

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 ITV is scheduled for May 14, 2014 1:30 – 3:30
 - The next Face Joint meeting will be part of the ESF8 Conference June 9 – 11 in Louisville.

• Training/Exercises

- Each LHD shall determine appropriate staff needed during a response to a public health emergency or disaster and assure staff receives required training based on Training Matrix. Due **by June 30, 2014**
- LHD will design, conduct, participate, and evaluate exercises (including drills) in accordance with HSEEP and KDPH guidelines. Due **by June 30, 2014**

• Inventory

- Local Health Departments shall inventory PHEP/HPP purchased assets, inventory shall include assets valued over 500 dollars or pilferable items. Due semiannually December 31, 2013 and **June 30, 2014**

MRC Deliverables

• Medical Reserve Corps Tasks

- The MRC unit must complete the listed tasks in the deliverable to maintain MRC unit status with the Division of Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (DCVMRC) and to retain 823 funding from the state for said MRC unit. The following tasks help to maintain the MRC unit and volunteer recruitment and retention. Contact: Heather.Walls@ky.gov for more information.

HPP Deliverables

• HPP Planning

- Set strategic goals and activities for the region by working with the Center for Performance Management. Form a strategic planning workgroup and schedule time with Center for Performance Management to facilitate and develop a Strategic Plan. **Due June 30, 2014**

Deliverable documentation must be uploaded or updated in Catalyst unless otherwise designated

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After 7 ½ years Preparedness says goodbye to Drew Chandler. Drew's last day was with KDPH was April 24.

Deliverable Highlight – Participate in Joint Meetings, Conference and ITVs.

To meet this deliverable the LHDs shall send one or more representatives to two Joint Meetings and the ESF8 Workshop, attend regional meetings and participate in the ITVs live or via webcast. The June Joint meeting has been combined with the ESF8 Conference that was rescheduled due to weather.

The meetings, ITVs and conference provide preparedness updates and training to increase community preparedness and guidance.

Local News:

Two Exercises at Lexington Airport

Submitted by Jason Dotson

LEXINGTON-Bluegrass Airport was the place to be on April 9th. Not one, but two full scale exercises occurred. The first exercise involved a National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) alert as a result of an earthquake and tornado in Oklahoma. As a result, the Lexington VA established a command post near the airport hangar and a C-130 brought patients to be triaged and transported to community hospitals.

Later that evening, the Bluegrass Airport conducted a full scale exercise as mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration. According to FAA mandate, a full scale exercise must occur every three years. This year's exercise involved nearly 170 volunteer victims, as well as fire and EMS departments from Bluegrass Airport, Lexington, Nicholasville and Versailles and other surrounding jurisdictions. In an effort to validate HPP Region 15's mass fatality planning, coroners from

multiple counties were on hand to participate as well. Unfortunately, Mother Nature has a way of crashing the party. Just as exercise activities were about to escalate, the exercise was cut short due to severe weather near the airfield. Regardless, the exercise was a valuable experience for all involved, demonstrating that once again, Region 15 is "Kentucky's best preparing for the worst."



A medevac helicopter lands as part of Blue Grass Airport's Full Scale Exercise

LCDHD Partners with Local Colleges to Offer Tdap Vaccine

Recently, the Lake Cumberland District Health Department partnered with two local colleges, Somerset Community College (Somerset, KY) and Lindsey Wilson College (Columbia, KY) to offer Tdap vaccinations to students, staff and faculty through convenient, on-campus Point of Dispensing clinics. The last PODs held in the region were during 2009 – 2010 novel H1N1. With much time lapsed, staff turnover and the new format of the POD books, LCDHD felt it appropriate to exercise their PODs. Additionally, colleges within the region have been identified as potential Closed POD partners. Conducting a POD exercise in collaboration with these partners and on their grounds, provided an opportunity to see the inner-workings of a POD and drive future Closed POD planning efforts. A collaborative planning effort between LCDHD preparedness staff and clinic staff ensued. Clinic staff worked with the state vaccination program to gain access to free Tdap vaccine to offer through the PODs, while the preparedness staff began to work closely with the colleges in the region to undergo planning efforts. LCDHD was able to engage two of the region's three colleges in this exercise venture. Both schools' nursing programs were active in this exercise, participating in planning efforts, advertisement and screening within the PODs. LCDHD utilized this opportunity to validate and expand current POD plans. Just over three hundred and fifty Tdap vaccinations were given in an average throughput of three minutes per individual through these on-campus PODs. LCDHD is currently working on the After Action Report which will be shared with all involved partners. We are very happy to report that both colleges are enthusiastically seeking further information and support in Closed POD planning efforts. Congratulations LCDHD on two successful exercises and for successfully engaging educational partners in preparedness.



Jim House Presents at Region 3 COOP Training

Feathers and Feed in Region 3 - COOP Training

Submitted by Margaret Hibbs

April 23, 2014 The Region 3 Hospital Preparedness Partnership hosted their monthly meeting at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital and invited Jim House, ESF 8 Planning Coordinator with the Kentucky Department for Public Health, to speak on Continuity of Operations Planning. Mr. House shared with the group the outline, method and tools needed to create a successful planning

team and how they can work together to create a workable plan for their agencies.



And They're off.....GRDHD Kick Off Site for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Trainer the Trainer Program

Submitted by Margaret Hibbs

The Green River District Health Department had the honor of being the first host site for the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security's series of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Trainer the Trainer program. This course is intended to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to organize, train, and implement a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program that will prepare citizens to assist in emergency response activities in a local community. Twenty-three area community leaders from several different counties graduated and are now qualified to teach the basic CERT course to others.

Local News Continued:

Northern KY CRI participates in Tri-State Full Scale SNS Exercise

Submitted by Emily Gresham-Wehrle and Lloyd Peniston

A release of aerosolized anthrax in the Cincinnati metro area would require considerable cooperation from both state and local public health officials from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. That was the main focus of the full-scale exercise Operation Mutual Aid, held on April 16-17.

The three CRI designated health departments in Northern Kentucky, (Northern Kentucky District, Three Rivers District and Bracken County) along with the Kentucky Department for Public Health participated in the full-scale exercise event.

The exercise tested players' ability to coordinate emergency operations, receive and distribute SNS assets, inform the public about the situation, and dispense the medications to the public.

More than 150 people participated in Northern Kentucky's portion of the exercise, with the initial feedback from the evaluators being positive. A full after-action report will be available later this spring.



Northern KY POD Site

ICS 300 and 400 a Success Across The Regions!

Submitted by Jerrod Wright

Thirty-three personnel from two Districts and four Local Health Departments in conjunction with several multi-disciplinary agencies attended the three-day ICS 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents course and ICS 400 two-day advanced Incident Command System (ICS) training initiated by the Kentucky Department for Public Health on March 26-28th and April 16 and 17th 2014 via ITV.

The training was designed to provide senior management with the knowledge and skills to organize for expanding incidents and a complex event or response.

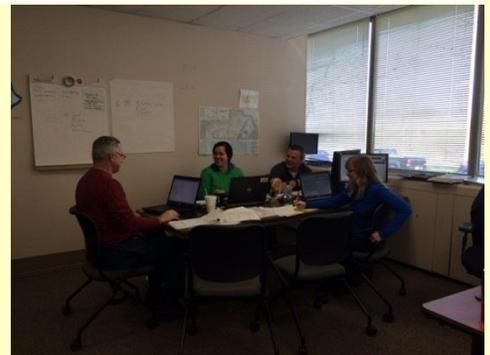
News from the Branch:

KDPH Preparedness Branch Supports CRI Exercise from COOP Location

The Preparedness Branch supported the Northern KY CRI full scale exercise by setting up the KDPH DOC and fulfilling the roles that would be activated during a real event.

The exercise offered an opportunity to learn more about the activities in different ICS roles and more about the SNS program and CRI communities.

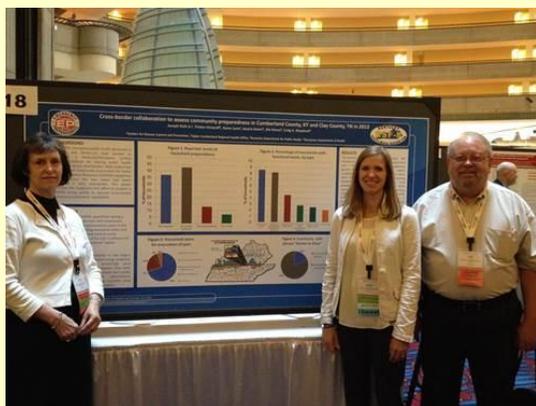
The group was also able to experience a COOP event by having to relocate the DOC to a location that had never been used or tested before. The evaluator praised the group on their ability to adapt to the new location and on how well the different sections communicated with one another.



Lloyd Peniston, Becky Gillis, Linwood Strenicky and Amber Click work in the Logistics Section

KY TN UPC represented at the 2014 Public Health Preparedness Summit

Submitted by Jessica Gover



Pictured with the KY TN UPC poster from left to right: Karen Lynn (TN), Jessica Gover (KY), Jack Cochran (TN)

In April 2013, the Kentucky Tennessee Unified Planning Coalition conducted a cross-border CASPER (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response) exercise. This exercise displayed years of collaboration and successful joint planning, training, and exercise efforts that extend beyond the states' borders. Fast forward one year later to April 2014 when the KY TN UPC was given the opportunity to share the coalition's efforts and the success of this joint cross-border exercise with esteemed colleagues from throughout the US and the world via a poster presentation at the 2014 Public Health Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, GA. Summit attendees showed vast interest in the coalition and the cross-border exercise, many requested additional information and access to the coalition's planning efforts. This truly was a collaborative effort between Kentucky and Tennessee from the onset of planning through the completion of the exercise and on through the reporting of the coalition's efforts.

Training - Know How

<u>MGT Public Information WMD/Terrorism</u> Registration on TRAIN, Course ID 1048554 Contact Mike Harmon or Barbara Fox	May 6 - 7
<u>Western KY Preparedness Staff Meeting/SNS Workshop - Princeton, KY</u> Registration on TRAIN – ID 1048404 Contact Tina Massengill, John Rudolph, Margaret Hibbs, or Jerrod Wright	May 7
<u>Kentucky Tennessee Unified Planning Coalition Meeting</u> 11:00 AM ET – 3:30 PM ET Lafayette, TN – Contact Jessica Gover	May 16
<u>ICS400 – Floyd County LHD</u> TRAIN Number pending Contact: Kim Hall	May 22 – 23
<u>ICS400 – Ashland, KY</u> Registration on TRAIN at 1048712 Contact John Hunt	May 28 - 29
<u>Team Approach to Foodborne Outbreak Response (PER-298) – Floyd County</u> Contact: Kim Hall or John Hunt	August 26 – 27

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Events and Exercises

<u>Floyd County Health Department Water Outage Tabletop Exercise</u> Contact: Lora Hamilton	May 7
<u>Region 12 HPP Full Scale Exercise - Hazard</u> Contact: Jarrod Crase	TBD
<u>Region 15 N and S Planners meeting – Clark CHD</u> 9:00 – 11:00. Contact: Rebecca Hardin or Jason Dotson	May 29
<u>ESF-8 Conference/Joint Meeting – Louisville, KY</u> TRAIN registration required using Course ID 1046745 Contact: Kim Yazell or Amber Click	June 9-11
<u>TEPW – KDPH</u> Contact: Grant Gillion or Kim Yazell	June 25 - 26

Event/Holiday Reminder

Event May 20 – Primary Election

KDPH and Local Health Departments will be closed on the following days:

May 29 – Memorial Day
July 4 – Independence Day

Upcoming Events

June 2014	July 2014
Capstone 2014 HMPAC Capstone TTX MTEP @ Capstone	Mass Casualty Incident TTX

ESF8 Conference

Reminder: The ESF8 Conference has been rescheduled for June 9 – 11. If you have already registered on TRAIN you will NOT need to re-register. If you are unable to attend, you can either update your TRAIN registration by withdrawing or send an email to Amber.Click@ky.gov or KimD.Yazell@ky.gov.

If you have not registered yet, TRAIN **registration is now available** using course ID 1046745. If you are registered for a class that is changed, you have been notified and you can make registration changes if needed.

The June Joint meeting has become part of this conference. Normally our June meeting is devoted to reviewing and discussing the new preparedness deliverables. In order to provide this information and hold the conference sessions, we will offer “Deliverable Sessions” on each day to allow everyone to attend. You only need to attend one session.

Hotel reservations **MUST** be made by **May 27** in order to receive the \$103 per night discounted rate. After this date, normal rates will apply and rooms will be on an “as available” basis. The best way to make reservations is to use the following link: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/11167616/owner/2812/home> or by calling 1-888-233-9527 and mentioning the ESF8 Conference.

Newsletter Submissions

The next issue of **Preparedness at a Glance** will be sent out June 6, 2014. Submissions for the newsletter should be sent to KimD.Yazell@ky.gov by May 23.