

When Every Second Counts: *Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina*

Satellite Conference & Live Webcast

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Because disasters are unpredictable and involve many resources and time, it is important to ensure an appropriate disaster plan has been prepared. Many communities understand the importance of disaster planning, but this discussion will focus on a key phase that many times is overlooked. This phase includes the close-out or termination. After each disaster or disaster drill, areas for improvement should be identified and evaluated to understand how the community can minimize the impact of any future disasters. Planning is an ongoing process, and there are basic steps that can help ensure potential risks are identified and mitigated.

Through an evaluation of my Hurricane Katrina experiences (site manager for a volunteer organization in Biloxi, Mississippi), opportunities for improvement will be outlined. Previous discussions have centered on identifying the problems and issues. The next step is to properly evaluate and learn from this natural disaster. When a disaster hits, every second counts.

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Program Objectives:

1. Understand how to better prepare and plan for future disasters.
2. Outline standard processes to ensure successful disaster planning.
3. Identify and evaluate opportunities during a disaster that can be improved.

Conference Details:

Target Audience: Public health professionals, health care providers, first responders, community planners, leaders of volunteers and faith-based organizations that assist affected communities.

Registration: www.adph.org/alphtn Cost: There is no cost to view. CEUs: None for this program.

Satellite Technical Information: This program will be a live satellite broadcast on both Ku & C bands.

Webcast Information: Register at www.adph.org/alphtn To view webcasts, you need RealPlayer or Windows Media Player. Test your computer before the day of the program from the "test connection" link at www.adph.org/alphtn On the day of the program, go to www.adph.org/alphtn Click on the "view webcast" link.

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

Questions For Faculty: If you have questions that you want addressed during the conference, you may fax or email those questions and a response will be given during the program.

Email: alphtnquestions@adph.state.al.us or Fax: 888-737-1972.

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