

Preparedness at a Glance

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On the RADAR: Upcoming Deliverables

The purpose of this rotating list of the upcoming deliverables is to serve as a reminder of the tasks local health departments need to complete. Since many of the deliverables are due by the end of the fiscal year – June 30, 2014, our goal is to encourage LHDs to develop a plan on how you will work on the deliverables throughout the year.

Core Deliverables

• Joint Meetings

- Participate in Joint Meetings, Conference and ITVs.
- The next event is the ESF8 Conference **March 3 – 5** In Louisville at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

• Planning

- LHDs will develop, review and update (as necessary) the Local Health Department's jurisdiction SNS Plan. Update SNS Plan and Points of Dispensing (POD Book) Plans. **Due March 31, 2014.**
- LHDs will define their role in a mass fatality event. Coordinate with local Coroner to define the role of LHD staff during a Mass Fatality Event. **Due March 31 2014.**

MRC Deliverables

• Medical Reserve Corps Tasks

- Update the MRC unit's information and activities on the DCV/MRC website **by 3/31/14**, Contact: Heather.Walls@ky.gov for more information.

CRI Deliverables

• CRI Tasks

- LHD's identified as CRI county's will participate in all required CDC reviews, drills and exercises. **To be completed by March 31, 2014**
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HPP Deliverables

• HPP Planning Coordinate HPP planning activities

- Coordinate HPP response and planning activities to protect and enhance healthcare essential services and priority assets in order to ensure continued healthcare delivery to the community during a disaster. **Due June 30, 2014**

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Deliverable Highlight – Update SNS Plan and Points of Dispensing (POD Book) Plans

To meet this deliverable Local Health Departments will develop, review and update their local SNS (Strategic National Stockpile) Plans. The SNS Plans should include collaboration with local partners that have a role in the SNS plan. The SNS POD Books should also be reviewed and updated, if necessary and the 215m(s) should be uploaded in WebEOC.

Local Health Departments need to work together with other health departments and HPC groups to identify a Regional Distribution Site (RDS).

Local Health Departments need to identify Closed POD sites within their jurisdiction, focusing on healthcare and correctional facilities.

Local News:

Region 15N TTX focuses on Train Derailment and Evacuation Response for Veterans Center located near Railroad Tracks

Submitted by Jason Dotson, RPC 15N

Dec 2, 2013

WILMORE—"There's been a derailment." Those are words responders gathered for a tabletop exercise hope never to hear. As a follow up from a hospital evacuation course held in October, administrators from Thomson-Hood Veterans Center (THVC) and Jessamine County fire and emergency management officials met to discuss several planning issues concerning the 138,000 square foot, 285 bed facility. THVC is located very close to a CSX railroad (approx. 700 ft) and within the flight path of Lucas Field, a small private airfield. THVC opened its doors in August 1991 and has served over 2,765 veterans. The purpose of the gathering was to increase familiarity with the level of all hazards preparedness associated with THVC and implications on the surrounding community. The gathering featured a tour of the facility led by THVC administrators and a tabletop exercise focusing on train derailment and facility evacuation. The exercise was facilitated by Jason Dotson. While no major issues were resolved within the two hour exercise, it was deemed a success. This was first known gathering between THVC and Jessamine County to discuss specific emergency operations plans.



Emergency Management vehicle used in the parade displays preparedness information including Make a Plan, Get a Kit, MRC/CERT and the website for the emergency notification system: www.woodfordalerts.com. The team assisted with **Time with Santa** after the parade coordinating parents and children safely to and from the activity. They have been asked to assist at next year's event. This was the first year the team has been utilized.

Woodford County MRC Participates in Local Parade

Submitted by Sarah Cunliffe

Woodford County MRC/CERT participated in the 2013 Christmas Parade on December 7th. Fifteen (15) medical and non-medical volunteers were available for the event. They assembled at 3pm to establish a Command Post in the Courthouse. Members were assigned to teams, issued radios and vests. The team assisted the Woodford County Amateur Radio Club with parade line-up functions in the parking lot at KCTCS. Woodford County Emergency Management's new Search and Rescue boat was part of the parade. MRC/CERT volunteers walked beside the boat handing out fliers about the new Woodford County Resident Alert Notification System and the MRC/CERT 10 week training scheduled to start in January 2014. The

Step By Step to a Healthier Woodford County Thru Square Foot Gardening

Submitted by Sarah Cunliffe

The Woodford County Health Department has been awarded the 2014 MRC Competitive Challenge Award for \$20,000. The project chosen for funding is *Step by Step to a Healthier Woodford County Thru Square Foot Gardening*. Twenty-Five (25) projects were awarded funding this year thru the competitive application process.

The Challenge Award evolved from last year's Competitive Capacity Building Award which the Woodford County Health Department also received. The application process required choosing one of four focus areas aligned with National Health Initiatives. The focus area of *Step by Step to a Healthier Woodford County Thru Square Foot Gardening* is Chronic Disease Prevention. The project focuses on increasing access to healthy foods by introducing, educating and demonstrating the concept of Square Foot Gardening including how to prepare foods grown. The initiative targets prevention strategies identified in the National Prevention Strategy and Million Hearts Campaign.



Project goals are to increase access to healthy foods, dispel the myth gardens are time consuming and labor intensive, teach growing chemical free foods are economical, healthier, and taste good as well as engaging individuals in non-strenuous physical activity. Square Foot Gardening demonstrations are planned. The long term impact of the project is better health outcomes for the community. MRC volunteers have the opportunity to work with the health department and strong existing community partnerships. These partnerships will be challenged to engage their members as we work *Step by Step to a Healthier Woodford County Thru Square Foot Gardening*.

News from the Branch:

Preparedness Conducts and Attends RSS Forklift Training



Ten members of the Preparedness Branch attended forklift training to help better prepare to receive the SNS if it is deployed. The class was provided by Linwood Strenecky, Michael Johnson, Drew Chandler and Jason Dotson who had previously attended a Forklift Train the Trainer course.

Participants in this class attended a classroom presentation and then took a test on the course materials that included information about the safety of operating a forklift and the basic mechanics of forklifts. Participants also learned that they will need to use some of the Algebra they learned in school to be able calculate the weight of loads, and if the forklift can handle the weight.

After the classroom session participants received training on the specific operations of the forklift in our Lexington warehouse. After this instruction participants drove the forklift and had their skills tested. Each operator had to lift a pallet from a rack and move it to a designated area. Then they drove through a well-planned obstacle course which tested depth perception, the ability to drive in a small area and their ability to back the forklift into a small space. Instructors were grading drivers on their ability to drive as well as the use of safety measures and practices that were learned as part of the class. The class was informative and fun. Additional classes may be provided to other staff that is likely to be deployed to work in the warehouse.



Top: Grant Gillion and Jim House listen as Drew Chandler provides instruction.

Bottom: Jim House takes a turn driving the forklift, Shannon Gregory, SNS Coordinator operates forklift and Heather Walls goes through the obstacle course as Llovd Peniston and Brooke Skelley watch

Training - Know How

LCDMRC Weather Spotter Course – Region 14 **February 11, 2014**
 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM ET.
 Contact: Tishanna New (tishanna.new@lcdhd.org or (606) 678 – 4761 x1170)

ICS300 – Louisville **January 22 – 24**
 Contact: Elayne Saejung
 (502) 574-3646 Email: elayne.saejung@louisvilleky.gov

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Events and Exercises

Louisville CRI meeting **January 14, 2014**
 9:30am – 12:00
 Contact: Lloyd Peniston

KY TN UPC Meeting – Lafayette TN **February 20, 2014**
 Meeting will be on Thursday. Contact: Jessica Gover

ESF8 Preparedness Conference – Louisville **March 3 – 5**
 Registration coming soon on TRAIN
 Contact: Kim Yazell

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Save the Dates – ESF8 Conference – March 3 – 5

- Louisville Crown Plaza Hotel
- Registration will be available on TRAIN by the end of January
- Hotel reservations can be made at 1-888-233-9527 or
- https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=10845271
- The block of rooms is listed under ESF8 Conference
- Hotel Room cost is \$103/night plus sales and local tax
- Cutoff for special room rates is February 21

A Save the Date Flyer will be sent out soon along with the draft agenda for the conference.

Pediatric Preparedness Checklist

Disasters can affect anyone at any age. Physicians have developed a checklist to help practitioners and others prepare to provide healthcare to children during disasters. The link below provides information on Pediatric Preparedness. Please share this with your preparedness contacts, committees, partners, and anyone who may provide health services to children. Hopefully this will help promote more awareness about Pediatric Preparedness.

[Preparedness Checklist for Pediatric Practices](#)

Contact: Kenyetta Pinkston for more information

Holiday Reminder

This is a reminder that KDPH and most Health Departments will be closed on the following days:

January 20 – M. L. King Jr. Holiday

Newsletter Submissions

The next issue of **Preparedness at a Glance** will be sent out February 7, 2014. Submissions for the newsletter are due January 24.