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Updates from the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition—*March 2025*

2025 Hazards & Healthcare Conference

“Strength in Adversity: Lessons for Healthcare Preparedness”

Join Us for This Must-Attend Healthcare Preparedness Event—**June 4th and 5th at Saddlebrook Resort in Wesley Chapel!**

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.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in interactive workshops, panel discussions, and live demonstrations that cover a range of critical topics, from disaster response coordination to mental health support in emergencies. The expo will feature an impressive lineup of speakers who are leaders in their fields, sharing their insights and experiences to help improve community resilience.

Don't miss the chance to explore innovative technologies and solutions in the exhibit hall, where vendors will showcase the latest advancements in emergency preparedness and healthcare support tools. Whether you are a healthcare provider, emergency responder, or community member, this expo offers valuable resources and knowledge to enhance your preparedness efforts.

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.

Ticket Information

Don't miss out on this opportunity to enhance your knowledge and preparedness in the healthcare field! **Tickets will go on sale on Monday, March 10th**, so watch your email inbox for the registration link! Ticket prices are listed below.

- \$125.00 Early Bird - Workshops and Conference (After April 4th- \$150.00)
- \$115.00 Conference Day Only (June 5)
- \$115.00 Student – Workshops and Conference



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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pasco County HMPC:
March 10th

Manatee CHAMP:
March 12th

Hillsborough County
Health Care Coalition:
March 18th

Citrus ESF-8 WG:
March 26th

Polk County Health
Care Coalition:
March 27th



Save the Dates—June 4th & 5th at Saddlebrook Resort!

Important Updates

High and Rising Rates of Workplace Violence and Employer Failure to Implement Effective Prevention Strategies is Contributing to the Staffing Crisis

Health care workers are experiencing a surge in workplace violence rates nationally, which has been exacerbated by the health care industry's actions during the Covid-19 pandemic. This report analyzes new data, gathered in 2023 by National Nurses United (NNU), the largest labor union and professional association for registered nurses (RNs) in the United States, regarding nurses' recent experiences of workplace violence. Survey data was collected from nearly 1,000 nurses working in 48 states and D.C. In-depth focus group discussions were held with 31 NNU members from seven states to gather detailed accounts of nurses' experiences of workplace violence and employer prevention and response. This data underlines the need for additional action to protect nurses, other health care workers, and their patients. Read more [here](#).

Disability Awareness Month

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is an annual observance held in March to increase public awareness about developmental disabilities and promote inclusivity, acceptance, and understanding for individuals with these conditions.

The month-long campaign aims to educate the public, challenge stereotypes, and highlight the unique abilities and accomplishments of people with developmental disabilities. This year's [National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities](#) (NACDD) theme is "A World of Opportunities".



To support our community, we invite you to join the Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida at the 8th Annual Marion County Emergency Preparedness Expo. The event will take place on March 25, 2025, from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm at the College of Central Florida- Ewers Century Center, located at 3001 SW College Road, Ocala, FL 34474. Please register at www.cilncf.org. For further information, contact Kevin Towles via email at ktowles@cilncf.org or by phone at 352-368-3788.

Upcoming Trainings & Events

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

- G-2300 Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions
 - ⇒ Hardee County Health Dept.- [Tuesday, Mar 04, 2025 - Thursday, Mar 06, 2025](#)
 - ⇒ Pinellas County Publix Safety- [Monday, Mar 17, 2025 - Wednesday, Mar 19, 2025](#)
- G-400 Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff at Pasco EOC. [Thursday, Mar 20, 2025 - Friday, Mar 21, 2025](#)
- G-300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents at City of Tampa. [Wednesday, Mar 26, 2025 - Friday, Mar 28, 2025](#)



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SERT TRAC SYSTEM UPDATE **SERT TRAC USERS MUST DOWNLOAD CERTIFICATES**

- SERT TRAC System Update will be conducted on April 5th, 2025.
- Impact: Certificates uploaded to SERT TRAC 1.0 **WILL NOT** carry over to the new system



ACTION REQUIRED



- Log in to SERT TRAC.
<https://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/loginform.aspx>
- Go to your certificates
- Download your certificates.

Detecting Contamination Hospital First Receivers (PER-370)

This one-day training course is designed for Emergency Medical Services and Medical Health Care providers who have awareness level training on radiological/nuclear emergency response. This course will provide further understanding into the EMS response component to radiological/nuclear accidents and Radiological/Nuclear Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) incidents.

Training Dates:

- March 11th at TBHMPC Office in Largo—[Register here.](#)
- March 12th at St. Joseph's Hospital South in Riverview—[Register here.](#)
- March 13th at HCA Florida Oak Hill Hospital in Brooksville—[Register here.](#) (Almost full)



Detecting Contamination Hospital First Receivers (PER-370)

Hosted By: HCA Florida Oak Hill Hospital

Location: 11375 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34613

Hours: 0800-1600

Dates: Thursday, March 13th, 2025

Course Length: 8 hrs. (7 contact hrs.)

Recommended Prerequisites:

AWR-140 or AWR-140-W Awareness and Response to Radiological/Nuclear Incidents

Course Description:

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The course will continue to prepare providers with additional response knowledge related to radiological/nuclear threats, protective measures for both patient and care giver, and basic post incident recovery processes.



2025 TBHMPC MASS CASUALTY EXERCISE

A Coalition-Wide Full Scale Exercise Opportunity

Thursday, April 24th from 9am -12pm

✓ Hospitals

- Activate Incident Command
- Receive a Surge of Patients
- Exercise Triage & Decontamination

✓ All Other Healthcare Organizations

- Activate CEMP
- Test Communications Plans
- Discuss Facility Protection & Continuity of Operations



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**Click here
to sign up!**

Questions? Contact Hunter.Zager@TampaBayHMPC.org

TBHMPC Long Term Care Preparedness Series—Workplace Violence

Join us for a webinar on strategies for prevention of workplace violence in long term care facilities! On [March 20th from 2pm—3pm](#) and [March 25th from 10am—11am](#), Joe Repucci with Jensen-Hughes will guide us through these strategies. One CEU is available through FHCA. Register by clicking the links above. (Both webinars are identical.)



TBHMPC Long Term Care Preparedness Webinar Series

SECURING OUR HEALING SPACES

A Strategic Guide to Preventing Workplace Violence in Healthcare
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Joe Repucci with Jensen-Hughes will be presenting a 1-hour webinar just for long-term care facilities on strategies for preventing workplace violence. Once CEU is available through the Florida Health Care Association. Both webinars are identical.

OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ Identify Key Risk Factors & Warning Signs
- ✓ Evaluate Response Models
- ✓ Understand Regulatory Requirements
- ✓ Analyze Real-World Case Studies
- ✓ Develop an Effective Emergency Action Plan

Thursday, March 20th at 2pm
[Register Here.](#)

Tuesday, March 25th at 10am
[Register Here.](#)

Questions?



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Hospital Emergency Response Team Training with BayCare -Contact any BayCare EM specialist for more information and registration.

- March 20th at St. Joseph's North. Contact Patty Cravey, patria.cravey@baycare.org
- March 27th at Mease Countryside Hospital. Contact John Crowley II, john.crowleyII@baycare.org
- If you are interested in hosting a HERT-B class for your hospital, reach out to the TBHMP-C/Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital teaching team! The contact is Karen Macauley—Karen.Macauley@jhmi.edu.



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:

- [Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 from 1pm – 5pm](#)
- [Thursday, April 17th, 2025 from 1pm-5pm](#)

COOP Development Workshops:

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



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5. Make data-driven decisions with the reporting features

Act fast and get started today!

Cybersecurity Workshop for Critical Infrastructure with CyberFlorida

The Critical Infrastructure Protection Program at CyberFlorida is offering a Cybersecurity Workshop for Critical Infrastructure (which includes healthcare!) on March 14th from 8:45am-4:00pm at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Sarasota. [Click here to register or for more info.](#)



Join us for a dynamic cybersecurity workshop tailored to Florida's critical infrastructure sectors.

- Receive actionable recommendations for enhancing compliance with Florida Statute 282.318
- See an overview of Cyber Florida's no-cost solutions and services to strengthen your organization's cyber defenses.
- Engage in an exciting tabletop exercise hosted by the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium (NUARI), offering hands-on experience in responding to cyber incidents.

Don't miss this chance to improve your cybersecurity posture and resilience!

Pinellas County Amateur Radio Licensing Course

Pinellas County is offering an amateur radio licensing course to expand the network of licensed operators who can assist in providing communications during disasters. See the below flyer for dates in this multi-day course starting March 11th. [Click here to register.](#)

Amateur Radio Licensing Course

Are you interested in emergency communications, public service, or talking to people worldwide? Getting your amateur radio license is easier than you think!

Get Licensed – Get Connected – Get Involved!

Dates

All sessions must be attended of this multi-day course to be eligible for a license.

Tuesday, March 11 18:30 – 20:30
Thursday, March 13 18:30 – 20:30
Saturday, March 15 09:00 – 15:00
Sunday, March 17 09:00 – 12:00

Pinellas County Public Safety Complex
10750 Ulmerton Rd.
Largo, FL 33778

Pre-registration Link

[AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING COURSE](#)

This no-cost course is limited to 30 attendees, with priority being given to shelter managers, hospital partners, Public Works Utilities, and CERT members on a first-come-first-served basis.

Once submitted, your request will be reviewed, and a confirmation email sent to the email you provide.



Course Objectives

- Learn the basics of radio operation, FCC rules, and electronics.
- Take the exam. Exams are given by local Volunteer Examiners and cover multiple-choice questions.
- Upon completion of the course and exam, attendees will be eligible to obtain an Amateur Radio License for \$35 via the FCC. Further instructions will be provided during the course.

Why Get Licensed?

- Provide official communications during disasters
- Connect with local and international radio operators
- Get hands-on experience with radio technology
- Support public events and emergency response teams

Contact Information

If you have any questions about the course or need help registering, please contact:

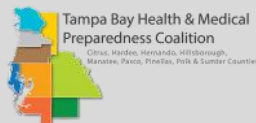
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Semper Paramus Ut Servemus...

...Always Preparing In Order To Protect

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.



Coalition Highlights



Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA)

Congratulations to this year's "Chad Reed" Emergency Management Professional of the Year award! Throughout Florida's historic 2024 hurricane season, Cathie provided steadfast leadership, guiding her team through the challenges of Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton with unparalleled skill and composure.

Cathie's unwavering dedication to her community was evident in her compassionate approach, addressing residents' concerns and fostering collaboration across multiple agencies. Her efforts ensured both immediate response and long-term recovery, saving lives and reinforcing community resilience. Join us in celebrating Cathie Perkins for her outstanding contributions and well-deserved recognition!



Our industry relies on the generosity and hard work of our corporate partners. FEPA was thrilled to present the Corporate Award to EREC and their visionary co-founders, Lee and Teresa Newsome. Their leadership has been instrumental in advancing FEPA's mission. For over a dozen years, EREC has been a steadfast supporter, active participant, and sponsor in the emergency management community. Join us in celebrating EREC, Lee, and Teresa Newsome for their extraordinary contributions and unwavering support. Congratulations from TBHMPC for this well-deserved recognition!



Manatee Memorial Hospital (MMH) Becomes First in Southwest Florida to Offer Innovative Renal Denervation Procedure to Treat High Blood Pressure!

MMH is proud to announce the successful treatment of its first patients using the new Symplicity Spyral renal denervation (RDN) procedure, now available for certain patients with high blood pressure (hypertension). This groundbreaking procedure, which was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in November 2023, offers a minimally invasive option for patients whose hypertension remains uncontrolled despite lifestyle changes and antihypertensive medications. The procedure, known as renal denervation, targets the overactive nerves in the kidneys that play a role in high blood pressure. By using a minimally invasive approach, this treatment delivers energy to these nerves, helping to reduce the signals that contribute to high blood pressure. Renal denervation offers a promising new solution for patients who have not been able to control their blood pressure with other treatments.

