

Developing Cross-Border Collaboration for Effective Disaster and Emergency Planning and Response

Satellite Conference and Live Webcast

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A natural disaster, pandemic flu or other type of public health emergency has just hit your community. Local health and emergency response officials are doing all they can to coordinate and contain the event but they realize they'll need help. Officials turn to neighboring towns, counties and even states for additional resources only to find they either can't get them or the services, once they arrive, are creating more problems. How does this happen?

When a disaster event spans across county and state lines or crosses the border into a Tribal nation or foreign country, the challenges of emergency planning and response increase significantly. There are a wide variety of problems that are associated with cross-border response. For example, there might be technical issues as not all communications systems are compatible, or legal issues, such as authority and power of responders, or management problems organizing and controlling the emergency response.

Memorandums of Understanding and Mutual Aid Agreements are just some of the ways communities are getting over the hurdles. While such agreements are essential to developing the details of collaboration, testing the effectiveness in terms of both substance and form through drills and exercises is necessary and offers additional benefits of strengthening relationships and building confidence among cross-border response organizations.

CONFERENCE DETAILS:

Target Audience: Physicians, Nurses, Social Workers, Administrators, Emergency Medical Response providers, Health Care providers, Disaster Management personnel, community leaders, Government Officials, Emergency Preparedness personnel, Risk Communicators, Epidemiologists, Communicable Disease & Infection Control specialists, Laboratorians, Non-profit disaster response personnel.

Registration: www.adph.org/alphntn

Cost: There is no cost to view.

Continuing Education: None approved.

Satellite Technical Information: This program will be a live satellite broadcast on C band (analog).

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On the day of the program, go to www.adph.org/alphntn & click on the "view webcast" link.

Conference Materials: Posted on our website approximately one week before the program for registered participants.

Questions For Faculty: Fax or email questions and a response will be given during the program.

Email: alphntnquestions@adph.state.al.us • Fax: 334-206-5640.

Conference Details Questions: Call: 334-206-5618 | Email: alphntn@adph.state.al.us

PROGRAM FORMAT:

You are invited to join an in-depth question and answer session hosted by faculty from the South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness. The content of the discussion will be determined by you.

Your questions will be answered live as they are received throughout the broadcast.

You can email your questions in advance to: alphntnquestions@adph.state.al.us

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1. Identify the issues that affect cross-border emergency response collaboration.
2. Identify key elements of Memorandums of Understanding and Mutual Aid Agreements.
3. Discuss incident command as it applies to cross-border incidents and response.
4. Explore the efficiency of drills and exercises in evaluating and improving cross-border emergency response.

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