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NEXT STOP LEVEL III

In March, WakeMed Cary Hospital officially began pursuing designation as a Level III trauma center by the State Office of Emergency Medical Services. The entire process should take about 17 months.

The trauma designation process includes an accreditation survey, data registry of patient injuries and outcomes showing 12 months of data collected weekly, policies and workflows created, performance improvement processes in place, peer review and continuing education requirements.

According to the American Trauma Society, a Level III trauma center has “demonstrated its ability to provide prompt assessment, resuscitation, surgery, intensive care and stabilization of injured patients and emergency operations.”

CapRAC is responsible for the coordination of trauma transportation, treatment, transfer, education, and healthcare disaster preparedness within Franklin, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, and Wake counties.

Dale Hill, CapRAC Coordinator, said, “We are thrilled to add new trauma services and capabilities to the CapRAC region. We look forward to continuing to work with all of our hospitals and EMS agencies to ensure that access to care is always available within the CapRAC region.”



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BECOMING A PART OF THE ACTION

The Capital Regional Advisory Committee (CapRAC) works with health care providers across a five-county region (Franklin, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, and Wake) to improve the quality of and access to health care.

CapRAC also assists the five-county region in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from any type of emergency or disaster.

CapRAC membership allows for cross-jurisdictional cooperation to ensure that our region's health care system is the most prepared, offers the highest quality care, and is the most accessible.

There is no cost to join. CapRAC meets on a quarterly basis. Anyone who is dedicated to ensuring that medical care is provided and accessible is welcome to join.

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CAPRAC SPEAKERS' BUREAU

CapRAC's own Steve Harrison and Nicholas Thorpe hit the road in February to promote the capabilities of the State Medical Assistance Team, and the Capital Medical Reserve Corps, as well as to educate emergency managers on the role the State Medical Response System and healthcare preparedness coalitions can play in providing services and resources during special events, public health emergencies, and disasters.

Steve and Nicholas first presented at the annual North Carolina Health Occupations Students of America Leadership Summit in Greensboro, where more than 50 students chose to learn more about how healthcare is provided during disasters and how they can get involved in emergency medical volunteerism as they continue their educational careers. Volunteering puts them ahead of the game in networking and learning to work in a medical profession.

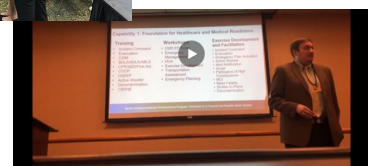
"We enjoy presenting to the HOSA students every year. We know that if we can inspire kids at an early age to get more involved in emergency volunteerism and educate them on the different facets of the healthcare profession, they will become great volunteers wherever their education or careers take them in the future," said Steve Harrison, CapRAC Logistics Coordinator and SMAT-800 team leader.

Next, Nicholas traveled west to assist in presenting with Dawn Felosa from the Mountain Area Healthcare Preparedness Coalition at the annual North

Carolina Emergency Management Association Spring Conference in Cherokee. More than 20 emergency managers from across the state participated in the presentation, which included discussions on the role and resources coalitions are able to provide during special events, public health emergencies, and disasters. Also during the presentation information was shared about how the State Medical Response System collectively works to support local healthcare facilities and emergency managers.

"It was a great opportunity to be able to present on statewide and coalition-specific capabilities in supporting local emergency managers during the NCEMA spring conference. At each coalition across the state, we have a goal of providing whatever services we can to lessen the areas in a community that a county emergency manager has to worry about during major events or disasters. We hope that through this presentation, county emergency managers are more readily open to calling upon their coalition to collaborate on areas of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery in the future," said Nicholas Thorpe, CapRAC Emergency Planning and Exercise Specialist and Capital Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator.

Both presentations can be viewed on the Capital Regional Advisory Facebook page.



SOUND THE ALARM

Every day in the United States, seven people die in home fires. You can help change that. This spring, the American Red Cross will team with fire departments, volunteers, and partners to Sound the Alarm with home fires safety and smoke alarm-installation events. Join the Red Cross as it installs 100,000 free smoke alarms in more than 100 at-risk communities across the country.

Together we can help prevent these needless tragedies in North Carolina. The Red Cross will host a Sound the Alarm event in the Triangle area on May 5. For more information, visit www.soundthealarm.org/enc or call 919-719-1738.

“We are excited to begin a partnership with the American Red Cross. Through our collaboration, cross training, and networking we will be better preparing our region for any type of disaster or emergency,” said Janis Brown, CapRAC Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Coordinator.

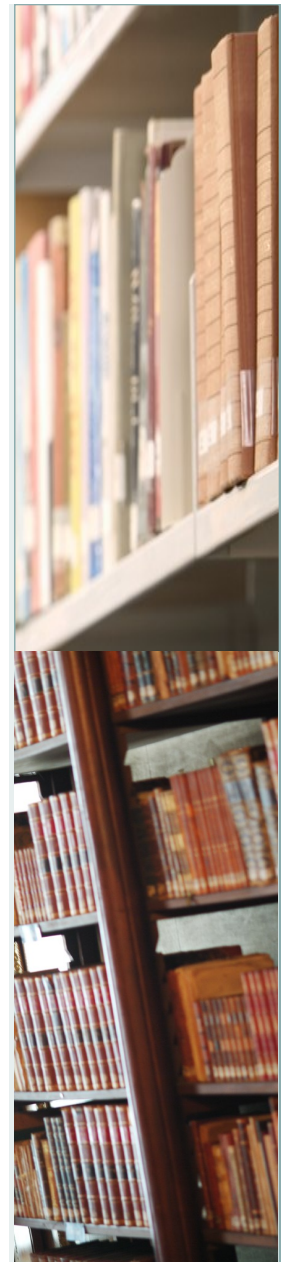


HEALTHCARE RESPONSE TO NO-NOTICE INCIDENT: LAS VEGAS

HHS ASPR’s Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) hosted a webinar on March 28, 2018 with healthcare providers who responded to the October 2017 mass shooting incident in Las Vegas. The diverse panel covered topics such as surge management, triage, prioritization of surgical care, incorporating pediatric providers in adult response operations, and mortuary response.

The presentation and recording for the “Healthcare Response to a No-Notice Incident: Las Vegas” webinar are now available [HERE](#). The title page of the presentation includes a link to the recording. You will need to enter your name and email address prior to accessing the recording. We think this webinar will be of particular interest to your constituents, so please share widely.

Additionally, ASPR TRACIE is collaborating with the panelists from the webinar on a series of tip sheets highlighting the extraordinary healthcare response to this no-notice incident to be released in the next few weeks. For additional information on ASPR TRACIE and our resources, please go to <https://asprtracie.hhs.gov>.



FUTURE TRAINING/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CMRC American Red Cross Shelter Operations training

Recommended for CMRC Volunteers

Wednesday, April 4; 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (food provided); Garner; Registration through TERMS:

<https://terms.ncem.org/TRS/courseDesc.do?sourcePage=courseSearch&cofId=109267>

State Medical Assistance Team 800 Mission Update and Medical Equipment Review

Recommended for All SMAT-800 Members

Tuesday, April 11; 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM; Garner; Registration through TERMS:

<https://terms.ncem.org/TRS/courseDesc.do?sourcePage=courseSearch&cofId=109234>+

NC Football Club and NC Courage Stretcher Training

Required for all members who wish to volunteer during NCFC and Courage soccer matches

Saturday, April 14; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Snacks provided); Garner; Registration via survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018NCFCandCourageSeason>

****NC Courage Soccer Game - Stretcher Team****

4 person team needed, preference given to those who attended training, or volunteered last season

Wednesday, April 18; 6:30 PM - until end of game; Cary; Registration via survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018NCFCandCourageSeason>

State Medical Assistance Team - 800 Initial Training Course

Tuesday, May 1 - Wednesday, May 2; 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM; Garner; Registration through TERMS:

<https://terms.ncem.org/TRS/courseDesc.do?sourcePage=courseSearch&cofId=109235>

**** American Red Cross Sound the Alarm ****

Installing smoke detectors in homes

Saturday, May 5; 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM; Wake County; Register at: www.SoundTheAlarm.org/ENC

Capital MRC Until Help Arrives

Tuesday, May 15; 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Food Provided); Garner; Registration through TERMS:

<https://terms.ncem.org/TRS/courseDesc.do?sourcePage=courseSearch&cofId=109231>

OUR ORGANIZATION

CapRAC collaborates with local, regional, and state agencies to prepare for and respond to disaster events. Through the coordination of the SMAT-800 team, Capital Medical Reserve Corps, and regional assets, CapRAC assists with response efforts by providing medical care and/or resources to those in need following natural or manmade disasters.

CapRAC's SMAT-800 and Capital Medical Reserve Corps teams are volunteers with medical or non-medical backgrounds who wish to assist during public health emergencies or disasters that have a large impact on the healthcare infrastructure of a community.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the SMAT-800 and/or Capital Medical Reserve Corps teams visit www.ServNC.org to create your volunteer profile and then sign up for training. Most training can be applied towards continuing education requirements for medical licenses and certifications. If you have any questions about CapRAC, SMAT-800 or the Capital Medical Reserve Corps, feel free to call us at 919-350-6265, or email JanisBrown@WakeMed.org. Be sure to visit our website at

<http://nctrianglecoalition.org> or follow us on Facebook by joining the "Capital Regional Advisory Committee" group.

