



Assuring Sustained Preparedness:

The Bethesda Hospitals' Emergency Preparedness Partnership

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Bethesda Hospitals' Emergency Preparedness Partnership (BHEPP)



Overview

- History/Establishment of the Partnership
- Major Accomplishments/Expanding the Model
 - Key Procurement/Research Initiatives
 - Findings/Conclusion



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History:

- ◆ February 2004 – Established the 1st *Emergency Response Collaboration* of a Military, Federal and Private Healthcare Facility:
 - National Naval Medical Center
 - National Institutes of Health Clinical Center
 - Suburban Hospital

- ◆ Principal Goals:
 - Integrate and leverage our complementary resources to provide an immediate and sustained response to any local, regional, or national emergency
 - Develop a transportable, proven model for defining best practices in casualty care management through ongoing *multi-agency collaboration, integration, and training*

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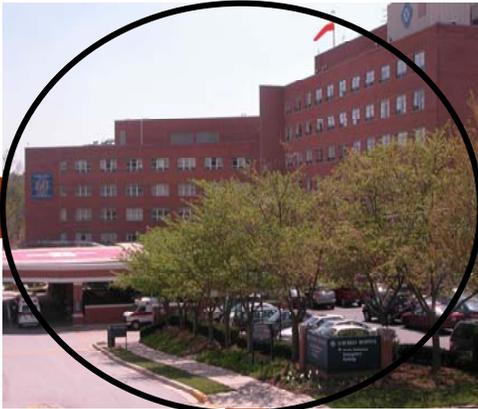
National Naval Medical Center



Suburban Hospital

Partnership Attributes

Suburban Hospital



- *Acute care community hospital*
- *Level II Trauma Center*
- *Community preparedness experience*
- *Decontamination capacity*

NIH Clinical Center



- *Clinical research facility*
- *Surge capacity*
- *Sophisticated diagnostic laboratory facilities*
- *Skilled campus HAZMAT & decontamination team*
- *Substantial basic science and specialty/subspecialty expertise*

NNMC



- *Military hospital*
- *Extensive decontamination capacity*
- *Skilled deployable workforce*
- *Availability of “in-residence” staff*
- *Preparedness training*

BHEPP Accomplishments



- ◆ June 2004 – Submission of Congressional White Paper
 - Top Five Initiatives: Communications, Surge Capacity, Transportation, Credentialing, Resource Sharing

- ◆ October 2004 – Region's first Collaborative Mass Casualty Exercise (Military, Federal & Private Healthcare Facility)
 - 450 participants, Inter-facility transfer of 125 patients, 20 EMS agencies

- ◆ September 2005 – Expanding the Model
 - Memorandum of Agreement Signing
 - First county-wide exercise
 - 8 hospitals
 - 4,000 participants
 - 600 casualties
 - 30 emergency response units
 - a local private school
 - Field Response Teams



BHEPP Accomplishments



- ◆ January 2006 – Congressional Earmark

- ◆ December 2006 – A Regional/National Response
 - Collaborative Multi-Agency Exercise 2006 (Integration of local, state, federal and military assets)
 - 8,000 participants, 600 Casualties, 8 area hospitals, 40+ emergency response agencies
 - Multi-agency helicopter flight operations
 - Remote Incident Command (Scottsdale)
 - First Joint Forces Open House
 - Disaster Training Conference
 - Over 40 skills stations, information booths & lectures
 - 2,000+ personnel participated





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◆ Surge Capacity

- Procured first 50 Bed Inflatable Mobile Surge Capacity Shelter System for National Capital Region





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◆ Communications:

- Tested & implemented first Joint NCR Enterprise Land Mobile Radio System Network among local, federal and military agencies
- Established first off-site Remote Incident Command Center with Scottsdale Healthcare, Arizona

◆ Patient Movement:

- Researching procurement of Multi-Purpose Vehicle (transportation of surge system, mobile command center, and community outreach/education)

◆ Transportation:

- Researching feasibility study to interconnect three facilities via bridge/tunnels for uninterrupted access of patients, staff and resources

Strength through Partnership

Breadth

Research

Proximity

Workforce

Flexibility

Decontamination

Surge Capacity

