm
Thursday, May 13: 8 am - 5 pm
Friday, May 14: 8 am - 12 pm

Summit Airport Shuttle Information

Please be advised the Gaylord Opryland and Convention Center's shuttle service has been reduced to \$20.00 roundtrip for the Integrated Training Summit. All Travel Authorization will be built for this amount only for reimbursement. Please use the below shuttle link. Government credit card will be turned on after April 7, 2010. If you have already purchased your ticket using the other link provided, please check your credit card statement to double check you were charged \$20.00. If you were charged an additional amount and not provided a reimbursement on your statement, please contact Leslie Beck at leslie.beck@hhs.gov. <http://www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylord-opryland/directions-transportation/transportation-services/groups/2010-IMPHR.html>



LATE BREAKERS for the SUMMIT

*Please stop by the registration area at the Summit and watch for added opportunities such as the Air National Guard Static Display. This display is scheduled for Friday, May 14th starting at noon with bus rotations to the site. Bus schedules and sign up will be posted .

*NDMS *possibly* will be providing an opportunity for NDMS team employees to have their passport and RMS pictures taken at the Summit—we hope to have details on the next team commanders call. If this does occur we will post hours for pictures in the registration area.

See you in
Nashville, Tennessee
ESF # 8 Training Summit
May 12th to 14th

In Memoriam



The hearts and prayers of all the NDMS staff go out to the family of Robert Oliver Cornish (1957-2010) in their time of loss. Robert was born to a family with a long history of military service. His great, great, great uncles served in the Civil War. His maternal grandfather Thomas Vaughn, served in World War I, and uncle, Herbert H. Hoover served in Korea, Italy, and Viet Nam. Robert received his primary and secondary education in the public school system of Dorchester County, MD. He entered the Army on December 1, 1975. He proudly belonged to the Army Rangers, 82nd Airborne unit. He retired at the rank of Master Sergeant in July 1999. After retiring from military service, Robert worked initially for the Office of the Surgeon General, United States Army, with the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program; subsequently he switched job fields and worked with the Office of Emergency Preparedness of Health and Human Services (which later became a department/ division of the Office of Homeland Security under FEMA). Later, the department division was moved back to the Health and Human Services under ASPR (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response). During his tenure he held the position of NMRT Program Manager, and later served as the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Operations Program Specialist for Region Three.

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