

# DelValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness

## October 2013 Newsletter



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### Featured Classroom Course

#### **Emergency Planning for the Diverse Needs of Communities**

November 5, 2013

Applicable for a wide audience, this full-day course highlights the importance of planning efforts that integrate the diverse needs of populations. Through a combination of lecture, videos, and interactive group work, the course introduces the Whole Community Emergency Planning Framework and outlines the role and responsibility of emergency management and ESF #8 stakeholders in supporting inclusive emergency planning for communities. Participants will walk away with a wealth of resources including best practices, lessons learned, and contact information that will help them strengthen their planning processes to protect the diverse needs of communities in the event of a disaster. [Log into the Learning Center](#) today to reserve a spot!

*"It was an 'eye-opener' - lots of different aspects to consider. It is a big job!"*

*"Both instructors: extremely knowledgeable of subject matter and both encouraged group participation."*

### Upcoming Webinar

**The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS): Implementation and Training**  
**Coming in November!**

By December 1, 2013, over 43 million workers across the country will need to be trained on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). The GHS, which is being implemented worldwide, provides standardized label elements assigned by hazard class and category as well as a standardized format of Safety Data Sheets (SDS). To improve the safety and health of workers, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has modified the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to bring the United States into alignment with this new system.

This awareness-level webinar provides an overview of the GHS implementation in the United States, and summarizes the OSHA [training requirement](#) for the December 1st compliance deadline.

Don't miss this timely webinar designed for managers and supervisors tasked with meeting this new OSHA mandate! Watch for an announcement and registration link on the Learning Center, <https://delvalle.bphc.org>.

## Upcoming Courses



**All-Hazards Disaster Response and Protection for Healthcare Personnel - Awareness**  
Various Dates



**Boston MRC Orientation**  
Various Dates



**First Responder/ Hazardous Worker Emergency Response - Defensive Operations**  
October 21-25, 2013



**Applying the Incident Command System (ICS) to Your Healthcare Emergency Response**  
October 20, 2013



**Emergency Planning for the Diverse Needs of Communities**  
November 5, 2013



**All-Hazards Disaster Response and Protection for Healthcare Workers - Operations**  
November 20-22, 2013



**Core Disaster Life Support (CDLS)**

December 5, 2013 and  
December 10, 2013

*"Well balanced descriptions and explanations drawing from experience and current topic research/procedures."*

*"I have taken this course for years. [The instructor] is superb."*

## Online Learning

**Visit our Learning Center for more information on eLearning opportunities:**

### **Online Courses**

[Community Preparedness Basics: Get Ready. Be Safe. Stay Healthy.](#)

[Continuity of Operations Planning \(COOP\): Awareness](#)

[Emergency Operations Planning \(EOP\): Awareness](#)

[Emergency Risk Communication for Public Health Professionals](#)

[Hazard Vulnerability Analysis \(HVA\) Planning: Awareness](#)

[Incident Command System \(ICS\): Just-in-Time Training](#)

[Mass Casualty Incident \(MCI\) Triage: Awareness](#)

[Mass Dispensing Clinics: Just-in-Time Training](#)

**Visit our [Knowledge Base](#) to learn more about topics including:**

- Shelter Operations FNSS
- Hospital-Based Decontamination
- Planning for the Diverse Needs of Communities

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## Emergency Preparedness News, Updates, and Affiliated Trainings

### **Emergency Risk Communication in Practice**

Communicating effectively about risk is a critical part of managing crises. Jointly developed by the Center of Excellence for Emergency Preparedness Education & Training (CEEPET), the DelValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness, and the Local Public Health Institute of Massachusetts, this four-hour training provides participants with the tools to create effective messages. For more information or to register for the October 22nd training, visit <http://tinyurl.com/emergriskcomm>

### **Twitter Alerts for Emergencies**

Last month Twitter announced a new feature that will allow users to receive emergency information directly from vetted, credible organizations. Called Twitter Alerts, the feature will be used to share critical information during incidents to keep people safe and well-informed. Participating U.S. organizations include the American Red Cross, FEMA regions, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as state and local agencies such as the Boston Police Department. To learn more about the alerts, visit <http://tinyurl.com/twitteralertsfeature>

## Partners

The Institute has great partners in emergency preparedness trainings for public health and healthcare providers in Massachusetts, including:

- [UMass Medical School Center of Excellence for Emergency Preparedness Education & Training \(CEEPET\)](#)
- [The Local Public Health Institute](#)
- [The Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center at the Harvard School of Public Health \(H-PERLC\)](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health](#)
- [Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [Mayor's Office of Emergency Management \(OEM\)](#)
- [Department of Homeland Security](#)

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