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Updates from the Tampa Bay Health &Medical Preparedness Coalition—*October 2026*

2027 Hazards & Healthcare Conference Call for Educational Sessions

The Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition is excited to announce that the Call for Educational Sessions is now open for the 2027 Hazards & Healthcare Conference (HazHC), taking place May 5–6, 2027, at the St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater.

Under this year's theme, **Leading the Future of Healthcare Preparedness**, we are seeking engaging, relevant, and practical educational sessions that highlight innovative approaches, share lessons learned, challenge conventional thinking, and provide attendees with ideas and strategies they can take back to their organizations and communities. Whether your experience comes from a real-world incident, an innovative preparedness initiative, emerging technology, research, an exercise, a successful partnership, or simply finding a better way to address a persistent preparedness challenge, we want to hear from you. HazHC brings together professionals from healthcare, public health, emergency management, EMS, long-term care, healthcare coalitions, government, academia, and our many preparedness partners. We welcome both individual and collaborative proposals that contribute to the multidisciplinary conversation surrounding the future of healthcare preparedness.

We are also excited to announce that HazHC 2027 will feature nationally recognized keynote speakers Amanda Ripley and Dwight Bain, bringing compelling perspectives on human behavior during disasters, leadership, resilience, and decision-making in times of crisis. Their participation is just one part of the program we are building for 2027, and we are looking for educational sessions that complement that experience with additional expertise, innovation, and practical lessons from across the preparedness community.

Educational Session proposals must be submitted no later than October 30, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Selected presenters will be notified in December 2026 following review by the HazHC Planning Committee.

Submit your educational session proposal: HazHC 2027 Educational Session Submission Form

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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pinellas County
October 2nd

Hernando County
October 8th

Hardee County
October 14th

Sumter County
October 15th

Important Updates

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month!

Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2026 urges every individual, organization, and community to proactively strengthen America's digital defenses, emphasizing that resilience starts now and every action counts.

This year's theme is **Securing the Next 250,** which recognizes the nation's 250th anniversary and focuses on building a secure digital future for America's next era. Read more here.

Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill– The Great Southeast

This year's International ShakeOut Day is October 15, when millions of people worldwide will participate in earthquake drills at work, school, or home!

At 10:15 a.m. (local time) on 10/15, you can join millions of people across the world practicing earthquake safety.

While we encourage participation with everyone, you can register your ShakeOut drill for any day of the year, and drill at a time of your choice. You can also include people in multiple locations through video conferencing. See more information and register here.

October Is National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month, ADHD Awareness Month & So Much More!

October is filled with a focus on mental health education and depression awareness. The entire month is filled with sharing information and awareness of screenings and prevention. For more information on each observance, along with links to information where you can learn more about ideas on how to participate, click here.

Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition Mission Support Partner Program

Deployed Logistics (DLX) is proud to support the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition through its Mission Support Partner Program. The program strengthens regional readiness by connecting healthcare and emergency-response partners with responsive, field-ready logistical support when coordinated action matters most.

Through a collaborative approach, DLX works alongside Coalition partners to understand operational priorities and align resources with the realities of each mission. From preparedness planning to on-the-ground execution, this partnership helps teams respond to complex health and medical emergencies with greater speed, coordination, and confidence.

At its core, the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition Mission Support Partner Program reflects a shared commitment to readiness, adaptability, and dependable service. By building strong partnerships before, during, and after a deployment, the Coalition and DLX help turn demanding requirements into coordinated action that supports a more resilient Tampa Bay region.

To learn more about DLX and its services, visit deployedlogix.com.

Training & Exercise Opportunities

CFDMC Florida Pediatric Readiness Webinar

The Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition is hosting a one-hour webinar on the new Florida Pediatric Readiness Requirements from the Healthcare Patient Protection Act. John Wilgis from Florida Hospital Association will go over the key legislative changes, and hospitals will have an opportunity to ask questions and share any best practices. The webinar is scheduled for:

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 from 2 to 3 pm EST. Click here to join. Meeting ID: 361 584 1429, Passcode: q8C2Cf

Training from the Center for Domestic Preparedness for Florida HCCs

The Florida Health Care Coalitions have partnered to bring key virtual instructor-led courses from the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, AL to our members and partners. Below are the upcoming classes.

- **Patient Management: Receiving a Highly Infectious Disease Patient (HIDV3)** on October 14, 2026 from 10-11:45am.
- **Field Medical Tactics during an Emergency Response to an Active Assailant Incident** on Wednesday, November 4th from 11am – 12pm
- **Active Shooter/Assailant: Behavioral Indicators and How to Respond** on Thursday, November 19th from 1pm - 2pm

Hotel2Hospital Project Training

What is the Hotel2Hospital (H2H) Project? In response to federal and NDMS discussions around catastrophic medical surges (e.g., handling 1,000 casualties a day for 100 days during large-scale combat operations), the University of Colorado received a Defense Health Agency (DHA) grant to design a rapidly deployable solution.

Their team spent three years researching, developing, and successfully testing a model that can transform a standard 150+ room hotel into a functional, temporary hospital wing (complete with ICU and med-surg capabilities) in just four weeks. They are now taking this concept on the road to share their findings and get feedback from regional experts to validate the model. Join us on **October 22, 2026 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Hampton Inn Tampa Downtown Channel District - 1155 E Kennedy Blvd in Tampa.** https://www.eventcreate.com/e/h2htrainingfl**.** If you have any questions regarding the training, please reach out to ElainaH@AllClearEMG.com.

Radiological Response Trainings in Lake County

Just outside our region's boundaries, Lake County is hosting series of Radiological Response Trainings taught by an instructional team from CTOS (Counter Terrorism Operations Support) - Center for Radiological/Nuclear Training. These are excellent day-long courses! You can register and get more info via the links below.

- **PER-348 Response to Radiological Dispersal Device First 100mins (RDD) on** Tuesday November 3, 2026 - https://fdemtraining.geniussis.com/catalog/registration/section/777
- **PER-370 Hospital First Receivers Detecting Rad Contamination on** Wednesday November 4, 2026 - https://fdemtraining.geniussis.com/catalog/registration/section/889
- **ER-332 Population Monitoring at Community Reception Centers (CRC)** on Thursday November 5, 2026 - https://fdemtraining.geniussis.com/catalog/registration/section/779

CISA's Introduction to Conflict Prevention Techniques Webinar

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) invites you to register for our Introduction to Conflict Prevention Techniques information session on Wednesday, November 4, 1:30 PM. This 30-minute webinar provides a brief introduction to CISA's Conflict Prevention Techniques and Resources that can be used to empower individuals to augment traditional security prevention and mitigation efforts. This webinar is intended for supervisors, security managers, and public safety training officials. Register here.

Second Annual IAHSS Florida Summit

The second annual International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety Florida Summit will take place on **Thursday, November 12, 2026** at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa Downtown Convention Center, 513 S Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602. Registration and more info available here - https://www.iahss-cfc.org/event-fall-summit-2026.

Center for Domestic Preparedness On-Campus Courses Open for Registration!

There are multiple on-campus courses at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama that are open for registration. Click on the below courses for more info!

- Emergency Medical Operations for CBRNE Incidents (EMO PER-267) - https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/course/PER-267
- Intermediate Hands-On Training for CBRNE Incidents (HOT-I PER-900) - https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/course/PER-900
- Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response (EHTER) - Operations (EHTER OPS PER-309) - https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/course/PER-309
- Barrier Precautions and Controls for Highly Infectious Disease (HID PER-321) - https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/course/PER-321
- Framework for Healthcare Emergency Management (FRAME AWR-900) - https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/course/AWR-900
- Hospital Emergency Response Training for Mass Casualty Incidents (HERT PER-902) - https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/course/PER-902

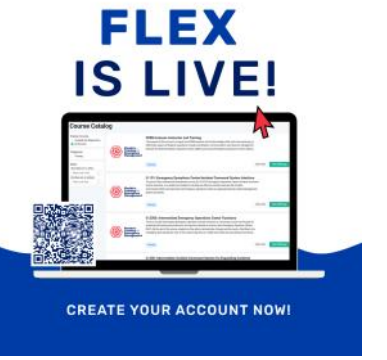
Additionally, the CDP training calendar has been updated and is available through the end of September, marking the conclusion of their fiscal year. All classes have available seats for immediate registration. https://cdp.dhs.gov/training-calendar

Emergency Management Training – Registration available on FLEX

Florida's Learning Exchange (FLEX) serves as the Florida Division of Emergency Management's education and learning management system, acting a centralized hub for all emergency management training courses in the State of Florida.

FLEX ensures that all members of the emergency management community have a clear path of progression in developing both hard and soft skills through Florida-specific practical application of theory in order to better serve local communities. This platform will allow Florida to achieve its mission of leading the profession and continuing to grow within the industry. Here are some of the upcoming courses on our area:

- 2026 F-ROC Training Tour - Exercise Recovery: The F-ROC Readiness Review - 10/15/2026 - 10/15/2026 at Pinellas County EOC
- G-235: Emergency Planning - 10/21/2026 - 10/22/2026 at Pinellas County Public Safety Complex
- G-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents - 10/28/2026 - 10/30/2026 at City of Tampa City Center
- MGT-331: Community Planning for Disaster Recovery - 10/28/2026 - 10/28/2026 at Pasco County EOC
- MGT-416: Continuity of Government Operations Planning for Rural Communities - 10/27/2026 - 10/27/2026 at Hernando County EOC



Pinellas CHAMP Stop the Bleed Program Impact

On September 11th, through the CHAMP initiative, 57 students at South PA were trained in Stop the Bleed.

In addition to the hands-on lifesaving training, attendees had the privilege of hearing from former FDNY Chief Scott Rothschild, a veteran of the September 11 response. His firsthand account was powerful and inspiring, providing a deeply personal perspective on one of the worst mass casualty incidents our country has ever faced.

From left to right: Chandler Bustos RN , Scott Rothschild EMT, Matthew Nelson DO , FACOEP , Kellene Lindemann RN

The combination of practical emergency preparedness training and the opportunity to learn from someone who stood at the center of such a historic tragedy made the event especially meaningful.

It was a fitting way to honor September 11 while reinforcing the importance of being prepared to help others in times of crisis.

Dr. Matthew Nelson said the day also reflected the mission of CHAMP and the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition. We strive to inspire the very best in ourselves while preparing for and responding to the worst circumstances humanity can face. The message was clear: readiness, resilience, and service to others matter.

STOP THE BLEED

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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.