

# Preparing for the Hurricane Season:

## *Medical Needs Shelters*

### Satellite Conference & Live Webcast

**Tuesday, May 9, 2006 • 2:00-4:00 p.m. (Central Daylight Saving Time)**  
**3:00-5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) • 1:00-3:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) • 12:00-2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)**

**E**mergency response has become a fundamental part of our public health mission. This has resulted in an expanded level of responsibility to the public. Alabama residents will expect public health to respond rapidly and effectively. Although we hope that the Gulf Coast will be spared from another assault this year, we must be fully prepared to fulfill our responsibility to the public. As a result of Hurricanes Ivan, Dennis and Katrina, the concept of Medical Needs Shelters and our role in staffing them has been better defined. Many of our staff whose routine duties do not involve emergency response will be assigned to these type duties in the face of an emergency.

We all remember vividly the catastrophic devastation wreaked upon the Gulf Coast during the 2005 hurricane season. The Department is committed to prepare all ADPH staff before the onset of the 2006 hurricane season. Since all ADPH staff may be required to fill a vital role in disaster response, everyone is encouraged to watch this satellite conference and live webcast.

This program will provide information about shelters, responsibilities of staff, and stories from several of our employees who worked in shelters during Hurricanes Ivan, Dennis and Katrina.

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#### Program Objectives:

1. Provide an overview of how "Responds to disasters when called to duty" applies to all ADPH employees.
2. Discuss the roles and responsibilities of various disciplines as they relate to shelters during an emergency response.
3. Discuss some real-life experiences of staff who have worked in Medical Needs Shelters.

#### Conference Details:

Target Audience: Emergency services, rescue and recovery personnel, nurses and social workers.

CEUs: Approved Nurses (2.1) and Social Workers (1.75).

Registration: [www.adph.org/alphtn](http://www.adph.org/alphtn) Cost: There is no cost to view.

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

Webcast Information: Register at [www.adph.org/alphtn](http://www.adph.org/alphtn) To view webcast, you need RealPlayer. Test your computer before the day of the program from the "test connection" link at [www.adph.org/alphtn](http://www.adph.org/alphtn). On the day of the program, go to [www.adph.org/alphtn](http://www.adph.org/alphtn) Click on the "view webcast" link.

Conference Materials: Conference materials will be available approximately one week before the program. You will be notified by email when the materials have been posted to the ALPHTN website.

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](mailto:alphtnquestions@adph.state.al.us) or Fax: 888-737-1972.

General Questions: If you have questions about any of these conference details, call 334-206-5618 or email: [alphtn@adph.state.al.us](mailto:alphtn@adph.state.al.us)