

“C”ing the Whole Response: Community, Collaboration, and Communication

May 21-22, 2014

West Virginia State University Institute, WV

Overview

We are faced with two realities: 1) decreasing funding for preparedness and 2) disasters that test our capabilities and provide new and unforeseen challenges for response and recovery. The purpose of the 2014 combined Disaster Summit and Public Health and Medical Preparedness Conference *“C”ing the Whole Response: Community, Collaboration, and Communication* is to bring together preparedness staff and volunteers from all levels of government, faith-based, non-profit and private sector organizations to discuss and train for coordinated response and recovery operations to protect our communities and increase our resilience.

The objectives of the conference are as follows:

1. Identify strategies to protect our most important resource – our responders
2. Identify and discuss the challenges and opportunities for recovery operations in West Virginia
3. Explore the resources available for improved communication pre, during and post event
4. Highlight the unique challenges that disasters pose to public health, medical, behavioral health and mass care operations
5. Discuss the critical planning areas for public health, medical, behavioral health and mass care organizations

Topics included in the conference:

- The recovery process, how it works and how your organization fits
- Psychological hardiness in disaster response
- Social media, intelligence-sharing and risk communications
- Integrating populations with access and functional needs into planning, response and recovery
- Lessons learned from major events nationwide

Contact

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Contact hours and Continuing Education Credits

In keeping with FEMA’s Whole of Community approach to preparedness, CEUs and contact hours will be provided for Sanitarians, Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, EMS, Nurses and Social Workers. Sign-in sheets will be available for each session and hours/credits will be awarded based on participation and completion of required evaluations.

Registration

Registration will be available through West Virginia TRAIN (<https://wv.train.org/>) under **Course ID: 1049878**. The TrainingFinder Real-time Affiliate Integrated Network, or TRAIN, is a web-based training platform offering courses from affiliate training providers at the local, state and national level. **Registration closes on Sunday, May 11th at midnight.**

Certificates

Certificates of attendance will be available in WVTRAIN, once attendance has been verified. Participants will be able to login and access/print/save their certificate for the conference.

Handouts

Supplementary handouts for the conference will be available on the Center for Threat Preparedness' website at www.dhhr.wv.gov/healthprep/. Conference presentations will be loaded to this website after the conference has concluded.

Agenda – Session Locations

Registration in WVTRAIN will provide you with an agenda of the sessions you have registered for. Room numbers for these sessions will be added to your personal conference schedule in WVTRAIN by **close of business Monday, May 19th**.

Accommodations

Rooms have been blocked for the conference at the following hotels. Simply mention the conference name when booking:

1. **Mardi Gras Casino**, #1 Greyhound Drive, Cross Lanes, WV 24313; **Phone:** 304-776-1000
2. **Holiday Inn Express**, 410 New Goff Mountain Road, Cross Lanes, WV, 25313; **Phone:** 304-769-5818

Hotels in Downtown Charleston, without room blocks, include:

1. **Marriott**, 200 Lee St E, Charleston, WV 25301; **Phone:** 304-345-6500
2. **Embassy Suites**, 300 Court St, Charleston, WV 25301; **Phone:** 304-347-8700

Please note that inclusion of these hotels does not constitute an endorsement.

Directions to WVSU, 5000 Fairlawn Avenue Institute, WV 25112

I64 WEST towards Huntington

- If you take the **Dunbar Exit**, turn right off the Exit and go to the first light. Turn right at that light which will put you on Fairlawn Avenue.
- Stay on Fairlawn (approx. 2-3 miles) until you come to Washington Avenue on the left.
- If you take the **Institute Exit**, turn left off the Exit and go to Washington Avenue, which will be less than a mile on the right side of the road.
- As per the **Campus Map**, turn down Washington Avenue and go to building 5 (Wilson University Union) on right.

I64 EAST towards Charleston

- Take the **Institute Exit**, turn left off the Exit and go to Washington Avenue, which will be less than a mile on the right side of the road.