

# THE HIPPO

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## STURGIS RALLY 2015

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By most measures the 75th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally was the largest on record. Regional Health reported system-wide records for rally-related ED visits and admissions while Black Hills ambulance services posted run numbers at or near double those from the 2014 Rally. Meanwhile SDDOH inspected a record number of food vendors, surveilled rally-related disease across the state, and assessed campgrounds, some of which didn't exist last year. Several other challenges piled on including a trend of complicated head-trauma cases, a couple ambulance breakdowns, general traffic congestion and periodic severe weather.

Through it all, local organizations persevered and supported each other through mutual aid, frequent communication, and in



one case, a loaned ambulance. In part, this success arises from over a year of Public Health & Medical planning by Black Hills hospitals, EMS agencies, local and state Emergency Managers, the SD National Guard, US Dept. of Health & Human Services staff and DOH staff. By meeting monthly, ESF-8 partners developed the communi-

cation pathways and the relationships needed to handle an extremely large Rally.

A big pat on the back to the organizations and their staff members who responded to or supported the Rally. Your hard work made it a successful, if busy week!

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**BUDGET SOME TIME FOR FALL!**



Well, it's been another excellent summer in South Dakota. Mostly warm temps with only a few scorchers in there to really work the A/C. And as the seasons change, there's

a lot to appreciate this time of year. Not just those fun end-of-the-fiscal-year budget reports, funding requests and grant writing. I'm talking about the other stuff. Falling leaves, cool nights, warm blankets! I love fall! So much in fact, that I wrote a poem about it! You can find it on page 5 of this issue of The HiPPO.

Now of course you do still have a few weeks of great weather to squeeze in a day at the lake, a family camping trip and running to the store in flip flops. I'm not trying to rush you! I do hope you all have a terrific end of summer, and look forward to a wonderful autumn.

-Sam Hill  
Editor in Chief

**SANDY FRENTZ JOINS THE BATTLE TO FIGHT EBOLA**



Sandy Frentz

After a year and a half of Ebola training, planning and exercises, we're all a little relieved to know that we

made it through the outbreak without any cases in South Dakota.

But for Sandy Frentz, Region 3 Chairman, the battle continues. Sandy has agreed to take part in a "Clinical Trial to Study the Safety and Immunogenicity of Three Consistency Lots and a High Dose Lot of V920 Ebola Vaccine in Healthy Adults." That's the official name of the study. What it basically means is that Sandy will receive a dose of Ebola

vaccine to see if there are any side effects such as a rash or fever.

In addition to Sandy, 29 other folks will participate in this clinical trial. Dosage amounts will vary, and some will receive a placebo. Each patient will monitor their own temperature and will have blood taken at certain intervals for further study.

Sandy, Public Health Manager for the city of Sioux Falls,

said "After a lifetime working in public health, this gives me the rare opportunity to be a part of wiping out a disease that has affected the lives of so many people around the world." Sandy added, "I'm excited to play a different role in a public health issue."

Enrollment in this clinical trial is open in Fargo and Sioux Falls. For more information on how to participate, call (855) 305-5064.

**REGION 1- THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all of our Region 1 facilities for your hard work and patience during the past several months. So much of the focus lately had been on preparing for the 75th Sturgis Rally. While it was a lot of work for seemingly one event, those efforts have resulted in a stronger and more resilient region.

Through many planning meetings, relationships amongst

our partners were strengthened with a better understanding of how each facility operates and how we can all work together to achieve one common goal.

We also have many new partners to welcome to our coalition, and colleagues with renewed enthusiasm for the work of the coalition. I am excited about what will come next as Region 1 moves

forward on this momentum and a refreshed approach to successfully achieving our mission and vision. So thank you all again for what you have already been doing and what we will continue to do in Region 1 over the coming years.

-Andy Klitzke  
Region 1 Coordinator

**South Dakota**

**Healthcare Coalition**

**Mission:** To enhance statewide relationships for Healthcare Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery.

**Vision:** To significantly improve coordination of healthcare resources among South Dakota Healthcare Coalitions.

**REGION 2-SPINK COUNTY MULTI-AGENCY DRILL**



On August 17th around 3:00 pm the Spink County Emergency Management team held a disaster drill with many partners involved. The scenario was a carload of high school kids that were involved in a head on collision due to texting and driving. This event was also recorded by high school

kids to help educate students on the dangers of texting and driving. Three local high school kids helped create this scenario by playing the victims. At the scene of the accident, a local business called 911 to set the event in motion. The county sheriff and emergency management responded to the event, along with firefighters and EMS. After the children were extracted from the vehicle via the "jaws" they were then

brought to **Community Memorial Hospital in Redfield** where a full scale disaster drill was set in motion. Many things were taken into consideration during this event such as it being nearly time for school to release. Perhaps the school consider delaying dismissal to handle the impact of teenage trauma and deaths in a situation like this.

The hospital's goal was to determine the knowledge of staff in relation to different roles and how well our disaster policies and procedures are written. With every disaster drill and the scenario laid out in the event, there are many opportunities to learn from. Continued awareness with the use of drills will only help all emergency responders be better prepared for anything that comes their way.

## REGION 3- UNANNOUNCED RAND EXERCISE IN SIOUX FALLS

On Thursday, September 10th, Region 3 facilities took part in an unannounced [RAND](#) exercise. Area hospitals tested out a new tool RAND has developed to assist healthcare facilities during exercises.

Last year Sanford USD participated in an exercise to test a surge tool RAND had developed. One of the elements, the patient generator, was then used in the development of our statewide exercise this year.

This time we tested a tool that was designed to exercise a full scale hospital evacuation. For our scenario, we evacuated Sanford USD to several Region 3 facilities. Regan Smith and Lynn DeYoung were our controllers as Sandy and Sam

made surprise calls to Region 3 facilities for bed availability. Thank you to all the facilities and agencies that participated. The exercise went well and we look forward to working with RAND on future projects.

## REGION 4- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR INTER-REGIONAL COMMITTEE

### Plea for members!

If you enjoy attending the Annual HPP Inter-Regional meetings, please consider becoming a member of the planning committee. We need representation from each region. This will be a fun committee as we get to plan the agenda, food and the entertainment! If you would like to be on the committee please contact Carol Taylor or Alexandra Little.

### Wrapping up FY15

The Region 4 Coalition has been quiet in the last month or so. Several coalition members will be attending the NHCRC Conference in December and will bring back great information to share with everyone at our January meeting. Thank you to those facilities that reported Sturgis Rally surveillance information on HAvBED. The surveillance data is always useful to the

DOH Disease Prevention staff.

Coalition members have been busy completing and submitting grant funding reports. Hospitals will soon be completing the year end reports.

Thank you to all for keeping up with the requests we make of coalition members. Working together benefits us all.

### Did ya' know

Each fall squirrels scurry around digging holes in our flowerbeds, pots and yards, burying the nuts they've gathered to get through winter. But do you ever wonder how on earth they find them again?

[Click here](#) to see a short video on how



the squirrels find their stash!

## HPP BASE AWARDS—A NEW PROCESS THIS YEAR

In order to adapt to changes in Federal Grant Management, SD DOH modified grant documentation and tracking processes for all sub-recipient grants made with Federal funds starting with the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Nearly all grants issued by HPP, including HPP base awards, are sub-recipient grants.

In order to be eligible for an HPP base award grant, each healthcare organization must complete the following:

**Submit a funding report** documenting expenditure of all previous base award and DOH Special Funding grants. Base award funding report templates can be found in your organization's eICS Library.

**Submit Form 1.0 Accounting System and Financial Capacity Questionnaire.** Only one copy of this form needs to be submitted per grantee. Some HPP partners have already submitted this form through a different DOH pro-

gram such as SCHIP. Check with your coordinator about the status of this form for your facility.

**Submit proof of policies** for Accounting, Purchasing, Payroll, and Procurement (Table of Contents or full document)

**Register with <http://www.SAM.gov>.** Must be verifiable by online search including Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS), Place of Performance and Zip Code+4, and start and end of Fiscal Year.

**Complete the HPP End-Year Survey Form through HAvBED.**

 (hospitals only) Click on the DOH logo at the top of the page when you log in to HAvBED.

Thanks to everyone as we adjust to these changes. Your Regional Coordinator is available to answer questions or provide clarification.

-Andy Klitzke  
HPP Program Coordinator  
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## THE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

We apologize for the delay in getting the electronic version of the COOP Guides out to everyone, but have found the SDDOH web site is not the route to take. Nora and Andy have developed a pathway on the eICS Library. The pathway follows. Thank you for your patience and hopefully everyone is able to enjoy the last weeks of summer. -Jan Clites

The Partnership Project included training and education for Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Recovery Planning. The GUIDES developed to aide in writing organizational plans can be obtained on the eICS Library using the following steps:

-Log in to eICS.

-Hover over "Planning" and click on "Library"

-From the drop-down menu to the right of "Library for:" select "SD Inter-Regional".

-Open the following folders by double-clicking on them: HICS IV -> COOP

Within the COOP folder are three (3) folders

- COOP Plan Templates
- COOP Webinar slides (3 educational sessions)
- COOP Planning Guides: double-click to open

There is a Guide for Clinics, Hospitals, and Long Term Care. Under each of these are two (2) files and a folder. The reader will click 'VIEW' to open. COOP Planning Guide Attachments (referenced in the Guide): double-click to open. Selecting the document and click "View" button to open

- Word document of the Guide: click "View" button to open
- PDF document of the Guide: click "View" button to open

The body of the Guides include a blue and underlined statement which, when clicked, will take the reader to the reference. The Guides have a summary of the Webinar information and Step #1 begins on page 15.

### AIR NATIONAL GUARD PARTNERS WITH ESFS DURING RALLY OPERATIONS

I work for the South Dakota Air National Guard Public Health (PH) Office in Sioux Falls, SD. We recently did our Annual Training (AT) at Camp Rapid during our Golden Rally exercise. We had the pleasure of listening to key members from the South Dakota Health Department speak to the 114<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron. Sandy Frentz, PH Manager of

Sioux Falls, was at the rally operation center as the Planning Section Chief (PSC). Sandy gave us insight into the world of Public Health.

Sam Hill, State Health Department Office of PH Preparedness and Response, talked to us about the state capabilities during a mass fatality event.

Andy Klitzke, Healthcare Pre-

paredness Program Coordinator for the State Health Department, provided us insight from the state side of PH and mutual aid between healthcare agencies during the Sturgis Bike Rally.

CDR John Gibbons, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health Service, gave us insight on the capabilities of federal aid.

I'd like to personally thank of all of them for speaking to us and for allowing me to work with them in the Rally Operation Center (ROC).

-MSgt Brent Garner  
USAF 114 MDG



## THE HUNGRY, HUNGRY HIPPO

### *Great-grandma Clites' Oatmeal Raisin Cookies -Jan Clites*



Cook 1 cup raisins in 1 cup water for 5 minutes. Drain the raisins and SAVE the juice!

Mix the following:

1 cup sugar	½ tsp allspice
2 eggs	6 Tbsp. raisin juice
½ tsp salt	2 cups flour
1 tsp soda	1 cup lard (I use butter flavored Crisco or 2 sticks margarine)
1 tsp cinnamon	
1 scant tsp cloves	

Hungry, Hungry Hippo says,

"You know a recipe has been passed on for generations when it includes lard! "

Stir in 2 cups of oatmeal and the cooked raisins. Scoop onto a cookie sheet. (The medium size Pampered Chef cookie scoop makes a nice mounded cookie.) Bake at 350 degrees for 7 minutes-turn the pan in the oven- and bake another 7 minutes (or adjust according to your oven) until done. Don't overbake.

## AUTUMN – ANOTHER POEM BY SAM HILL

Put away the lawn darts and drain the pool,  
Shop for supplies, send the kids back to school.

The sun's setting earlier and your tan starts to fade,  
And before you know it...summer's over, I'm afraid.

But now's not the time to sit around and be glum,  
Because right after summer, Autumn does come.

Just think of all the things that are great about fall,  
Sweaters, apple crisp, hot cider, football.

Burgers and brats, too many to remember,  
I'd trade them all for a pot roast in November.

A favorite sweatshirt and warm fuzzy socks,  
That extra hour of sleep when we turn back the clocks.

The green leaves are changing after a job well done,  
Providing us shade from the hot summer sun.

But before they part, one last magnificent show  
In swirls of red and orange on the ground below.

And passing overhead in perfectly formed vees,  
Flock after flock of southbound geese.

The front porch dahlias take their final bow,  
As bright orange mums are center stage now.

All cozy with a blanket in your favorite chair,  
The aroma of cinnamon filling the air.

The season premiers of your favorite shows,  
Outside your window, a crisp breeze blows.

Watching the big game and your teams in the lead,  
Gathering with friends for the halftime feed.

It's a time to be thankful with family and friends,  
Sharing turkey and pie over a four day weekend.

So as the seasons change, I hope you'll remember,  
To take some time to enjoy Autumns splendor,

And don't waste one more day being a summertime mourner,  
Because another South Dakota winter is just around the corner.



## EMSC MAKES BIG IMPACT ACROSS SOUTH DAKOTA



For the past year and a half, SD EMS for Children and the SD Department of Health collaborated on a pediatric project. The goal was to bring training opportunities in emergency care for pediatric patients to EMS services, clinics and hospitals across the State of South Dakota. **Corolla Lauck** of EMSC lead the charge! EMSC held 15 Broselow/Hinkle Pediatric Resuscitation and Triage courses that trained 492 Nurses, EMT's, Paramedics, Pharmacists and Physicians. Participating agencies received not only great training, but also updated Broselow tapes and other pediatric equipment. Plus a demonstration on how to use the SafeDosePro app by eBroselow along with the tape to ensure safe dosaging in ped's patients.

EMSC also coordinated PEPP (Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals) courses for South Dakota Ambulance Services. 8 ALS courses were held across the State with 126 Paramedics becoming certified. 11 BLS courses provided training to 140 EMT's and First Responders. Over the past many months, the SD DOH has received numerous emails thanking us for the funding and EMSC for bringing the service to so many rural hospitals, clinics and ambulance services, who otherwise may not have received it. Just wanted to share a few of those comments and thank Corolla Lauck for all of her hard work and dedication to serving kids in South Dakota!

*Samantha,*

*I wanted to say thank you for the learning opportunity we had with Corolla related to Pediatric resuscitation and practicing with triage and Broselow tools. Corolla is a energetic speaker and works well with the audience; engaging the interaction along with the hands on tools.*

*Thanks again*

*Dory Gassman RN, BSN, CEN  
Staff Development Coordinator*

*Prairie Lakes Healthcare System-Watertown*

*Samantha,*

*Thank you for the opportunity to have Corolla Lauck come to Lemmon in the middle of winter and teach us the BLS Hybrid PEPP Class. We are a small squad of 4 EMTs. For half of us to leave town for a training is very difficult. This class gave us all and a couple other locals an opportunity to receive this training.*

*Corolla is an excellent trainer and took the time to train us on our pediatric equipment which is so helpful. She also brought pediatric mannequins and tools. Unfortunately, she also got to experience snow and ice covered roads on the way back.*

*Again, thank you for allowing this training that is very important to our squad and for the pediatric patients we will come in contact with.*

*Judy Alton, EMT-B*

*Lemmon EMT Association*

*Dear Rick,*

*I would like to thank you for the opportunity to participate in the South Dakota Pediatric Readiness Project, and specifically for the "Wee Sight Trans-illuminator" for our emergency department. What wonderful work in preparing Emergency Departments for the care of sick and injured children. Our pediatric patients and staff thank you for providing this equipment to better care for our pediatric population. The funding you provided to purchase this piece of equipment is very much appreciated and noted by staff and patients alike.*

*Again, thank you and we sincerely appreciate receiving equipment to better serve our patients.*

*Susan Bawdon RN*

*Custer Regional Hospital Director of Patient Care Services*

## TAILGATING MUST HAVES!

Whether it's the NFL, college, high school or pee-wees, tailgating is always a good time with family and friends! Here are a few must haves for your tailgating this fall!

**Jumper cables** After a great tailgate party, some would love to stay in the parking lot forever but everyone might not share that thought.

**Plastic trash bags** for clean up. A dedicated tailgater always respects their surroundings and leaves it clean.

**Extra ice** There is no excuse to ever run out of ice. Just bring a full extra ice chest and enjoy.

**First aid kit** Just in case that football hits you in the head.

**Sun block** Even if you burn the food, there is no reason for you to burn.

**Comfortable shoes** Sometimes we forget how much we visit and with the right shoes you can walk to your stomach's content.

**Antacid** With all the foods consumed at the tailgate, we need some help. Remember defense wins championships!



## WESTERN HEMISPHERE WIPES OUT ITS THIRD VIRUS

-MICHAEELEN DOUCLEFF-NPR 4/30/2015

It took 15 years and hundreds of millions of vaccines. But North America and South America have officially eradicated rubella, health authorities said Wednesday. Rubella is only the third virus eradicated from people in the Western Hemisphere.

Also known as German measles, rubella causes only a mild illness in children, with a rash and sometimes a fever. But when pregnant women catch rubella, their babies can develop serious birth defects, like heart problems, blindness and learning disabilities. The virus can also trigger miscarriages early in a pregnancy.

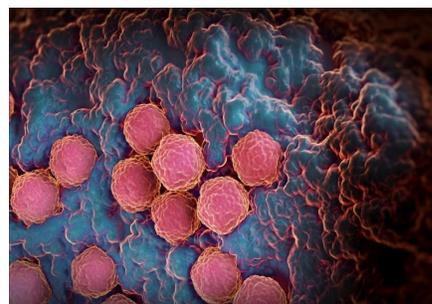
In the early 2000s, the Pan American Health Organization set a goal to eradicate rubella in the Americas by 2010. The last reported regional case occurred in Argentina in 2009, said PAHO's director, Dr. Carissa Etienne, at a

news briefing in Washington. "The fight against rubella has paid off with what I believe will be one of the important Pan American public health achievements of the 21st century," Etienne said.

In other places around the world, about 120,000 babies each year still catch a serious form of rubella, the agency said. Most of these cases occur in Africa and Southeast Asia. The Americas wiped out rubella with huge vaccination campaigns for teenagers and adults, the PAHO said. Today most babies in the region get a shot before their first birthday, then a second shot before they go to school. The eradication of rubella doesn't mean we'll never see the virus again in the U.S. People still bring it here from other countries. But it doesn't spread far because so many Americans are vaccinated.

The Americas have led the way when it comes to eradicating diseases. It was the first region in the world to eradicate smallpox in 1971 and then polio in 1994. And the PAHO already has its sights on another target. "With rubella under our belt, now it's time to roll up our sleeves and finish the job of eliminating measles as well," Etienne said.

PAHO says it hopes to declare the Americas measles-free in the next year or so. The last endemic case was reported back in 2002. But recent outbreaks here in the U.S. and in Brazil have set back the effort.



## SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY FOR KIDS AND DRIVERS

Unintentional pedestrian injuries are the fifth leading cause of injury-related death in the United States for children ages 5 to 19. Teenagers are now at greatest risk. Teens have a death rate twice that of younger children and account for half of all child pedestrian deaths.

### Top Tips

- Teach kids at an early age to look left, right and left again before crossing the

street. Then remind them to continue looking until safely across.

- Teach kids to put phones, headphones and devices down when crossing the street. It is particularly important to reinforce this message with teenagers.

- It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.

- Children under 10 need to cross the street with an adult. Every child is different, but developmentally, most kids are unable to judge the speed and distance of oncoming cars until age 10.

- Be a good role model. Set a good example by putting your phone, headphones and devices down when walking around cars or while driving a car near schools and crosswalks.

For more information, go to [safe-kids.org](http://safe-kids.org).



**Watch for kids!  
Just a reminder  
to be extra alert  
on your morning  
commute as the  
kids head back to  
school!**

## FUSION ZONE



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### New Synthetic Drugs “Orange Tesla” and “SnapChat” Awareness



The Orange Tesla pill is shaped like a shield and has the Tesla Motors stamp. The pills reportedly will glow under a black light and have a MDMA (3,4-methylenedioxy-methamphetamine) content up to 3 times stronger than most pills.

Users describe early effects of jaw clenching, eye wiggling and confusion. Next stage was elevated pulse, unsteady and feeling extremely euphoric. Hallucinations have been widely reported. Seasoned abusers cautioned to only use half or a quarter of the pill as the content is extremely powerful. Symptoms coming down were recounted as non-existing and users were feeling “normal” the next day.

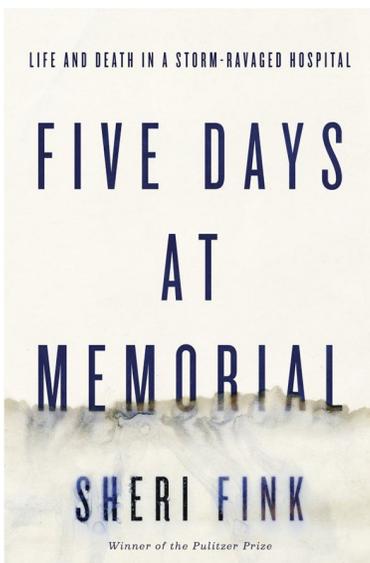
The Snapchat pill was first reported in Australia last summer and sent several people to the hospital after overdosing on a small amount. Police advised that people were behaving in an erratic and irrational manner. They become aggressive and disoriented after ingesting the drug. *Analyst comment: This new pill has been seized on the east coast and its availability will likely spread to other states.*

This pill is named after the smartphone messaging app and has the logo stamped on each pill. These are believed to be a “pressed ecstasy tablets” made from a variety of notoriously dangerous ingredients. Even in small doses, the pills have triggered a major adverse reaction.

**If you come in contact with someone you suspect is abusing one of these illegal drugs contact your local law enforcement agency and the South Dakota Fusion Center.**



## FIVE DAYS AT MEMORIAL-READ IT!



August 29th marked the 10 year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Sherri Fink, an American journalist, has written the award winning book, *Five Days at Memorial*. Jan Clites purchased a copy of this book for each of the four regions for our coalition members to read. If you would like to check it out, just contact your regional coordinator.

*Five Days at Memorial* is Pulitzer Prize winner Sheri Fink’s landmark investigation of patient deaths at a New Orleans hospital ravaged by Hurricane Katrina – and her suspenseful portrayal of the quest for truth and justice.

After Katrina struck and the floodwaters rose, the power failed, and the heat climbed, exhausted caregivers chose to designate certain patients last for rescue. Months later, several health professionals faced criminal allegations that they deliberately injected numerous patients with drugs to hasten their deaths.

*Five Days at Memorial*, the culmination of six years of reporting, unspools the mystery of what happened in those days, bringing the reader into a hospital fighting for its life and into a conversation about the most terrifying form of health care rationing.

[Click here](#) for more information on Sherri Fink and *Five Days at Memorial*.

# The Educated Hippo!!

## There is still time to register for the AHEPP conference in Omaha!

This is an event you can use your HPP funding to attend.

The 2015 AHEPP conference will join healthcare preparedness leaders from across the U.S. to learn and cultivate new ideas to overcome disaster preparedness concerns in healthcare facilities.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.



## Bicycle Rodeo!

September 15th 2015

Kenny Anderson Community Center, Sioux Falls

SD EMS for Children is collaborating with Safe Kids Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls Police Department, Spoke and Sport, Sioux Falls Fire Rescue, Volunteers of America, Office of Highway Safety, Avera and Sanford to bring this event to the community.

Our "Don't Thump Your Melon" program partnered with agencies across the state to educate, fit and supply over 1500 bicycle helmets to individuals in need.



## Post it here!!

Is your facility hosting a training event?

Did you hear about a great webinar?

Do you have a suggestion for new classes?

If you have training opportunities that you would like to share with the coalitions, please contact the SD DOH Training Coordinator LaJean Volmer at

[LaJean.Volmer@state.sd.us](mailto:LaJean.Volmer@state.sd.us)

**September is National Preparedness Month.** This year we are asking you to take action now – make a plan with your community, your family, and for your pets. Plan how to stay safe and communicate during the disasters that can affect your community. We ask everyone to participate in America's PrepareAthon! and the national day of action, National PrepareAthon! Day, which culminates National Preparedness Month on September 30.

Weekly focused themes

- Week 1: September 1-5th Flood
- Week 2: September 6-12th Wildfire
- Week 3: September 13-19th Hurricane
- Week 4: September 20-26th Power Outage
- Week 5: September 27-30th Lead up to National PrepareAthon! Day (September 30th)



[Click here](#) for more info or to get started!

## Introduction to the Incident Command System for Healthcare/Hospitals

This online FEMA course introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of ICS. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). This course uses the same objectives and content as other ICS courses with healthcare/hospital examples and exercises. [Click here](#) to begin this class.



## MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Partners in Preparedness:

In the last issue, I described the broad extent of planning and preparations taking place in anticipation of the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Today, I'm happy to report that although living up to expectations for attendance, none of the mass casualty preparations were called into action. From all accounts, the public health and medical response to this year's rally exceeded expectations and met every challenge.

Nearly all Black Hills area hospital and EMS providers set records for the number of patients cared for during the rally. Several times, one or more providers were within one or two patients of asking for outside assistance. However, advance planning and preparations such as increased staffing, on-call staffing, reducing elective procedures, and procuring additional equipment allowed these providers to surge up quickly as necessary to meet the daily need. Equipment breakdowns were quickly covered through mutual aid assistance from neighboring providers. For example, when an EMS agency had the brakes go out on one of their ambulances, a neighboring EMS agency loaned them an ambulance while theirs' was being repaired. Not only did this collaboration ensure that the community was covered during a time of high call volume, but it served as an example of the value and importance of partnerships, preparedness, and above all else, the mission to serve the citizens and visitors to South Dakota.

The success of the public health and medical response to this challenge demonstrates to me, the high value of an effective healthcare preparedness coalition. Without a history of working and planning together, I'm not sure the response would have been as successful. The Region 1 Healthcare Preparedness Coalition and Rally Planning is a model we can all learn from.

Sincerely,

Bill Chalcraft, Administrator

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SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## South Dakota Healthcare Coalition

**Mission:** To enhance statewide relationships for Healthcare Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery.

**Vision:** To significantly improve coordination of healthcare resources among South Dakota Healthcare Coalitions.

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# The Happy Hippo!

## WORD SEARCH

N X K A P W P S X G X B W R C  
 A E O C G E N F L A I M E K A  
 E Z W Q A O N U N N I P F O L  
 R P Q S Y P E C D J A D W O C  
 A X F A N S K E I P Q U X B U  
 S O R J T E R C D L L X O E L  
 E C Y I Z K A E A T J I B T A  
 R D C S I E L K K B M P H O T  
 Z K R E L U R K E P I W C N O  
 A H A I R C U T I R O C N L R  
 Q R C E Y X L L Y H S C U A T  
 Q Q D S R O S S I C S Z L R M  
 H I P P O P O T A M U S K I Q  
 W J N A A U V T B G V T I P X  
 S S U S F U B L N S E Z N S B

BACKPACK  
 BINDER  
 CALCULATOR  
 CRAYONS  
 ERASER  
 GLUE STICK  
 HAIRCUT

LUNCHBOX  
 NEW SNEAKERS  
 PENCIL  
 RULER  
 SCISSORS  
 SPIRAL NOTEBOOK  
 WIDE-RULED PAPER

## Bonus Word

H \_ \_ P \_ \_ O \_ \_ M \_ S

## MEDICAL MIX-UP! - MATCH THE AFFLICTION TO THE BODY PART!

1. Otosclerosis
2. Vitiligo
3. Rhinitis
4. Alopecia
5. Subungual Hematoma
6. Glossodynia
7. Conjunctivitis

- a. Nose
- b. Hair
- c. Toenail
- d. Eye
- e. Tongue
- f. Skin
- g. Ear

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