

DelValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness

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Featured Webinar

Patient Tracking: Behind the Scenes of Family Reunification and Patient Support

March 27, 2014 11:00 AM EST

From low technology systems, such as the paper and pencil method, to more advanced electronic systems, patient tracking plays a critical role in reunifying families and providing resources for long term support. Join Alison Parmar, Chair of the COBTH Emergency Management Committee, and the Office of Public Health Preparedness' Stacey Kokaram as they outline patient tracking methods. This one-hour webinar will also describe the larger structure in which patient tracking is integrated; detail the use, value, and security requirements needed for sharing patient location information with approved parties; and use examples from the 2013 Boston Marathon to illustrate the importance of patient tracking in providing patient care. **[Log into the Learning Center to register today!](#)**

Upcoming Courses



Applying the Incident Command System (ICS) to Your Healthcare Emergency Response
January 16, 2014

Boston MRC Orientation
Various Dates

Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Made Practical
June 3, 2014



Core Disaster Life Support (CDLS)
May 15, 2014

Emergency Planning for the Diverse Needs of Communities
April 9, 2014
April 10, 2014

First Responder/Hazardous Worker Emergency Response-Defensive Operations
March 24, 2014-
March 28, 2014

"Very great speakers, easy to follow, engaging!"

"Always fantastic - presents material in an interesting and relatable, and memorable way."

Online Learning

Visit our Learning Center for more information on online learning 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

Lessons from Atlanta

Last month, after two inches of snow crippled Atlanta causing severe gridlock, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) created their top 5 lessons learned from the situation. These preparedness lessons - which include keeping your gas tanks full - are applicable for anyone who may be caught in an emergency situation. To view the full list of lessons learned, visit <http://tinyurl.com/cdclessonslearned>

Emergency Preparedness and Response: What's New

The CDC's "What's New" webpage contains a list of new items posted on their *Emergency Preparedness and Response* website. The list, organized by date, contains a brief synopsis of each post and links readers to more information. In January alone, there were a total of 11 updates on varying topics ranging from recommendations for clinicians for the 2013-2014 influenza season to caring for pets during winter weather. To view the entire list, visit <http://tinyurl.com/cdceprnew>

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 \(CEPET\)](#)
- [The Local Public Health Institute \(LPHI\)](#)
- [The Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center at the Harvard School of Public Health \(H-PERLC\)](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health \(MDPH\)](#)
- [Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency \(MEMA\)](#)
- [Mayor's Office of Emergency Management \(OEM\)](#)
- [Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\)](#)

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