



LEPA/LOHS-EP WORKSHOP

The Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association and the Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness invite you to attend the **2005 LEPA/LOHS-EP Workshop, May 31– June 3, 2005, at the Hilton Riverside in New Orleans, Louisiana.**

Registration is required for admission to the Workshop (fee information is listed on the registration form). Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to LEPA, 8550 United Plaza Blvd., Suite 1001, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 with your check, money order, or credit card information. Mastercard, Visa, Discover and American Express are accepted. If paying with a credit card, you can register for the workshop from our website at www.lepa.org. **Make as many copies of the registration forms as you need.**

Registration and check-in will be held:

- Tuesday, May 31 7:00am - 5:00pm
- Wed., June 1 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Thurs., June 2 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Friday, June 3 7:00am - 8:00am

Full Registration Fee Includes:

- All Continuing Education Sessions
- Pre-Conference Training: Weapons of Mass Destruction Certification Course
- HAZMAT Training Day: Basic Disaster Life Support
- Continental Breakfast on June 1-2.
- Lunch on June 1-3
- President's Reception
- Silent Auction
- Social with the Vendors
- Membership Banquet*
- Mississippi Riverboat Cruise*
- Evening Social With the Vendors
- Hospitality Suite
- 2005 LEPA membership for non-member registrants

* The Membership Banquet and Riverboat Cruise are ticketed events. They require a ticket exchange at the registration desk.

The **Hilton New Orleans Riverside** is located at Poydras and the Mississippi River in Downtown New Orleans. The special group rate is \$90.00 per night (not

including parking). **Reservations can be made on our website, www.lepa.org, or by calling 1-800-HILTONS.** If you call to reserve your room, be sure to tell them you are with the LEPA Workshop.

The **State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, May 31st from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Melrose Room at the Hilton.

The **LEPA Board of Directors** will meet on Tuesday, May 31st from 3:00 -4:00 p.m. in the Melrose Room at the Hilton.

The Exhibit Area will be open Wednesday, June 1st from 7:30am-6:30pm, and on Thursday, June 2nd from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each registrant will receive a bingo card for Vendor Bingo. To register to win the big prize given out on the Riverboat Dinner Cruise, each registrant must participate in Vendor Bingo and fill in their entire Bingo card, including their name and address. There will also be an **'Evening Social with the Vendors' on Wednesday, June 1st from 5:30-6:30pm** before the Membership Banquet. Please be sure to visit with and thank each of our exhibitors and sponsors for their continued support of LEPA and the LEPA/LOHS-EP Workshop.

*Exhibit space is still available. For more information, call the LEPA office at (225) 408-4757 or tollfree at (877) 405-5372. Or visit our website at www.lepa.org.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear LEPA Members,

The Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association (LEPA) Workshop is coming up and I hope you made plans to attend. All the information about the Workshop is on line at www.lepa.org or call the office for more information.

Tab Troxler and the Workshop Committee has worked hard to make this another informative and fun week. Please come out and learn, as well as, enjoy what LEPA has to offer this year. Don't miss out on the opportunity to network or to have a good time in general. We hope to see you there.

As I complete my term as President, I want to thank those of you who have helped and supported me all these years. I don't know how I can repay you but to just say thank you, to you all, it has been a great ride.

Looking forward to the future, there are still a lot of great people working for you and I know that our incoming President, Eric Deroche, is going to continue the hard work. I will continue to extend my help and support to him and this great organization.

In closing, most of you have heard of our loss. Past Board Member Leigh Perkins recently passed away and our heart and prayers goes to him and his family. Leigh will be missed...

Thanks to all and as always....**MAKE YOURSELF A GREAT DAY!!!!**

Sincerely,



John Boudreaux



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

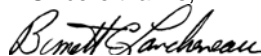
Hurricane season will soon be upon us and it is never too early to begin preparations. As in past years, we anticipate that Governor Blanco will declare May as "Hurricane Preparedness Month". This year, with the help of several parish partners OEP offices, we had the honor of hosting the National Hurricane Conference held mid April in New Orleans, LA. Valuable emergency related information and vendor displays were available to conference participants. I hope you had an opportunity to attend the conference. The upcoming awareness month should be an excellent opportunity to remind our citizens and fellow agencies to take a proactive approach in preparing for the worst. History repeats itself when it comes to dangerous weather phenomenon and has the potential to disrupt the lives of our family and friends.

It has always been difficult to predict the future and what catastrophic weather it might bring; but we will continue to do what is needed to prepare, mitigate, respond to defend against them and recover from such events. The month of May will be a great time to conduct grass roots workshops in conjunction with the National Weather service in various parts of the state. This program can lead to conducting tabletop exercises in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season.

Homeland Security has become a driving force given during our heightened state of alert and threats to our nation. I encourage you to meet this challenge by aggressively monitoring suspicious activity and to also forward your findings to necessary agencies. Remaining vigilant has been always been the key line of defense against terrorism, no matter the point of origin.

The war on terrorism continues in the Middle East. While Louisiana's brave soldiers, whom we are extremely proud of, continue to fight as part of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. At home, we must be ready to face whatever homeland security issues develop.. No one can decisively predict what they will be; as a team, we are ready to meet the challenge.

Sincere thanks,



Bennett C. Landreneau

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Submit articles to the LEPA Office
by the following dates:

Winter Issue	December 15th
Spring Issue	March 15th
Summer Issue	June 15th
Fall Issue	September 15th

LOUISIANA CATASTROPHIC HURRICANE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Brad Tiffie, IEM, Inc.
Sean R. Fontenot, LOHSEP

From July 16–23, 2004, over 300 participants from Federal, State, local, and volunteer agencies participated in the Louisiana Catastrophic Hurricane Planning Workshop at the Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (LOHSEP) in Baton Rouge. The purpose of the workshop was to develop functional plans for response to and recovery from a catastrophic hurricane striking southeast Louisiana, including the City of New Orleans.

Driven by a predetermined scenario, entitled Hurricane Pam, the participants developed 15 functional plans over the course of the week, including: pre-landfall activities; unwatering of levee-enclosed areas; hazardous materials; billeting of response personnel; distribution of power, water, and ice; transport from water to shelter; volunteer and donations management; external affairs; access control and re-entry; debris; schools; search and rescue; sheltering; temporary housing; and temporary medical care.

The scenario involved a slow-moving Category 3 storm making landfall near Grand Isle in the early morning. In the scenario, the storm, sustaining winds of 120 mph at landfall, spawned tornados, destroyed over 75% of the structures in its path, and left the majority of New Orleans under 15–20 feet of water. The workshop was sponsored by FEMA and LOHSEP, with a weather scenario designed by the National Weather Service and damage and consequences developed by IEM, Inc. of Baton Rouge. IEM, Inc. also facilitated the workshop sessions.

From November 29–December 3, over 90 participants met in New Orleans to continue planning for three topics: sheltering, temporary housing, and temporary medical care. These three topics were chosen by the workshop's Unified Command as areas that needed continued group planning.

The outcome of these workshops is a series of functional plans that may be implemented immediately. Along with these



Walt Zaleski of the National Weather Service briefs Greg Padgett of IEM and other participants during the Louisiana Catastrophic Hurricane Planning Workshop in Baton Rouge.

plans, resource shortfalls were identified early, saving valuable time in the event an actual response is warranted. It is because of the dedication of every workshop participant that Louisiana is much better prepared for a catastrophic hurricane.

“BDLS” & “ADLS”

Disaster Preparedness Education in Louisiana

Knox Andress, RN

Sirens were wailing in our ears making it painfully hard to hear while a group of 15 people were shouting at us for help. Twelve or so others were on the ground trying to get up, some moaning, reaching out for us, while others cried out uncontrollably. Bodies that were bleeding, dismembered, and in various stages of trauma littered the ground outside the building. The scene incident commander chose three of us to triage what appeared to be approximately 50 blast victims. A man with from the press was suddenly “in my face” wanting answers to questions I could not answer. This was not my usual hospital ED triage scenario. While sorting the victims we did not notice the secondary explosive device planted in the lunch box under the newspaper. An air

horn sounded...we were dead. Later during the mass casualty incident “hotwash” it was reiterated that hospitals represent a credible terrorist’s target. Were we ready to triage a mass casualty of blast victims and would we be looking for that secondary device? The Mass Casualty Triage station was just one of several practical rotations in the Advanced Disaster Life Support (ADLS), course held May 24 – 28, 2004, at the Gillis Long Training Center, Carville, Louisiana.

Historical Background

Since September 11, 2001, the nation’s focus has been on homeland security and domestic preparedness brought about by the realization of the United States’ vulnerability to foreign and domestic terrorism. This vulnerability not only

includes government buildings, utility infrastructures, industry, public events, and soft targets such as hospitals and

**BDLS
is being offered at the
2005 LEDA/LOHS-ED
Workshop
on Friday, June 3rd–
HazMat Training Day**

health care systems. The surprise attacks of “911” and subsequent East Coast anthrax bioterrorism incidents served to hone our situational awareness and became the catalyst for invigorated

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TRAINING CALENDAR



Louisiana Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness—<http://www.ohsep.louisiana.gov>, 225-925-7523, dconrad@ohsep.louisiana.gov

Hurricane Planning, Lafayette
Writing Grant Proposals, Monroe
Hazardous Weather/Flood Preparedness, Shreveport

May 3-5, 2005
July 26-29, 2005
August 9-11, 2005

Louisiana State Police Emergency Response Training Center—<http://www.lsp.org/lspertc.nsf>, 888-494-9094, 225-777-4104

Hazardous Materials Awareness
Hazardous Materials Technician Refresher

Call for dates
May 10, 2005; August 9, 2005; August 23, 2005; September 7, 2005; October 4, 2005; November 15, 2005; December 6, 2005

Hazardous Materials Operation
Hazardous Materials Technician

Upon Request
August 22-26, 2005; October 3-7, 2005; November 14-18, 2005

Hazardous Materials Technician Specialists
Chlorine Emergency Response
Ammonia Vapor Suppression
Rail Transportation Specialist

October 24-27, 2005
Upon Request
Upon Request
Upon Request

LSU Fire and Emergency Training Institute—<http://feti.lsu.edu>, 800-256-3473, 225-766-0600

HAZMAT Training:

HAZMAT Awareness Level

May 2, 2005; June 6, 2005; July 5, 2005; September 6, 2005; October 3, 2005; November 7, 2005; December 5, 2005

HAZMAT Operational Level

May 3-5, 2005; June 7-9, 2005; July 6-8, 2005; September 7-9, 2005; October 4-6, 2005; November 8-10, 2005; December 6-8

HAZMAT Technician Level

May 16-20, 2005; June 20-24; July 18-22, 2005; August 15-19, 2005; September 19-23, 2005; October 17-21, 2005

HAZMAT Technician Refresher

May 9, 2005; June 13, 2005, July 11, 2005; August 8, 2005; September 12, 2005; October 10, 2005; November 14, 2005; December 12

Chemistry of Hazardous Materials (Module 1A)
Chemistry of Hazardous Materials (Module 1B)
Hazardous Waste Site Practices

August 1-5, 2005
August 8-12, 2005
May 23-27, 2005; June 27-July 1, 2005; July 25-29, 2005; August 22-26, 2005; September 26-30, 2005; October 24-28, 2005; November 28-December 2, 2005

Rescue Training:

Advanced Structural Collapse Rescue
Basic Structural Collapse Rescue
Heavy Rigging/metal Cutting/Concrete Operations/
Crane Operations
Basic Trench Rescue
Rope Rescue
Confined Space Rescue
Vehicle Rescue
Air Bag Operations

October 3-7, 2005
December 5-8, 2005
September 6-9, 2005
September 19-23, 2005
August 8-12, 2005; October 31-November 4
December 12-16, 2005
October 31-November 4, 2005
August 18-19, 2005

EMS Training:

Basic Life Support: (CPR) Health Care Provider
First Responder Refresher
EMT Basic

May 30, 2005; August 3, 2005
August 9-11, 2005
June 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 24, 30, & July 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 2005 (Offered two days per week, Thursdays & Fridays 8am-5pm)
December 2, 9 (6pm-10pm) & December 3, 10, 17 (Saturday 8am-4:30pm), 2005

EMT Basic Refresher

ARFF Training:

Municipal ARFF
ARFF Hot Drills
ARFF Tactical Operations

Upon Request
September 28, 2005
September 26-29, 2005

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weapons of mass destruction defense and medical response planning. The 2001 attacks have caused health care planners at all levels of government and hospital organizations to ask the important questions “what if”, “how would we treat or manage”, and “how do we prepare?”

Preparedness Education

The issues of preparing communities, hospitals and their emergency departments to successfully manage victims of nuclear, biological, chemical, incendiary and explosive terrorism is largely dependant on subject knowledge provided by consistent education from credible sources. The need for formal WMD medical and mass casualty response education has been studied, the need validated, competencies developed, and curriculum development has begun. While nursing education competencies have been developed and education processes are in various stages of design and implementation, most emergency department nurses and physicians have not graduated from a program that includes a mass casualty for weapons of mass destruction (WMD) core curriculum. Currently, WMD medical response education for nurses is largely self-directed and must come from a variety of program offerings. Sources include various military courses, federal agency programs such as the Department of Justice, Office of Domestic Preparedness, United States Health and Human Services, and state based initiatives such as Louisiana’s Homeland Security Defense Education Team. This is not to mention the multitude of sources available through self study courses, World Wide Web, subject matter texts and professional journals. The key becomes to find consistent material that is current, practical, thorough and tested. Ideally the information is offered through an overarching clearinghouse. Enter the National Disaster Life Support’s Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) and Advanced Disaster Life Support (ADLS) course.

Design Background

In an effort to create a standardized,

national, “all hazards” medical disaster preparedness course similar to national standardized courses existing for cardiac life support and trauma management, a consortium of federal, state, and academic centers formed the National Disaster Life Support Education Consortium (NDLSEC). The American Medical Association has collaborated with and supports a consortium which includes among others the Medical College of Georgia, University of Georgia, and University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health, American Public Health Association, National Association of EMS Physicians, and National Association of State EMS Directors.

National Disaster Life Support Goals

The NDLS goal was to develop “all hazards” training to better prepare health care professionals and emergency response personnel for mass casualty incidents. BDLS and ADLS stress the “all hazards” approach to help health professionals manage events such as explosions, natural disasters, infectious diseases and terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction. The ADLS – BDLS target audience includes physicians, nurses, emergency medical technicians – paramedics and other healthcare workers. The BDLS course is comprised of didactics and testing while ADLS includes advanced didactics, interactive clinical and skill stations. ADLS implements and further develops principles learned in BDLS.

Louisiana’s experience

At the invitation of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, the 2 day Basic Disaster Life Support course, and 2.5 day Advanced Disaster Life Support - Instructor course were hosted and taught at the Gillis Long Center, Carville, La. Course didactics and skill stations were instructed by an NDLS team including physicians, emergency department nurses and paramedics. Course objectives for Louisiana included educating members of

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*In Memory of
Leigh Perkins*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Leigh Perkins, a former LEPA Board Member, who recently passed away. Officer Perkins was extremely dedicated to public safety in the state of Louisiana. He was employed by the Natchitoches City Police Department since October of 2001, after working for the Parish Sheriff’s Department for 21 years. Officer Perkins also served as the Director of the Civil Defense/Office of Emergency Preparedness. He will be missed by many

A ‘Love Fund’ has been opened at Exchange Bank in Natchitoches. For more information on how to make a donation, please call (318) 352-8141.

The LEPA newsletter is now available via e-mail. If you would prefer to receive your copy of the newsletter via e-mail rather than snail mail, please contact the LEPA office at lepa@pncpa.com.

LEPA Board of Directors Meetings

All meetings will take place at the LEPA office at 8550 United Plaza Blvd., Suite 902, Baton Rouge, LA, except for the May 2005 meeting, which will take place at the Lafayette Hilton as part of the 2005 LEPA/LOHS-EP Workshop. The meeting dates are as follows:

May 30, 2005

If you plan to attend a Board meeting, please contact the LEPA office at (877) 405-5372 or (225) 408-4757 or via e-mail at lepa@pncpa.com.

Workshop Agenda

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

- 7:30-12:00** **Golf Tournament** - Ormond Country Club
- 8:00-1:00** Pre-Workshop Training: *Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness Certification Course**
- 2:00-3:00** **SERC Meeting**
- 3:00-4:00** **LEPA Board of Directors Meeting**
- 5:00-6:00** **Hospitality Suite**
- 6:00-10:00** **President's Reception**
- 10:00-til** **Hospitality Suite** (following reception)

**Pre-Conference Training is included in full registration or can be registered for separately. Full registrants planning to attend the pre-conference training must indicate so on their registration form.*

Wednesday, June 1, 2005

- 7:00-8:00** Continental Breakfast
- 7:30-4:00** Registration
- 8:30-9:15** Opening Ceremony
 ♦ Color Guard/Pledge
 ♦ Anthem
 ♦ Remarks
- 9:15-10:30** *"Ground Zero Hurricane Ivan: Our Experience,"* John Dosh, Director, Escambia County, Florida
- 10:30-11:00** Break
- 11:00-12:00** *"Louisiana's Vulnerability to Storm Surge,"* Dr. Wilson Shaffer, NOAA
- 12:00-1:30** Lunch with Vendors
- 1:30-2:30** *"University of Massachusetts Riots, May 4-5,"* Mike Kent, Amherst, Massachusetts Police Department
- 2:30-3:00** Break
- 3:00-3:30** *"Severe Weather and Tornadoes,"* Mark Frazier, Shreveport NWS
- 3:30-4:00** *"Critical Stress Debriefing,"* St. John's Parish Sheriff's Office
- 4:00-4:30** *"Louisiana Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance System,"* Kenneth Lanier, Office of Public Health Center for Environmental Health Services
- 4:30-5:30** **Hospitality Suite**
- 5:30-6:30** **Evening Social with Vendors**
- 6:30-8:30** **Membership Banquet**
- 8:30-til** **Hospitality Suite**

Thursday, June 2, 2005

- 7:30-9:00** Continental Breakfast with vendors

- 8:00-4:00** Registration
- 8:00-8:15** Announcements
- 8:30-9:00** *"Hospital Preparedness,"* Dr. Robert Muller, CEM, LEM
- 9:00-9:45** *"FY 2005 Homeland Security Grant Information,"* Col. (Retired) Jadwin V. Mayeaux, Jr., Louisiana Deputy Director, Homeland Security.
- 9:45-10:15** *"National Sheriff's Association Homeland Security Training Experience: Israel,"* Sheriff Gregory Champagne, St. Charles Parish
- 10:15-10:45** Break
- 10:45-11:15** *"Homeland Security Lessons from Israel,"* Col. (Retired) Jadwin V. Mayeaux Jr., Louisiana Deputy Director, Homeland Security.
- 11:15-11:45** *"The 2003 Salt Dome Incident,"* John Boudreaux, Director, Assumption Parish OEP
- 11:45-1:00** Lunch with Vendors
- 1:00-4:30** Breakout Sessions
- ♦ Room 1:
- ♦ 1:00-2:30: *"What You Need to Know About Hands-On Radiological Monitoring,"* Jeff Meyers, DEQ
- ♦ 3:00-4:30: *"What You Need to Know About Hands-On Radiological Monitoring,"* Jeff Meyers, DEQ
- ♦ Room 2:
- ♦ 1:00-2:30: *"Introduction to CAMEO"*
- ♦ 3:00-4:30: *"Advanced Cameo: Tips and Tricks"*
- ♦ Room 3:
- ♦ 1:00-2:30: *"Severe Weather,"* NWS
- ♦ 3:00-4:30: *"Marsec Levels,"* Coast Guard
- ♦ Room 4:
- ♦ 1:00-2:30: FBI Presentation
- ♦ 3:00-4:30: *"Emergency Management in a Nutshell."*
- 4:30-7:00** **Hospitality Suite**
- 7:00-9:30** **Riverboat Dinner Cruise**
- 9:30-til** **Hospitality Suite**

Friday, June 3, 2005: HazMat Training Day*

**HazMat Day is included in full registration or may be registered for separately. Full registrants planning to attend HazMat day must indicate so on their registration form.*

- 8:00-3:00** *"Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS),"* Bill Bollier, LA SMART Team
 * includes lunch break and meal

This schedule is tentative and subject to change. Updates to the agenda can be found on the LEPA website at www.lepa.org

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The **Annual Golf Classic** will take place at the **Ormond Country Club** located at 10 Villere Drive, Destrehan, LA 70047. Bring your four person team, or we will assign you to a team.

Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2005

Time: Breakfast @ 7:30am; Tee time @ 8:00am

Fee: \$50

(includes Green Fee, Cart Fee, Range Balls, and Food)

Send in registration form with shirt size by May 15, 2005, to the LEPA Office:

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Louisiana's Strategic Medical Assistance and Response Team (SMART). SMART is a Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) like organization training and equipped to respond to all manner of Louisiana disasters. Objectives also included developing Louisiana BDLS – ADLS course instructors to sustain disaster response education for future SMART members and other appropriate health-care providers.

“Basic Disaster Life Support”

100 Louisiana medical health professionals attended the 2 day course. Course participants included nurses, emergency medical technicians and physicians from both private sectors and State government. The medical disaster/preparedness didactics began with a course overview and moved to the thematic DISASTER Paradigm, a systematic approach for “all-hazards” disaster preparation, response, and management. The recurrent DISASTER paradigm includes D-detect; I-incident command; S-scene security and safety; A-assess hazards; S-support; T-triage and treatment; E-evacuation; and R-recovery. The DISASTER paradigm application was applied in comprehensive topic lectures covering natural and accidental events, traumatic and explosive events, nuclear and radiological events, biological events, chemical events, psychosocial aspects, and the public health system. A mass casualty triage system employing a M.A.S.S. (M-Move; A-Assess; S-Sort; and S-Send) concept. M.A.S.S. is incorporated with the mnemonic “Id-me!” for I-Immediate; D-Delayed; M-Minimal; and E-Expectant triage categories. A written test was administered and scored at the end of the didactics.

“Advanced Disaster Life Support”

50 BDLS course graduates continued with the following 2.5-day ADLS course, which was comprised of a classroom day and a skills (hands on)

instructor day. The didactics of day 1 included reviewing the DISASTER paradigm and covering expounded disaster response and mediation topics. Additional topics included decontamination, regulatory and legal issues, media and communications, community and hospital disaster planning, community, state, and federal resources, and mass fatality management. Day 2 were the lab and skill stations. Rotations included mass casualty triage, clinical scenarios, human simulator use, essential skills, personal protective equipment and decontamination. The human simulator station employed sophisticated “dummies” that responded with remarkable physiologic accuracy to whatever chemical exposure scenario or medical treatment administered. As an example...after injecting a milligram of atropine the simulator patient became tachycardic. In a trauma scenario the patient simulator's chest was needle decompressed, air “whooshed” out, and SpO2 improved. After each station a “hotwash” was held to discuss individual perceptions and post exercise insights.

Course Benefits

Practicality was one of several course benefits. While the focus was on WMD disaster response it included more likely natural disaster phenomena making it an “all-hazards” course. Subject matter information relative to WMD disaster pathophysiology and subsequent management appeared very complete and was presented by an enthusiastic medical instructor team. Benefits included instruction on generally unfamiliar or vague topics of the Federal Response Plan, legal issues including liability, and coordinating media/communications.

The incorporation of physiologically accurate computerized patient simulators in WMD treatment scenarios allowed medical skills to be employed with a sense of immediate gratification. You treated the patient

and the patient responded (or not). A mass casualty triage skill station with sirens, bodies (moulaged dummies and volunteers), press, and other initial responders provided auditory and visual sensory stimulation overload. The chaos helped to stress the importance of mass casualty triage pre-planning. The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)/Decontamination lab was a practical and “hands on” station. With an instructor's guidance, powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs), chemical protective clothing, and other equipment was donned by each break-out group in the field setting. Decontamination principles, deployment and attributes of various PPE, and Decon and detection systems were discussed and reviewed. Medical skills including intubations were practiced while wearing PPE.

Closing

On May 24 – 28th, the nationally presented BDLS & ADLS courses brought consistent, “all hazards” disaster preparedness and response education to participants in Louisiana. Through a series of interactive didactic lectures including slide presentations and course instruction books, a medical professional instructor team, including physicians, nurses, and paramedics, covered the nature and response to both natural disaster phenomena and WMD events. Responses included medical and related processes involving disaster preparedness, response, planning, mediation and recovery. A systematic method of mass casualty triage and medical management was presented. Later, practical disaster exercise stations were run providing simulated “hands on” experience in scenarios one hopes to never engage. This combination of instructors, material content, practicals and simulations made the BDLS and ADLS course beneficial to nurses and other medical professionals in attendance.

*Sources available upon request



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