

# Currently in the Coalition

## Updates from the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition—February 2025

### TBHMPC Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) for 2024-25

The Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition has completed our 2024-2025 Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Gap Analysis Report, and it is accessible [here on our website](#). The top risks and gaps that were identified are displayed below. The report contains the methodology on this assessment process, as well as a plethora of regional data, including our updated TBHMPC Regional Vulnerability Profile. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our HVA survey and provide valuable information for this process.

#### TBHMPC Top 12 Hazards for 2024-2025

1	Tropical Cyclones (Hurricanes, Tropical Storms)
2	Severe Weather (Hail, Lightning, Microbursts, Thunderstorms)
3	Disease Outbreak/Pandemic
4	Critical Infrastructure Disruption (Communications, Power, Utilities)
5	Extreme Heat
6	Flooding & Flash Floods
7	Cyber Attack
8	Staffing Shortages
9	Tornadoes
10	Supply Chain Shortages
11	Violent Acts (non-Terrorism)
12	Hazardous Materials (Fixed Site and Transportation)

#### TBHMPC Top 10 Gaps for 2024-2025

1	Cyber Security & Downtime Preparedness
2	Healthcare Staffing & Retention
3	Communications Planning & Equipment
4	Healthcare Mental Health & Resiliency
5	Infectious Disease Control & Response
6	Evacuation & Shelter Support
7	Medical Surge Equipment & Supplies
8	Mass Casualty Incident Response (including Decontamination)
9	Supply Chain Integrity
10	Community & Healthcare System Recovery

### Severe Weather Awareness Week 2025

[Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week](#) (February 3-7) is an annual observance coordinated by the National Weather Service and the Florida Division of Emergency Management, aimed at enhancing public awareness and preparedness for severe weather hazards. Throughout this week, a variety of educational initiatives, community outreach programs, and practical drills are implemented to empower residents with the knowledge necessary to develop effective preparedness plans. By engaging in these activities, Floridians are better equipped to respond to potential threats, including hurricanes, thunderstorms, and tornadoes.

**SAVE THE DATE—Thursday, April 24th from 9am—12pm**

for our **TBHMPC Coalition-Wide Annual Full-Scale Mass Casualty & Medical Surge Exercise**. All organization types from hospitals to home health agencies will have an opportunity to play. More details to come soon via email & Coalition meetings!



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#### Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pinellas CHAMP:  
February 7th

Hardee Health  
Care Coalition:  
February 12th

Hernando ESF-8 WG:  
February 13th

Sumter ESF-8 WG:  
February 20th

For more info on attending these meetings, please reach out to the County Chairperson. Contact info is available on [our website](#)

## Important Updates

### American Heart Month

American Heart Month focuses on raising awareness about cardiovascular health and preventing heart disease. The American Heart Association utilizes this month to educate communities about heart disease, the leading cause of death in women, to honor heart heroes, and to urge every family in the U.S. to join the Nation of Life-savers by learning CPR.

American Heart Association.



### [National Wear Red Day Activation Guide 2025](#)

### Alzheimer's And Dementia Staff Education Week—February 14-21

[The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners, or NCCDP](#) is offering a free toolkit for The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week, which runs from Feb. 14-21. This toolkit includes in services that are designed to be taught in a half an hour to front line staff and health care professionals who deal with patients with Alzheimer's and dementia. Please visit [Alzheimer's & Dementia Training & Education Center](#)

## Upcoming Trainings & Events

[The Southwest Florida Health Care Coalition](#) is graciously sharing extra seats in their upcoming **Virtual Continuity of Operations (COOP) Planning Tabletop Exercises!** Join for a virtual exercise designed to test your COOP and provide you with some tips and tricks for design and implementation. During the exercise you will participate in facilitated, scenario-based discussions. This exercise is for all healthcare organization (residential and non-residential) on [February 24<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 4:30pm](#) .



**Emergency Management Training** – Registration on [SERT TRAC](#).

- G-400 Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff at Citrus EOC. [Tuesday, Feb 11, 2025 - Wednesday, Feb 12, 2025](#)
- G-400 Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff at St. Petersburg Fire Rescue Headquarters. [Tuesday, Feb 11, 2025 - Wednesday, Feb 12, 2025](#)
- L-146 HSEEP: Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Training Course at Pasco County Emergency Operations Center. [Tuesday, Feb 18, 2025 - Wednesday, Feb 19, 2025](#)
- L-956 NIMS ICS All-Hazards Liaison Officer at Pasco County Emergency Operations Center. [Thursday, Feb 27, 2025 - Friday, Feb 28, 2025](#)
- G-300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents at Manatee Public Safety Center. [Wednesday, Feb 26, 2025 - Friday, Feb 28, 2025](#)

### Hospital Emergency Response Team Training with BayCare

Contact any EM specialist for more information and registration.

- February 19th at Bartow Regional Medical Center. Contact Tim Allen, [timothy.allen@baycare.org](mailto:timothy.allen@baycare.org)
- February 27th at Morton Plant Hospital. Contact John Crowley II, [john.crowleyII@baycare.org](mailto:john.crowleyII@baycare.org)
- March 20th at St. Joseph's North. Contact Patty Cravey, [patricia.cravey@baycare.org](mailto:patricia.cravey@baycare.org)



## **BOLDPlanning COOP & CEMP Development Platform**

Let's start 2025 by improving your CEMP and COOP Plans in the BOLDPlanning Platform! All healthcare facilities and organizations in Florida can utilize this platform for your Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) or Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) at no cost to you, paid for by the Florida Health Care Coalitions! We have a variety of CEMP Development Workshops as well as COOP Development Workshops scheduled over the next few months, to help you get started. To request access to the platform complete the [access request form](#).

### **CEMP Development Workshops:**

- [Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 1pm – 5pm](#)
- [Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 1pm – 5pm](#)

### **COOP Development Workshops:**

- [Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 1pm – 5pm](#)



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## **Continuity of Operations and Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan**

Development Software Powered  
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### **5 Ways Our Tool Can Help You:**

1. Quickly create a COOP and CEMP that meet state and federal requirements
2. Invite team members to work together in real-time
3. Mobile-friendly, with a companion app that allows you to access your emergency plans on the go
4. Planning tutorials and best practices embedded in the software
5. Make data-driven decisions with the reporting features

***Act fast and get started today!***



## Coalition Highlights



Oldsmar Fire Rescue hosted an outstanding event called "The City of Oldsmar Touch a Truck." The Tampa Bay Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition (TBHMPC) contributed support by providing signage, a Stop the Bleed kit, and a fire extinguisher trainer.



OLDSMAR FIRE RESCUE PRESENTS

# TOUCH A TRUCK

SATURDAY JANUARY 18\*  
10AM-2PM FREE ADMISSION  
OLDSMAR FIRE RESCUE STATION  
225 PINE AVENUE NORTH

**FEATURING**

PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT	STOP THE BLEED DEMO	FINGERPRINTING FOR KIDS
EXTRICATION DEMO	<b>FREE FAMILY FUN!</b>	RESCUE VEHICLES
K-9 UNIT DEMO	FOOD TRUCK VENDOR	CPR DEMO
AIR TRANSPORT HELICOPTER	LIVE FIRE DEMO	FIRE HOSE PRACTICE
PLENTY OF PARKING		

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH








\*WEATHER PERMITTING



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**We want to hear from you!** If you would like to share a highlight or from your organization in a future Coalition newsletter or publication, please email it to Turea at

[TBHMPC2@gmail.com](mailto:TBHMPC2@gmail.com).





### N-95 Fit Testing for Healthcare Train-the-Trainer Class

Bill Howe, the logistics coordinator, facilitated a Porta Count fit testing class at the Department of Health in Wakulla County and Madison. During the session, he emphasized the importance of proper mask fitting to ensure maximum protection for healthcare workers. Participants engaged in hands-on activities to practice the techniques, enhancing their understanding of the process and its significance in maintaining safety standards.



Save the date! Registration will be available soon!

# Hazards & Healthcare

## 2025 HAZARDS & HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE

"Strength in Adversity: Lessons for Healthcare Preparedness"

Join Us for This Must-Attend Healthcare Preparedness Event!

The 2025 Hazards & Healthcare Conference brings together healthcare professionals, emergency responders, public health experts, and policy makers to learn, discuss, and plan for future challenges in healthcare preparedness.

### WHY ATTEND?

- STAY AHEAD OF THE CURVE WITH CURRENT TRENDS AND STRATEGIES.
- LEARN PRACTICAL LESSONS FROM PREVIOUS HEALTH CRISES.
- ENGAGE WITH EXPERTS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR PREPAREDNESS PLANS.
- COLLABORATE AND NETWORK TO BUILD STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT HEALTHCARE TEAMS.

**JUNE 4-5, 2025 AT  
SADDLEBROOK RESORT  
WESLEY CHAPEL**

