Each year the city of Sturgis is host to hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. With such a large event, the impact is felt throughout the region. Collecting the data on those impacts is an important part of response and preparedness for the agencies and communities of the Black Hills. Below are some of the stats from this year's rally.

Estimated Rally attendance: 376,000
EMS transports: 907
Rally-related ED visits: 330
Rally-related in-patients: 170
Reported Rally-related cases of diarrhea: 8
Administrations of Narcan by EMS: 3
Traffic fatalities: 8
Licensed temporary food vendors: 141
Temporary food inspections: 342
Pounds of discarded food: 735 lbs.
Body-piercing/tattoo shop inspections: 124
Campground water samples tested: 135
Water samples positive for coliforms: 10
Water samples positive for e. coli: 0
Rattlesnakes jumped by a daredevil: 2

NEW COALITION TRAVEL POLICY

With base awards a thing of the past, we've had to make some changes to the way we finance coalition activities, such as travel. A fiduciary committee was developed and over the past several months the committee developed a Travel and Reimbursement Policy as well as fillable forms including a Travel Worksheet, Travel Request, Travel Reimbursement and Travel Acceptance Agreement to make the process simple and uniform throughout the state. They are currently being reviewed for approval by the Governing Board and will be released soon!
COMMUNITY EXERCISE BRINGS CHANGE TO STATE COALITIONS

On July 15, Sanford Aberdeen participated in a disaster exercise with Wheat Growers, Brown County Emergency Management, Brown County Sheriff's Office, and several local fire and rescue agencies.

The exercise simulated a tornado destroying a Wheat Growers facility near Bath, causing anhydrous ammonia and fuel leaks.

Seven simulated patients were brought to Sanford Aberdeen, where staff were prepped and ready to practice decon, with showers ready in the ambulance bay near the emergency department.

Teams were able to practice using the new Versaflo PAPR systems. The exercise also allowed Sanford Aberdeen to practice an all-staff eICS callout. The teams discovered that by using Versaflo plugs, the units can be easily decontaminated.

As a result of this drill, a best practice was identified and acted upon. The Special Pathogens Workgroup has now purchased the plugs for 50% of each facility's new Versaflo kits that will be distributed at the September regional meetings.

REGION 1 - MASS CASUALTY EXERCISE PREPARES COALITION FOR RALLY

Roughly a month before the 2017 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Sturgis Ambulance hosted a mass casualty exercise for Black Hills responders. In the parking lot of Sturgis High School, they staged a three-vehicle accident between a bus, car, and motorcycle. Moulaged volunteers played the 50+ patients who needed triage, on-scene treatment, and transport to a hospital.

Ambulance services from Rapid City, Newell, and Belle Fourche joined Sturgis Ambulance Service in responding to the exercise. Black Hills LifeFlight also participated to practice air transports and landings at the staging area at the baseball field across from the Sturgis Fire Department.

An accident scene with 50 patients activates Rally medical surge plans where patients are distributed to nearby hospitals in Spearfish and Deadwood in addition to Sturgis and Rapid City.

Representatives from the Regional Health Transfer Center served as the on-scene Transport Officer to direct patients to specific hospitals based on triage category. Staff from Rapid City Regional Hospital used the Sturgis Ambulance bays to simulate and practice patient hand-offs with the paramedics and EMTs.

All in all, the exercise provided an excellent test of Rally medical surge plans and demonstrated the ability for EMS and hospitals to partner to efficiently distribute patients based on real time conditions at the hospitals.

REGION 2 - FAULKTON AREA MEDICAL CENTER - BIGGER AND BETTER

Faulkton Area Medical Center now includes another new addition. New as of August 2017 are: four inpatient rooms, two ERs, pharmacy and a nurse’s station which all are now up and running. Other areas that will be opening soon are Cardiac Rehab, Outpatient, Infusion Center including Chemo Therapy, and some new office spaces here at Faulkton Area Medical Center. The facility was newly constructed in 2007 and this is the second addition in 10 years. Faulkton Area Medical Center is excited about the addition and invites all to come and visit anytime. We would love to show you around.
REGION 3 – WELCOME TO OUR NEW REGION 3 MEMBERS

Interim HealthCare

Paul Millman Serves as the Manager of Interim Healthcare in Sioux Falls. He will be representing Interim in Region 3. Interim Healthcare provides a variety of home health, senior care, hospice, palliative care, pediatric care and healthcare staffing services. Interim operates in Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Spearfish.

Tealwood Senior Living

Sharon Kostboth-Harper is the Project Director of the Resident Safety Initiative for Tealwood Senior Living. Tealwood has over 40 skilled nursing and assisted living communities in Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

Good Samaritan Society

Good Samaritan Society is no stranger to the healthcare coalition. But we had a spot to fill when Jeff Herreid retired. We’re happy to welcome Heather Krzmarzick as the new Good Sam Representative.

Heather serves at the Executive Director of Good Samaritan Society Communities of Sioux Falls.

REGION 4 – SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

"Disasters Don’t Plan Ahead. You Can.” September is National Preparedness Month. The news is full of disasters every day; some are local, some are regional, and some are national or international. There are several disasters occurring around the nation currently: Hurricane Harvey hit Texas very hard; wildland fires are burning thousands of acres in Montana, Idaho, and California as well as many other states; and Hurricane Irma is about to make landfall and affect thousands. We’ve all worked very hard to be sure that our facilities and health care coalitions are prepared for all-hazards, but how many of us have prepared at home as well? No matter what happens, if you don’t plan at home you probably won’t be able to keep your mind on your work if and when a disaster happens in your community. Take advantage of the tools that are on the web and make a plan for yourself and your family. Plan in your community and continue to plan at your facility. We will all be more resilient and stronger as individuals, families, facilities, communities and as healthcare coalitions if we do.

Region 4 facilities have been busy transitioning from the past grant year to the new one by completing grant paperwork, etc. Take time to think about yourself and your family’s preparedness as you are working on your facility and health care coalition preparedness.

Click here for more information about National Preparedness Month

MASS FATALITY-GARTH HAS ARRIVED

After months of planning, building and waiting, GARTH, our new refrigerated trailer is here. The new 20-foot trailer will be used for mass fatality responses. It is equipped with five rolling racks and stainless steel trays that can accommodate 20 decedents. It also features an enclosed storage area in the front that can be used for transporting supplies such as backboards and body bags.

GARTH will be prepositioned at the DOT/Highway Patrol Office in Sioux Falls, along with MACKS, our mobile autopsy unit. Our other refrigerated trailer, MORTY, is prepositioned in Rapid City.
I’m still here….

I will be assisting the Coalition for a few more months in a slightly different capacity by leading the Executive Director Workgroup in the recruitment process. The goal is to have the new Director selected in early October. He/she will attend the October Governing Board meeting and the November regional meetings; join other SD representatives at the National Conference in San Diego; become acquainted with all of the workgroups; and continue with the Partnership Project activities.

I will also lend support to the workgroups as needed. Having regional representation is vital to addressing the theme we have used for years—statewide planning while maintaining the uniqueness of each region. Established workgroups (1) Suspected Pathogens; (2) Patient Movement; (3) Executive Engagement; (4) and Inter-Regional Conference will be continued. Two workgroups are just starting this grant year (1) Coalition Cache and (2) Prepared Plan Development. Please consider joining a workgroup when there is a need for regional representatives.

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Retired’ish

STATEWIDE VERSAFLO DISTRIBUTION IN SEPTEMBER

As you know, this year we embarked on a five year mission to replace AirMate and Breathe-Easy systems with the new Versaflo TR-600 system. The Versaflo works for both biological and chemical applications making it much more versatile and user friendly.

Fortunately we were able to do some finagling in order to take advantage of rebate opportunities. So our five year mission turned into a one year mission!

A few hospitals have already received their PAPRs, but we have plenty more (501) to distribute.

Region 1 - 118 Region 2 - 90 Region 3 - 122 Region 4 – 171

At the September Regional meetings you will all receive your new PAPR systems. Chuck Kevghas will be at our meetings to do distribution and a training session. He will also provide a training flash drive for each facility to assist you with staff trainings.

After you have completed training with your staff, you can put the new equipment in the old bag. Some of you may want to keep back some of the old kits (Breathe-Easy & AirMates). This is fine, but you will be responsible for maintaining them. The state will no longer support those systems. For others, we will set up collection of old PAPRs for a later date.

If you have any questions about distribution, returning old equipment or training, please contact your Regional Coordinator.

We’ll see you in September!
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.

SD Department of Public Safety
Office of Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management offers emergency management training courses based on FEMA's training and classes offered at the Emergency Management Institute.

Additionally, workshops are presented throughout the year addressing emergency management issues pertinent to South Dakota and this region. Anyone in the public or private sector with involvement in emergency management can participate in these training activities.

Click here for more information and training calendars.

L952-Public Information Officer – October 16-20th, Sioux Falls

This course is designed for a PIO assigned to an incident as a member of an All-Hazard Incident Management Team (AHIMTs), Local IMTs, as well as for the PIO assigned to an incident as an assistant PIO in a variety of capacities. This course will help students develop a strong set of core PIO skills and the ability to apply them within the context of an AHIMT. This course is also distinct from other information function courses in that it combines elements from both the basic and advanced function to concentrate training on the fundamental duties and responsibilities of PIO in an all-hazard environment.

The course material does not assume or require experience as a PIO, but also is not a basic PIO course. Exercises, simulations, discussions, and a final exam enable students to process and apply their new knowledge.

Prerequisites:
ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300, IS-700, IS-800

Click here for more information and to register.

Social Media Workshop – September 26/27 in Pierre

This training will provide participants with a basic understanding of social media including the definition, history and prevalence of social media; how to effectively use social media in emergency response work and emergency media.

Click here for more information and to register.

Active Shooter - September 25th in Pierre

This is a one-day event. Concept elements from A.L.I.C.E., Run Hide Fight and Protecting Soft Targets will be discussed.

Instruction will include:
- Recognizing Suspicious Behaviors
- What to do in the event
- What to do in the Aftermath

Click here for more information and to register.

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, email Sam Hill at Samantha.Hill@state.sd.us.

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Healthcare Preparedness Partners:

As we watch the disaster unfold in Texas, it reminds us just how important and relevant our work is. Just because we’re insulated from hurricanes, doesn’t mean the threats we do face have any less of an impact. Most of the devastation from Hurricane Harvey has been caused by catastrophic flooding. Flooding is a fairly common event in South Dakota; sometimes with significant damage to property and infrastructure and occasionally with loss of life. Fires, winter storms, and loss of power are also fairly common events. Some of these are slow moving disasters that may give us hours to a few days to ready ourselves. Others, such as tornadoes, can strike with little to no warning. All of these can have widespread and significant impacts. Some may require your facility or your family to evacuate.

Please take the time to look at your family preparedness plans as well as your facility’s plans and procedures. Are there lessons to be learned from Harvey that can improve your future response to disaster? Are there lessons you can take from recent exercises you participated in? Please feel free to enlist the help of one of our DOH regional coordinators or other coalition members. There are numerous resources that may assist you. The updates and refinements you make may just make the difference between an adequate response and an exceptional response.

Thanks again for your on-going preparedness efforts. They will pay dividends...

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