

Central CT Health District

Mass Dispensing Area #28

Emergency Preparedness Newsletter



SUMMER 2008



VOLUNTEER FAIR

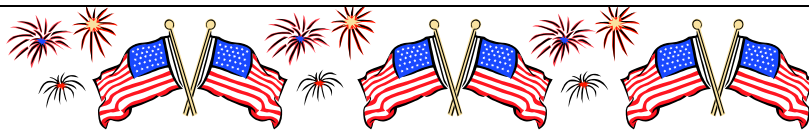
The Volunteer Fair held in April was a success. Approximately 60 volunteers attended and participated in training related to Mass Dispensing sites - usually referred to as Point of Dispensing Clinics or PODs. ID Pictures were taken to improve security at a POD. Data related to each volunteer were reviewed to assure correct contact information, skills interests and potential assignments if a public health emergency occurred. The Wethersfield/Rocky Hill Professional Nurses' Association was given a check to support its nurses' scholarship fund. The Association members continue to support the Health District's Flu Clinics. Good food and camaraderie were enjoyed by all.



VOLUNTEER WISH LIST

The Health District STILL needs volunteers interested and talented with photography, IT, communications equipment, organization of clinic flow and supplies, medical records, facility management and management/training of volunteers. Also need assistance with the Flu Clinics and Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

Volunteers



We **still need** more volunteers since some volunteers are no longer able to participate due to moving, illness or other commitments.

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See CCHD's Web site at www.ccthd.org for information regarding services, health, emergency preparedness, links to other sites and upcoming events.

TRAINING: ALL HAZARDS APPROACH TO PLANNING

Public Health Emergency

FEMA, Federal Emergency Management Agency, recommends that all planners take an “all hazards” approach including Public Health agencies. This includes the basic Plan and all of its Annexes and Appendices.

This approach is effective because although the causes of emergencies/disasters may have different causes, components of the response are the same or similar. Many of the tasks apply to all events such as communication, infectious disease, prevention, investigation and control, and set up of PODs.

However, Public Health does plan for various types of scenarios and conducts exercises to test its Plan and identify improvements needed. These drills and exercises are conducted with other agencies such as local municipal emergency response entities, health agencies and facilities, local businesses, schools, and special needs groups.

A team approach is used and roles are filled with staff and volunteers. Many Public Health agencies are relatively small, having only 3 to 30 employees so support from municipalities and volunteers is critical if an event lasts more than 12 hours.

Everyone must prepare themselves and their families as well. In May, a program was presented at the Wethersfield Community Center with town emergency planners. The program was titled I.C.E. meaning In Case of Emergency. The discussion focused on how to prepare for evacuation and sheltering at a public shelter and in-place at home.

PHONETIC ALPHABET: For use with radio and telephone spelling and numbers for accuracy- use to spell or words or numbers. Should be used by all Emergency Responders)

A-Alpha (Al Fah)
B-Bravo (BRAH voh)
C-Charlie (CHAR lee
or SHAR lee)
D-Delta (DELL tah)
E-Echo (ECK oh)
F-Foxtrot (FOKS trot)
G-Golf (GOLF)
H-Hotel (hoh TELL)
I-India (IN dee ah)
J-Juliatt (JEW lee ETT)
(Note Spelling-2 T's)
K-Kilo (KEY loh)
L-Lima (LEE mah)
M-Mike (MIKE)
N-November (no VEM ber)
O-Oscar (OSS cah)
P-Papa (pah PAH) (NOTE that
STRESS is on the 2nd syllable)
Q-Quebec (keh BECK)
R-Romeo (ROW me oh)
S-Sierra (see AIR ah)

T-Tango (TANG go)
U-Uniform (YOU nee form or
OO nee form)
V-Victor (VIK tah)
W-Whiskey (WISS key)
X-X-ray (ECKS ray)
Y-Yankee (YANG kee)
Z-Zulu (ZOO loo)

NUMBERS

0-ZERO
1-One (Wun)
2- Two
3-Three (Tree)
4-Four (Fower)
5-Five
6-Six
7-Seven
8-Eight (Ait)
9-Nine (Niner)

Interested in Free Training?
Register on: CONNECTICUT TRAIN
[See Instructions that Follow]



UPCOMING TRAINING OF INTEREST

IS-808 Emergency Support Function (ESF) #8 - Public Health and Medical Services

This new course from FEMA provides an overview of ESF #8 Public Health and Medical Services

Smallpox Vaccination Train-the-Trainer: Part A--Online Training

This is the first portion of a two-part course designed to prepare licensed healthcare professionals authorized to administer vaccines to become smallpox vaccination trainers.

Fundamentals of Crisis and Emergency Risk Communications: 3 Hours

MDC Training Center	8/20/2008 9:00 AM
Northeast District Department of Health	9/25/2008 5:00 PM

Infant, Child and Adult CPR: Several dates - \$10 Fee.



CONNECTICUT TRAIN

First responders, town employees and CCHD volunteers are eligible to register. You may take any course unless it is restricted or priority has been given to particular disciplines. Courses may be site, distance learning, or web-based. Search for courses. Create a personal online transcript. Provide and/or read feedback on courses. Sign up for emails about new courses. The Training Finder Real-Time Affiliate Integrated Network, or TRAIN, is the nation's premier learning resource for those who protect the public's health. TRAIN is a project of the Public Health Foundation with funding from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, participating states and CDC. TRAIN is accessed through <http://www.ct.train.org/>. It is managed by CT DPH.



How to Register: <http://ct.train.org/>

1. Select "Create Account" on "Left" button
2. Read "TRAIN" Policies – Click "I agree to etc." box then "Next" button
3. **Fill-in** required fields – Click "Next" button
4. Click on **down arrow** next to "Select Agency"
5. Select "Smallpox Preparedness & Response" from the menu
6. Click on **down arrow** next to "Select Smallpox Preparedness & Response"
7. Select "Mass Vaccination Areas" from the menu
8. Click on the **down arrow** next to "Select Mass Vaccination Areas"
9. Select "28"-**CCHD**" from the menu. Click on "Next"
10. Select **two(2) roles**, then **scroll** to the bottom of the screen and then select "Volunteer" as your **third(3)** in "Professional Roles" and click "Next"
11. Click on "Official Public Health Agencies" box and select "Local" from the menu as one of your **three (3) "Work Settings"** and click on the "Next"
12. Selecting Demographic information is optional
13. **Click** on the "Next" button **to complete your registration****

****Once you have registered**, go back to [Http://ct.train.org](http://ct.train.org) to select your training:

Please direct questions about using the site to:
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