
Successful disaster preparedness occurs through strong collaboration, detailed and well-understood plans of action, and written agreements in place before a disaster occurs.

During a large-scale incident, it is critically important to have pre-planned coordination between those responsible for the safety and care of disaster victims and those responsible for the larger community. This helps to provide the best quality of care to the greatest number of injured.

Covered during the training:

- Development and maintenance of pre-incident plans
- Efficient distribution of patients
- Patient and resource tracking
- Sharing of information and resources between response partners
- Importance of data and equipment redundancy
- Deployable federal resources
- Principles of community emergency planning
- And more

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Building Collaborative Disaster Planning Processes Between Hospitals and Emergency Management

A screenshot of a presentation slide titled "Building Collaborative Disaster Planning Processes Between Hospitals and Emergency Management". The slide features the logos of the American College of Emergency Physicians, FEMA, and the Texas Department of State Health Services. It includes a video thumbnail showing four people at a panel discussion, a map of a city, and a control bar for the video player.

When a disaster occurs, it is imperative that local/state agencies and medical professionals caring for those injured coordinate their response. Many professionals in these areas may not be aware of the processes required for effective community disaster planning and response.

This free, first-of-its-kind, awareness-level training addresses the importance of creating and maintaining collaborative relationships before a disaster occurs in your community, as well as how to effectively recover before the next disaster happens.

Course Overview

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) received FY2007 Competitive Training Grant Program (CTGP) funds from DHS/FEMA to create free web-based training, "Building Collaborative Disaster Planning Processes Between Hospitals and Emergency Management." This training is available nationwide.

This online course is directed toward those working in emergency management agencies and health care organizations, especially in small communities and rural areas, who have primary job responsibilities other than disaster preparedness. It is also useful for those in public health, EMS, fire services, and other organizations involved in disaster preparedness.

Registration

For registration information, please visit
<http://www.acep.org/collaborativeplanning>

Training Flow

After course registration, each participant:

- Completes a pre-test to evaluate existing knowledge, skills, and abilities
- Views all four training modules
- Completes a post-test
- Completes a course evaluation
- Receives Certificate of Completion

Training Portal

The four-hour awareness-level training is part of a multi-component training portal.

Each state has its own virtual community to foster collaboration. These communities include:

- Members section
- Training modules
- Q&A section
- Forum section

State-Specific Webinars

There will be live Q&A webinars in each state featuring a panel of state subject matter experts (SMEs). The SMEs will discuss how the training relates to the collaborative planning/response in that state from their perspectives (emergency management, hospital preparedness, public health, EMS).

The webinar will be less than one hour long, and a notice will be posted to the virtual community page when it is scheduled, pending availability of SMEs.

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