



BIG BEND HEALTHCARE COALITION

Emergency Preparedness Seminar

In-Patient Facility Evacuation Planning and Operations

Course Description:

“Over the past several years, the United States has been challenged by several natural and man-made disasters.... This [CMS Emergency Preparedness] final rule issues emergency preparedness requirements that establish a comprehensive, consistent, flexible, and dynamic regulatory approach to emergency preparedness and response that incorporates the lessons learned from the past, combined with the proven best practice of the present.”

2016 CMS Emergency Preparedness Final Rule Executive Summary

Presented by RPA, a Jensen Hughes Company, with over 40 years of helping healthcare facilities prepare for disasters, this seminar incorporates lessons learned from the past, combined with the proven best practices of the present and will focus on guiding in-patient coalition members to consider and develop plans for two major aspects driven from these 2016 CMS regulations:

- Full Building Evacuation: Planning for and conducting a full building evacuation, if your facility is impacted and no longer able to sustain patient care.
- Surge/Influx and Hosting: Developing a process for managing an influx strategy for patients including space management, coordination of communications, sharing of staff, equipment and other resources if your facility is the one receiving evacuated patients from another healthcare facility.

Also included throughout the program, we will be highlighting “Top CMS Findings” for the E-Tags in 2017 and 2018 surveys, and how this may impact prioritization of a healthcare facility’s planning, training and exercising including for evacuation and surge.

Agenda:

9:00am – 12:00pm: Full Building Evacuation Planning

- Should we stay or should go?
 - Factors affecting evacuation decision making and the differences between a planned (pre-storm) evacuation and rapid-onset event,
 - Key considerations for sheltering in place
- Assessment of transportation needs and communication of transportation resources by type (Critical Care Transport Neonatal/Pediatric/Adult/Bariatric, ALS and ALS Bariatric, BLS and BLS Bariatric, Wheelchair and Bariatric, Normal Means of Transport, Behavioral or Secured Dementia),
- The evacuation process:
 - Leadership decision making, command and control
 - Patient preparations: medications, tracking forms, equipment, supplies
 - Sharing medical records
 - Patient movement internally (elevators, stairs, equipment, evac teams)
 - Patient & staff tracking (holding areas, discharges),
- Communications concepts for working with other inpatient providers, outpatient and home-based providers (specific needs of patient going home, home with services, LTC or a hospital),
- Management of Alternate Care Sites/Stop Over Points during and after the evacuation
- Focus on the management of high acuity/high complexity patients from hospitals and LTC and other medical issues in transport.

12:00pm – 1:00pm: LUNCH

1:00pm – 1:30pm: Conducting an effective Full Building Evacuation Training and Exercise Program

1:30pm – 3:30pm: Developing a Process for Managing an Influx Strategy for Patients coming from another Healthcare Facility

- Assessment strategy to detail the surge plan down to the specific bed/room with survey tools for completing this process (units surge plan, command center tool and roll-up approach to the Healthcare Coalition/ESF 8),
- Space management for a rapid influx and coordination of communications and sharing of “staff and stuff”,
- Category of Care Analysis for Right Patient/Right Place (can be included in Full Building Evacuation),
- Components of a “hosting” plan will be reviewed with the attendees,
- Consideration of 1135 Waivers to support the surge.





Presenters:

Nicholas Gabriele, CFPS, Vice President

Nick has been with the company since 2005 after retiring as the Fire Chief for the State of Connecticut Department of Developmental Services in Southbury, Connecticut. He brings to the company over twenty years of fire, emergency management and code compliance experience, with a special focus in healthcare, and he also holds a Bachelor's degree with a concentration in Fire Protection Technology. Nick's fire safety experience includes years as both a career and volunteer firefighter; in addition, he is a Certified Fire Protection Specialist (CFPS), certified Fire Service Instructor and has taught advanced courses in firefighter training, incident command and hazardous materials response. Nick also was a Deputy Fire Marshal for the Town of Southbury CT and remains certified by the State of Connecticut in this capacity.

Nick has earned numerous recognitions throughout his career including several Life Saving Awards and the CT Governor's Service Award. He also served on the Connecticut Dept. of Public Safety Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee, and currently serves as a Principal Member of the NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Code Technical Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Security and an Alternate on the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code® Board and Care Facilities Technical Committee. Nick is the Vice President of the firm and additionally has direct oversight of the New England Region office.

Matthew Icenroad, RPI-CSSGB, Fire & Emergency Management Consultant

Matt joined RPA in 2017 and serves clients out of the Baltimore/Washington DC area. He provides support for a wide-range of client consulting projects and coordinates the on-boarding program for our RPA Navigator technology products.

Prior to joining our team, Matt served as Senior CMS Policy Advisor at The Joint Commission in Washington, D.C., having previously served as Project Lead, Federal Relations at The Joint Commission, and Senior Quality Analyst for Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland. Matt's experience with The Joint Commission afforded him the opportunity to facilitate improvements in the nation's emergency management preparedness and response capabilities, the healthcare environment of care, and the preservation of critical infrastructure. His work in regulation, guidance, policy, and in the development, interpretation, and application of federal emergency management legislation – as well as his hands-on experience – enable him to contribute to the depth of knowledge of our team.

Matt has participated in the National Academies (Institute of Medicine) Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Catastrophic Events, the Healthcare and Public Health Sector Coordinating Council, the Baltimore City Hospital Coalition on Emergency Preparedness, and the Region III Maryland Coalition on Emergency Preparedness.

Matt holds a B.A. in Business Management from Washington College, and certifications in Root Cause Analysis and Failure Mode Analysis from the Maryland Healthcare Education Institute; he is a Green-Belt in Robust Process Improvement, LEAN and Six Sigma.