

Local and Regional Public Health Emergency Planning

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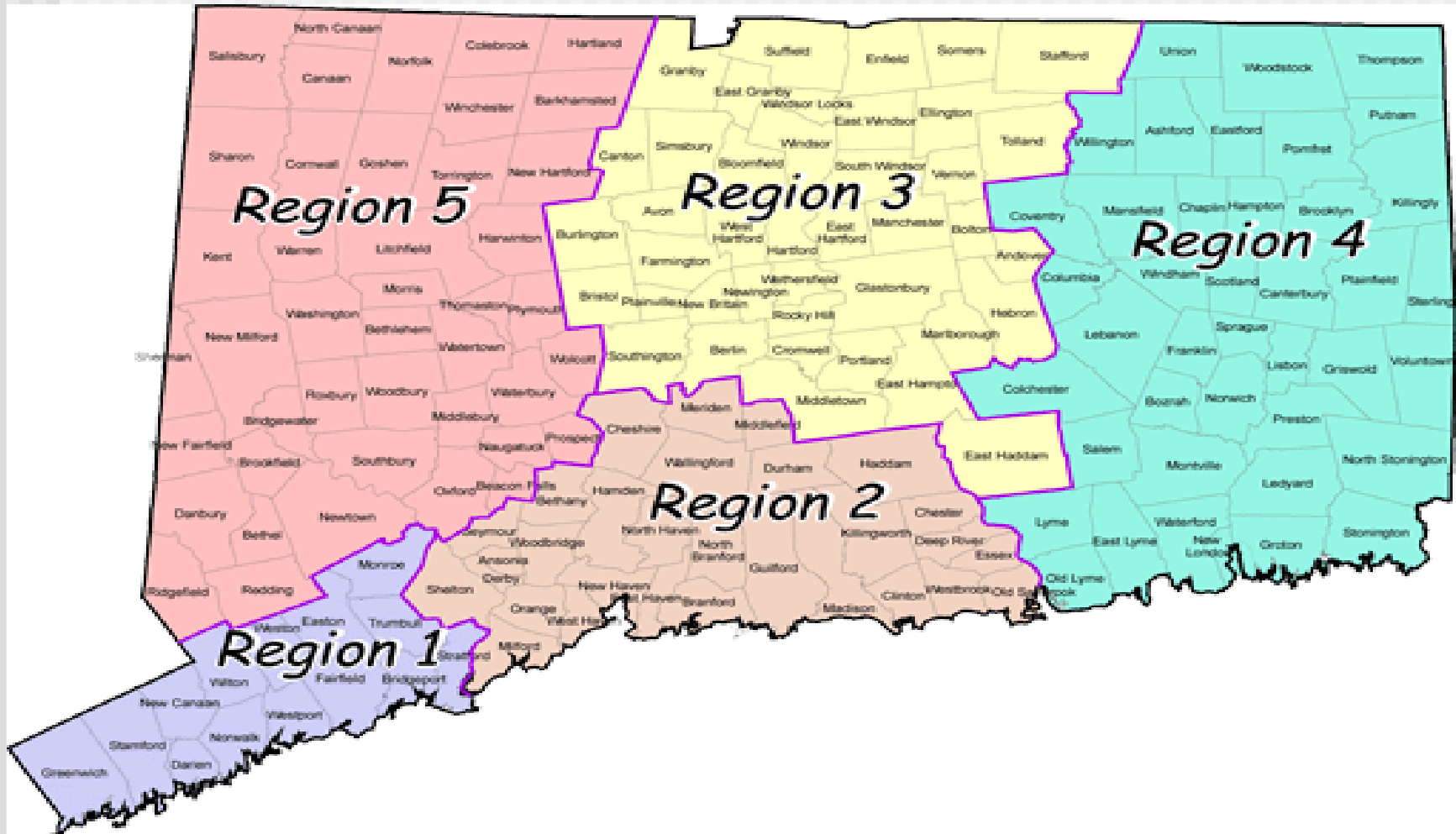
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Local and Regional Emergency Response Plans

- /// All Hazards Approach to Planning
- /// Integrated with state and local Emergency Operation Plans (EOPs)
- /// Planning by Emergency Support Functions (ESF)
- /// Health and Medical Services - ESF 8



DEMHS Planning Regions



ESFs in Region 5

ESF 1 - Transportation

ESF 2 - Communications

ESF 3 - Public Works and Engineering

ESF 4 - Firefighting, Waterbury Fire Chief Michael Maglione

ESF 5 - Emergency Management, Chair Danbury Emergency Management Director Paul Estefan

ESF 6 - Mass Care, Housing and Human Services, co chairs Richard Stubbs of the Waterbury Red Cross and Rocky Tomlinson of the Western CT Red Cross

ESF 7 - Resource Support (not yet activated)

ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services, Karen Spargo, Naugatuck Valley Health District

ESF 9 - Resource Support (not yet activated)

ESF 10 - Oil and Hazardous Materials, Torrington Fire Chief John Fields

ESF 11 - Agriculture and Natural Resources, Dr. Cobelli

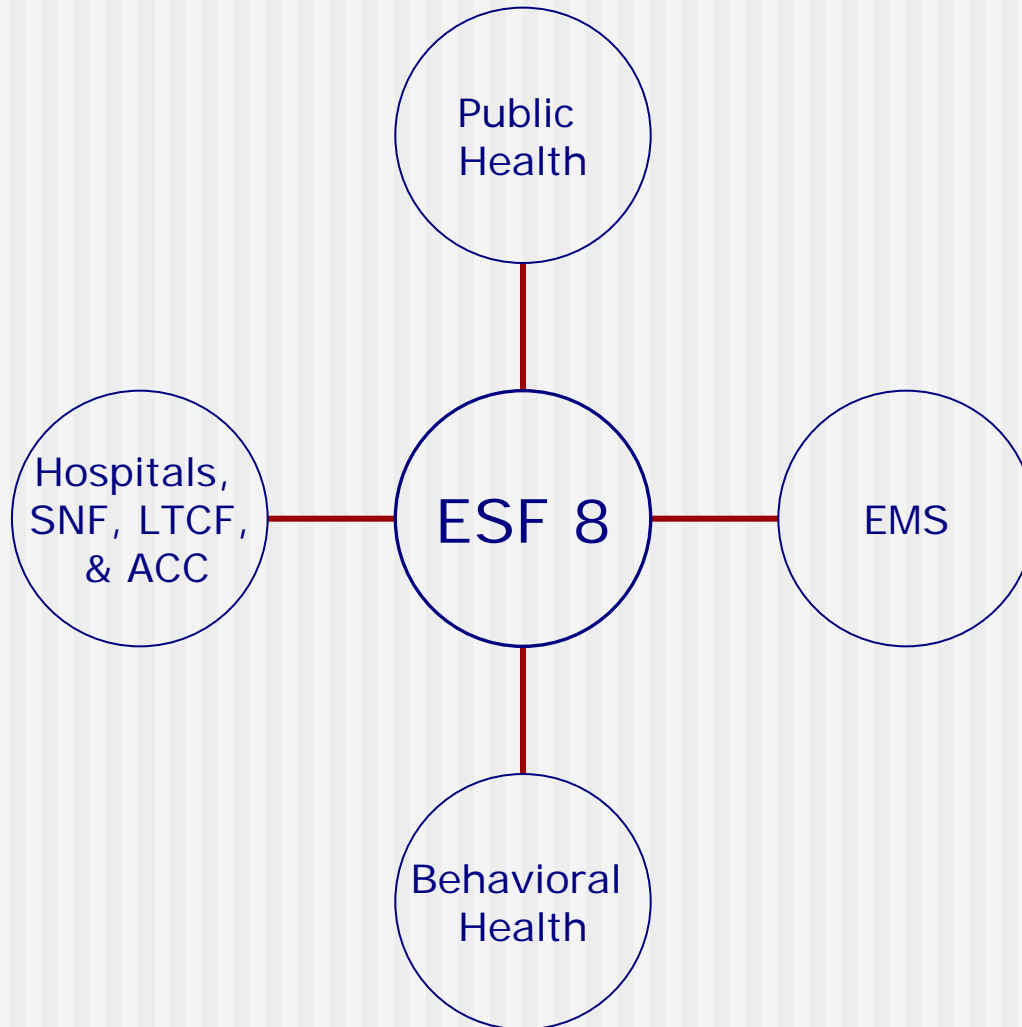
ESF 12 - Energy (not yet activated)

ESF 13 - Public Safety and Security, Chair Brookfield Police Chief Robin Montgomery

ESF 14 - Long term Recovery (not yet activated)

ESF 15 - External Affairs (not yet activated)

Region 5 ESF 8 Partners



DEMHS Region 5 ESF 8 Planning

///Workgroup Organization

- *Regional Plan Review*
- *Communications*
- *Drills & Exercises*
 - ///3 Year Plan
- *Resource Inventory & Training*
 - ///3 Year Plan
- *Regional Surge Capacity*
 - ///Alternative Care Facilities
 - ///Regional Emergency Response Assets
(Mass Decon, Mass Casualty, Mobile Field Hospital)

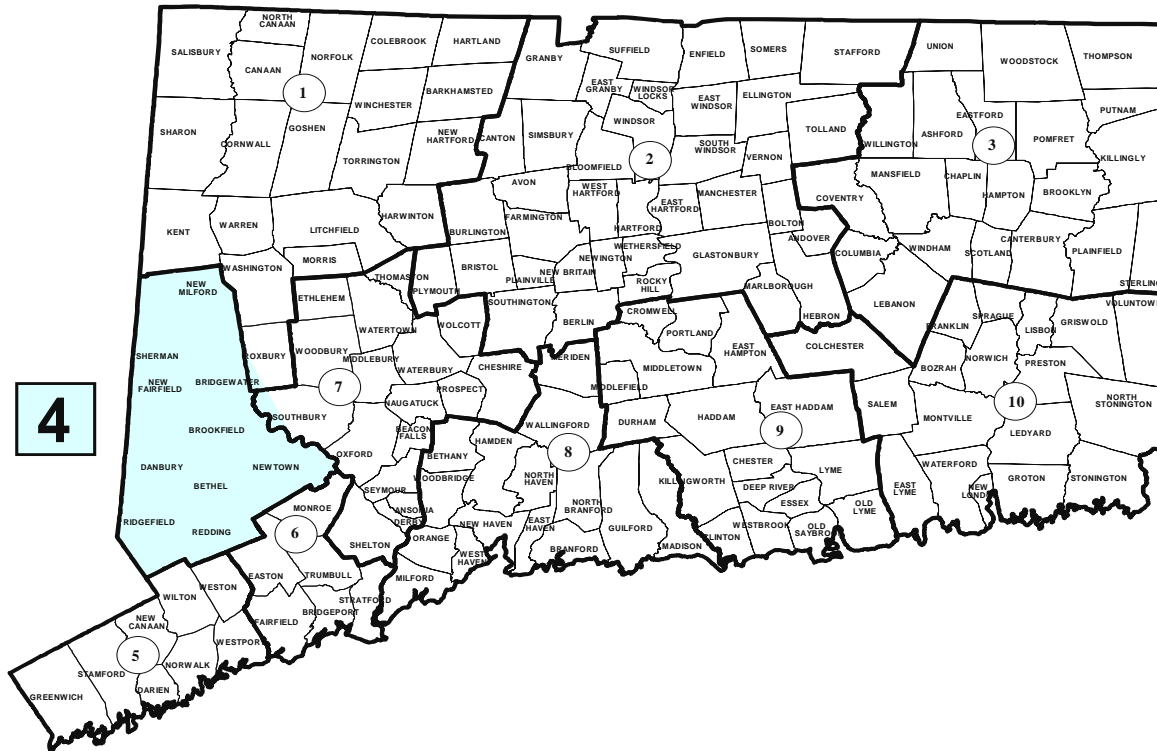
Public Health Emergency Planning in the HVR

- 10 Jurisdictions in HVCEO Region



Sub-Regional Emergency Planning

///HVR PHEP Committee



Partners & Products

- Local Health Departments, Hospitals, Physicians, ARC, DPH, DEMHS, & Planning Consultant
- Develop best practice models for replication within Region 5 and CT– e.g., HVR Mutual Aid Agreement, Alternative Care Facility Assessment Matrix, Hot Line & Call Center Management Training.

Public Health Mutual Aid Agreement for the HVR

- Universally adopted by all CEOs in HVR
- Complements CT Intrastate Mutual Aid Legislation (Public Act No. 07-56)
- Agreement and full report published in Regional Planning Bulletin available at www.hvceo.org



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Health and Medical Workforce Training

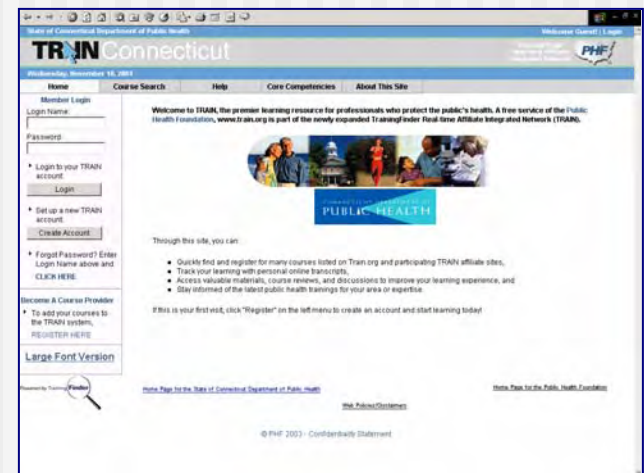
- Coordinated with CT DPH and YCPHP
- Registration & Records through CT Train

How To Plan and Execute
Emergency Hot Lines
*A Workshop for Local
Government, Health Care, and
Community Leaders*

May 23, 2007
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Danbury Hospital
Creasy Auditorium



YALE CENTER FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS



CERC Phone Skills Training

An interactive training session for public health, hospital, and emergency response staff and volunteers

- ☎ How to best deliver messages to the public during an emergency
- ☎ The process used to develop effective communication messages
- ☎ Building credibility and trust with the public during an emergency
- ☎ Techniques for communicating with people who are upset and anxious and “staying on message”
- ☎ How to professionally redirect or refer calls



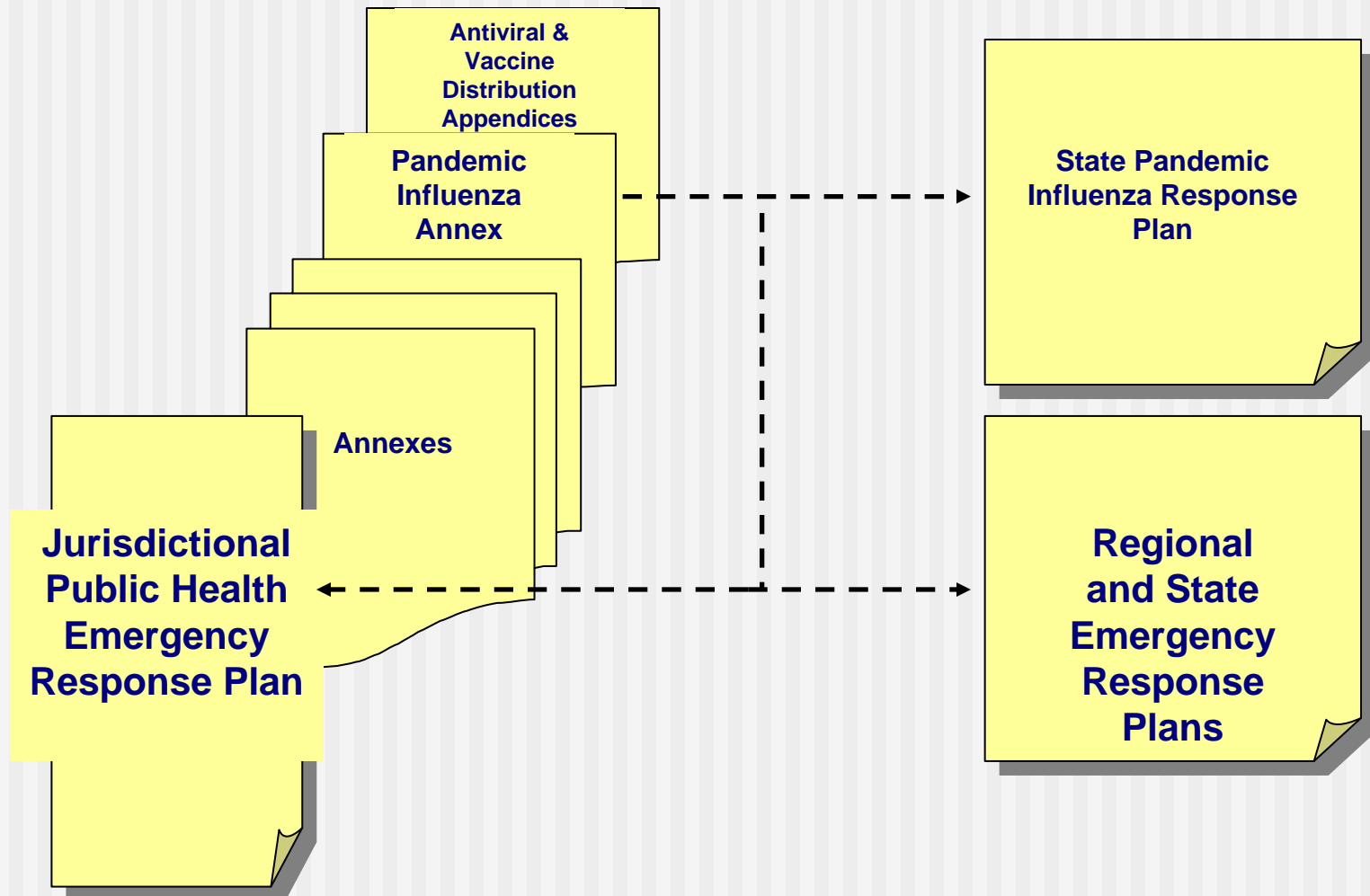
Collaborating agencies: Yale Center for Public Health Preparedness, Connecticut Department of Public Health, and the Housatonic Valley Region Public Health Emergency Planning Committee

Public Health Emergency Planning

- /// Two-year planning contracts with CT DPH
- /// Funding source - CDC Cooperative Agreement
- /// Funding levels have been declining



Local Plan Organization & Alignment



Sample Plan Contents

Mass Dispensing Plan

1. Concept of Operations
 - A. Staffing
 - B. Location
 - C. Supply and Equipment
 - D. Traffic Flow
2. Security
3. Command and Control
4. Communications
5. Staff Training
6. Patient Education
7. Risk Communication and Public Information
8. Special Populations

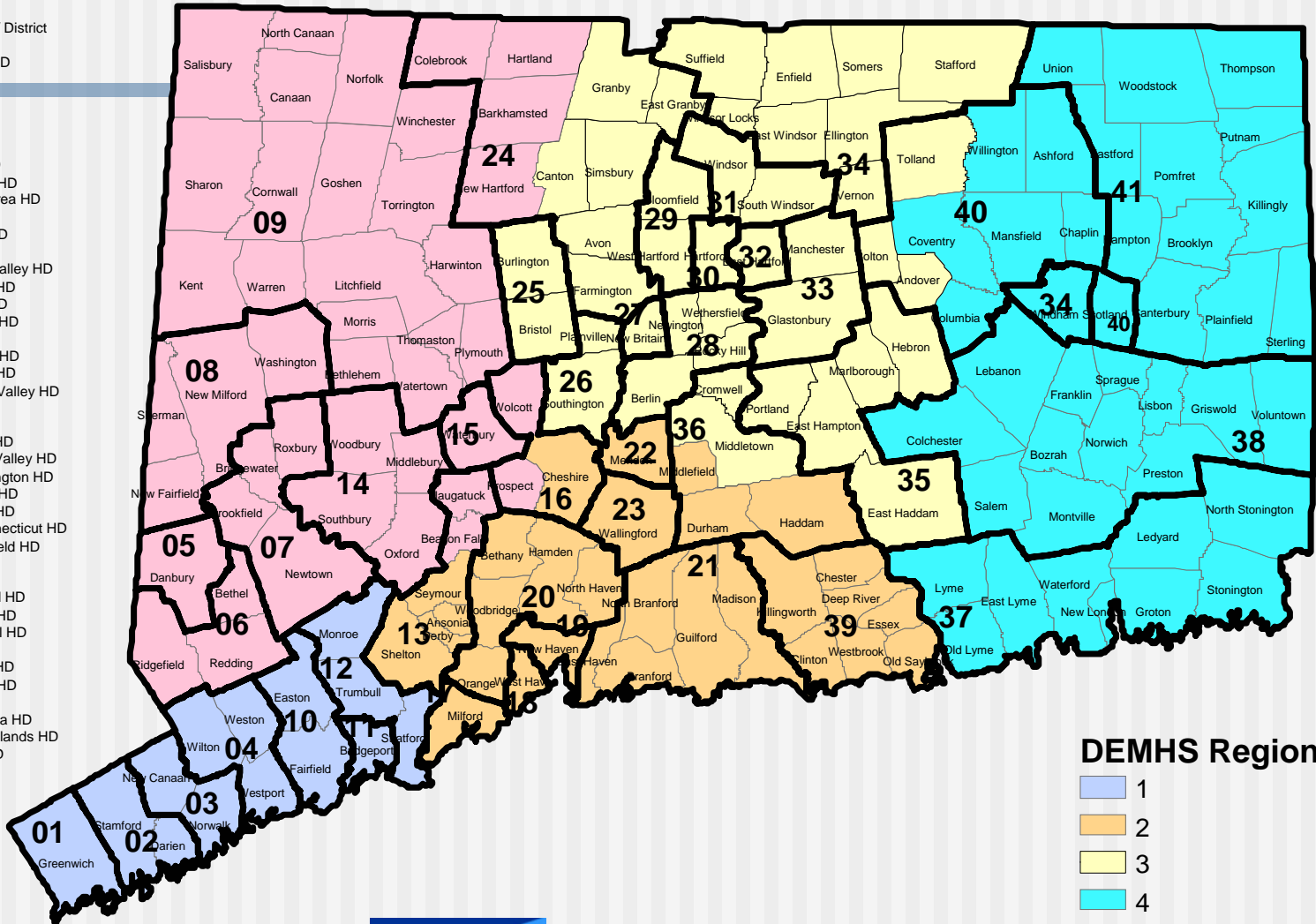
Pandemic Influenza Response Plan

1. Planning Assumptions
2. Pandemic Phases
3. Concept of Operations
 - A. Overview of Responsibilities
 - B. Direction and Control
 - C. Local Response Actions
 1. Disease Surveillance and Investigation
 2. Risk Communication and Public Information
 3. Vaccine and Antiviral Medication Management
 4. Isolation and Quarantine
 5. Community Disease Control and Social Distancing
4. Continuity of Operations
5. Recovery

State of Connecticut Mass Dispensing Areas and Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Planning Regions

MDA Lead Health
Number Department/ District

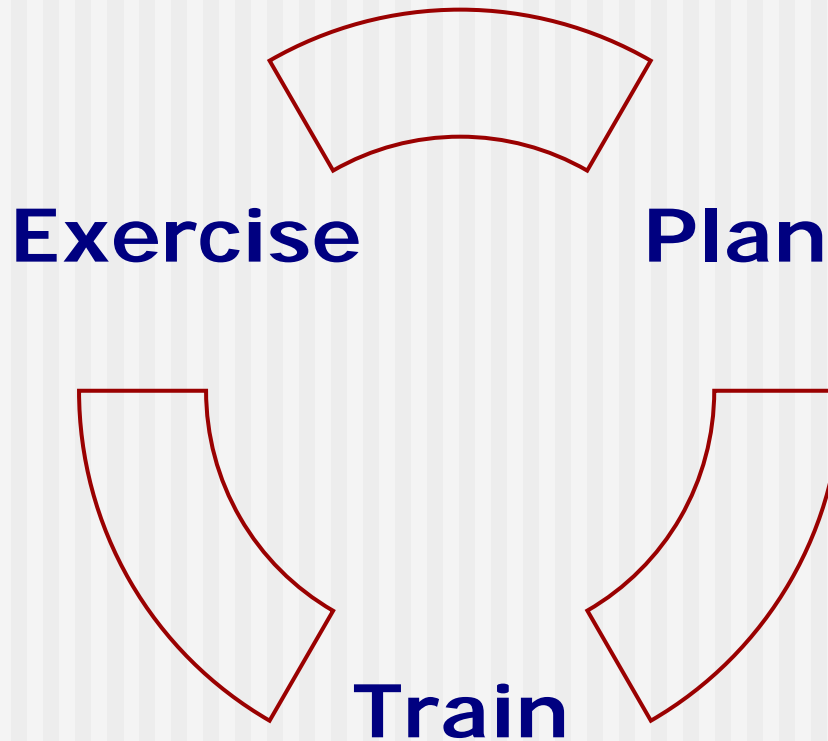
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- 31 Windsor HD
- 32 East Hartford HD
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- 34 North Central HD
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- 36 Middletown HD
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- 39 CT River Area HD
- 40 Eastern Highlands HD
- 41 Northeast HD



DEMHS Region

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POD Activation



Recent Region 5 POD Exercises

- /// **Statewide SNS Exercise in Southbury—
April, 2006**
- /// **Regional Pandemic Exercises in
Newtown & Ridgefield—November, 2006**
- /// **Regional Pandemic Exercise in New
Milford—November, 2007**

Ridgefield POD Exercise

- Over 60 volunteers/staff participated
- External Evaluators
- ESF 8 Partners, Fire & Police
- Ridgefield Emergency Communications Group – HAM radios, MEDSAT, in addition to local HAN (phone, fax, email)

Ridgefield Exercise



**PLEASE TAKE YOUR
JACKET OFF
&
ROLL UP YOUR
SLEEVES**



New Milford POD Exercise & Emergency Awareness Day

NEW MILFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT &
THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE SPONSORS....

EMERGENCY AWARENESS DAY

Saturday, November 10, 2007
Sarah Noble School, Sunny Valley Road
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Emergency Shelter Demonstration

*managed by the
Community Emergency Response Team*



New Milford Visiting Nurse's
FLU CLINIC
9 a.m. to 12 noon - ages 9 & up
For info call Hotline 1-888-NO TO FLU

Demonstrations by Emergency Services



Hartford Hospital's Lifestar &
New York's Life Net helicopters
will land at 1 p.m.



New Milford Hospital

Member
New York-Presbyterian Healthcare System

Emergency Pet Shelter
Sponsored by
NOAH'S WISH

New Milford POD Exercise



Emergency Response Partners



Unique Features



Exercise AARs & Corrective Action Plans

Drill/Exercise After Action Report

Lead Health Department/Care Provider NEW MILFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Contract Number 2008-__

Contact Person Michael Crespan Telephone 860-355-6035

E-Mail mcrespan@newmilford.org

Date of Drill/Exercise (m/d/yy) 11/9/07 & 11/10/07

Length of time (in hours) 11/9/07 – 2 hrs; 11/10/07 – 7 hrs

Start Time (m/d/yyyy, hour/minutes, am/pm) 11/09/2007, 12:00PM

End Time 11/10/2007, 2:00 PM

Location Office/Building Sarah Noble Intermediate School

Street address 25 Sunny Valley Road Town New Milford

E-Mail completed forms to: cheryl.mayeran@po.state.ct.us

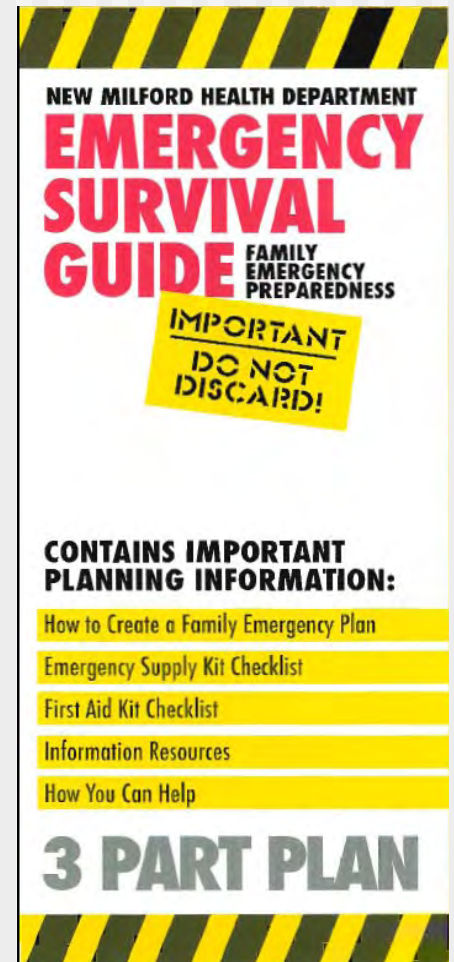
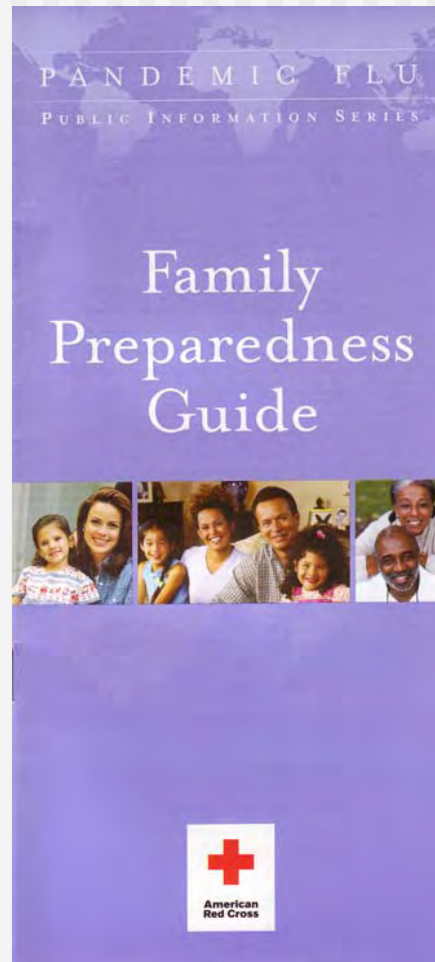
(local health departments/districts)

mary.duley@po.state.ct.us (hospitals/other health care providers)

Individual and Family Preparedness

Connecticut Guide to Emergency Preparedness

BE AWARE
BE PREPARED



Planning Outcomes

- Coordinated, Timely & Effective Response
- Enhanced Local – Regional – State Collaboration
- Build Community Resiliency

