

Pharmacist Volunteer Opportunities: How You Can Help

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- ### **Objectives**
- List volunteer opportunities for pharmacists
 - Discuss volunteer procedures
 - Prepare for emergencies
 - Develop contacts for pharmacists

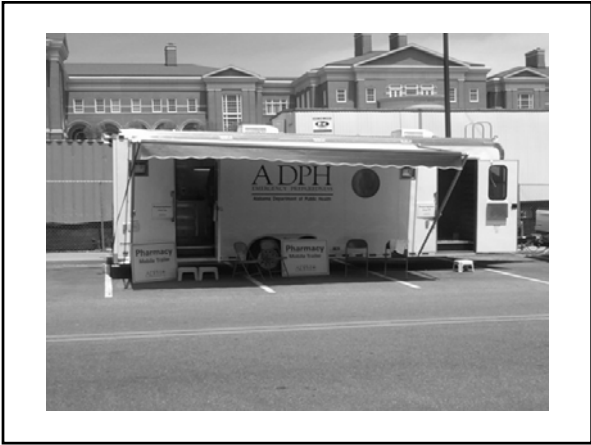
- ### **Volunteers Needed**
- Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians
 - Nurses, nurse practitioners and PA's
 - Social work and mental health professionals
 - Physicians

- ### **Volunteers Needed**
- Clerical and lay volunteers to assist in non-professional functions i.e. process paperwork, renew supplies, assist with handicapped citizens, direct patients to stations etc.
 - Special Needs staff
 - Interpreters
 - Signers

- ### **Pharmacist Volunteer Opportunities**
- Historical
 - State vs federal-shelters, your own pharmacy, MRC
 - Events
 - Action taken by pharmacists

- ### Pharmacist Volunteer Opportunities
- Historical
 - SNS - pharmacy director
 - December 2000
 - Hurricanes - natural
 - Gustav
 - Katrina
 - Floods, tornados - natural
 - Bioterrorism - man-made

- ### Pharmacist Volunteer Opportunities
- Shelters
 - Special needs
 - Mass shelters
 - Mobile pharmacies
 - Current pharmacies - special dispensing
 - Governors Proclamation
 - Board of Pharmacy





What's New

- Med Kits
 - A cache of antibiotics and other medical countermeasures to be used during a public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act

What's New

- The program shall evaluate the ability of households to maintain med kits in the home as directed and reserve for emergency use

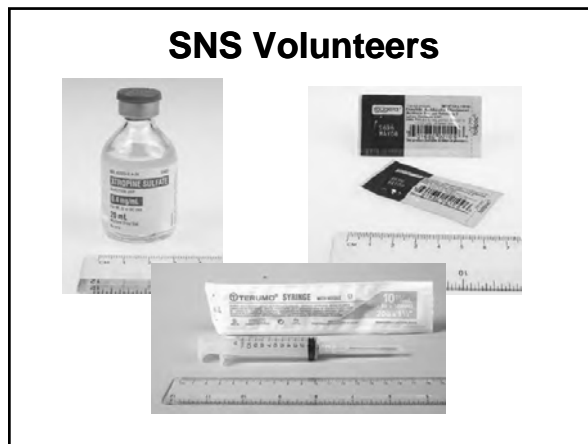
Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)

SNS Volunteers



SNS Volunteers





- Personnel Needed in POD**
- POD facility manager
 - Pharmacist-in-charge
 - Dispensing pharmacist (or nurse)
 - Pharmacy technician
 - Clinical supply area coordinator
 - Distribution/re-supply specialist

- Pharmacist Volunteer Opportunities**
- Special Dispensing in your Pharmacy
 - Volunteering in Shelters
 - Volunteering in Medical Field Units/Mobile Pharmacy
 - PODS
 - MRC
 - National Pharmacy Organizations
 - Limited Liability Coverage

- Liability**
- Why is it important to sign up to volunteer?

- Will I Have Liability Protection While I am Volunteering?**
- Although ADPH cannot fully guarantee total liability protection, our program offers several legal measures such as
 - The Good Samaritan Act
 - The Volunteer Service Act
 - Title 31 Emergency Management

The Good Samaritan Act

- **Section 6-5-332**
- Persons rendering emergency care etc., at scene of accident, etc.
- ...**(a)** When any doctor of medicine or dentistry, nurse, member of any organized rescue squad, member of any police or fire department, member of any organized volunteer fire department, Alabama-licensed emergency medical technician, intern, or resident practicing in an Alabama hospital with training programs approved by the American Medical Association, Alabama state trooper, medical aidman functioning as a part of the military assistance to safety and traffic program, chiropractor, or public education employee gratuitously and in good faith, renders first aid or emergency care at the scene of an accident, casualty, or disaster to a person injured therein, he or she shall not be liable for any civil damages as a result of his or her acts or omissions in rendering first aid or emergency care, nor shall he or she be liable for any civil damages as a result of any act or failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical treatment or care for the injured person...

The Volunteer Service Act

- **Section 6-5-336**
 - Volunteers.
 - ...**(a)** This section shall be known as "The Volunteer Service Act."
 - **(4) VOLUNTEER.** A person performing services for a nonprofit organization, a nonprofit corporation, a hospital, or a governmental entity without compensation, other than reimbursement for actual expenses incurred. The term includes a volunteer serving as a director, officer, trustee, or direct service volunteer.
 - **(d) Any volunteer shall be immune from civil liability in any action on the basis of any act or omission of a volunteer resulting in damage or injury if:**
 - **(1) The volunteer was acting in good faith and within the scope of such volunteer's official functions and duties for a nonprofit organization, a nonprofit corporation, hospital, or a governmental entity; and**
 - **(2) The damage or injury was not caused by willful or wanton misconduct by such volunteer...**
- (Acts 1991, No. 91-439, p. 781, §§1-4; Acts 1993, No. 93-614, p. 1006, §1.)³

Title 31 Emergency Management

- **Section 31-9-16**
 - Immunity of state, etc., from liability for torts resulting from emergency management activities; exemptions of emergency management workers from license requirements; powers, duties, etc., of emergency management workers.
 - ...**(b)** Neither the state nor any political subdivision thereof nor other agencies of the state or political subdivisions thereof, nor, except in cases of willful misconduct, gross negligence or bad faith, any emergency management worker, individual, partnership, association or corporation complying with or reasonably attempting to comply with this chapter or any order, rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or pursuant to any ordinance relating to blackout or other precautionary measures enacted by any political subdivision of the state, shall be liable for the death of or injury to persons, or for damage to property, as a result of any such activity. ...
- (Acts 1955, No. 47, p. 267, §16.)

About Volunteering

- **3 Different Levels: local, statewide, national**
- **PERT Team**
 - **Members deployed to any area of state where needed...members offered advanced training & CE opportunities**

About Volunteering

- **General Volunteers serve in their home area when needed, annual trainings offered**
- **NPRT**
 - **Federal program (see form in packet)**
- **Complete forms in packet, turn in with evaluation sheet or call 334-206-5666**



STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
 BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency has been proclaimed to exist in the State of Alabama as a result of the potential for devastation which may be inflicted on this state by Hurricane Gustav; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Gustav may cause great damage and destruction to Alabama's neighboring states of Mississippi and Louisiana where States of Emergency have also been declared and has caused and will continue to cause many citizens of those states to flee to safety in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that large numbers of displaced individuals will have prescription drug needs of a chronic or an urgent or even emergency nature in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, many of these displaced individuals may have their actual medications or copies of their prescriptions, but pharmacists may not be able to readily obtain refill authorizations from the prescriber thereof; and

WHEREAS, current state law, Code of Alabama, 1975, § 34-23-75, allows for the emergency refilling of such prescriptions for up to seventy-two (72) hours; and

WHEREAS, under the current emergency conditions this time frame is both impractical and inadequate and should be extended.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of the State of Alabama, under the emergency powers and authority granted to me by Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Code of Alabama 1975, do extend the time frame of said statute from seventy-two (72) hours to thirty (30) days. This extension shall apply to both instances where seventy-two (72) hours is set out in the statute. All other provisions of said statute shall remain in full force and effect. Each Alabama pharmacist covered by said statute shall use his or her good judgment in refilling prescriptions for this extended period of time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 1st day of September, 2008.



Bob Riley
Governor



ATTEST:

Beth Chapman
Secretary of State

Consider Volunteering!

“These are the times that try men’s souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.”

Thomas Paine

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Actions

Sign Up For Information - Email List

!!!VOLUNTEER!!!

Register At: adph.org/volunteer

or Contact

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Questions

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