

Emerald Coast Health Care Coalition Newsletter

March 2025



Welcome to The Emerald Coast Healthcare Coalition's Newsletter.

Please let us know if we can be any of assistance.

We are sharing some upcoming events in the next few months!

If any organization would like to include anything for our next Newsletter please feel free to reach out.

We hope you enjoy it.

Best,

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Upcoming Meetings:

Q3 General Coalition Meeting

April 15, 2025

1:30pm CST - 3:00pm CST

CYBER SECURITY THREATS AND BEST PRACTICES FOR THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR



OBJECTIVES

Our Region 4 CISA representative will be presenting on Cybersecurity Threats and Best Practices for the Healthcare Sector.

This session will focus on common Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTP's), which are often utilized by Cyber Threat Actors during their attacks against Healthcare organizations. Additionally,

Mr. Burt will discuss common defensive measures and best practices, which organizations can implement to counter Cyber threats and stay safe online.

BENEFITS

- Understanding Specific Threats in Healthcare
- Improving Incident Response Preparedness
- Strengthening Organizations Security Posture

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Healthcare Executives and Leadership
- IT Professionals in Healthcare
- Clinical staff and administration compliance officers
- Students and researchers in Cybersecurity or Healthcare
- IT Government and Regulatory Agency Staff

JASON BURT

Region 4 Cybersecurity Advisor



Mr. Burt serves as the liaison and focal point for communications, coordination, and outreach. He promotes cyber preparedness and resiliency, incident response, risk mitigation and situational awareness, and manages major cyber engagements; championing cyber resilience to public and private sector partners. Region IV encompasses eight states, including Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North

Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky.

March 11, 2025

9:00am - 11:00 am CST

326 Green Acres Rd, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

[Link to Zoom](#)



ECHCC ONE-DAY HYBRID SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 16, 2025



326 Green Acres Road,
Fort Walton Beach
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Marina Anderson

**Statewide Human Trafficking
Training**

**Alex Varnum & Dr.
Schutt
Stroke**

Katelyn Dabhi


**Emergency Medical Services
for Children
Pediatrics**

**DJ Foley with AS 360
Active Shooter Survivor
Training**

[Register Here](#)

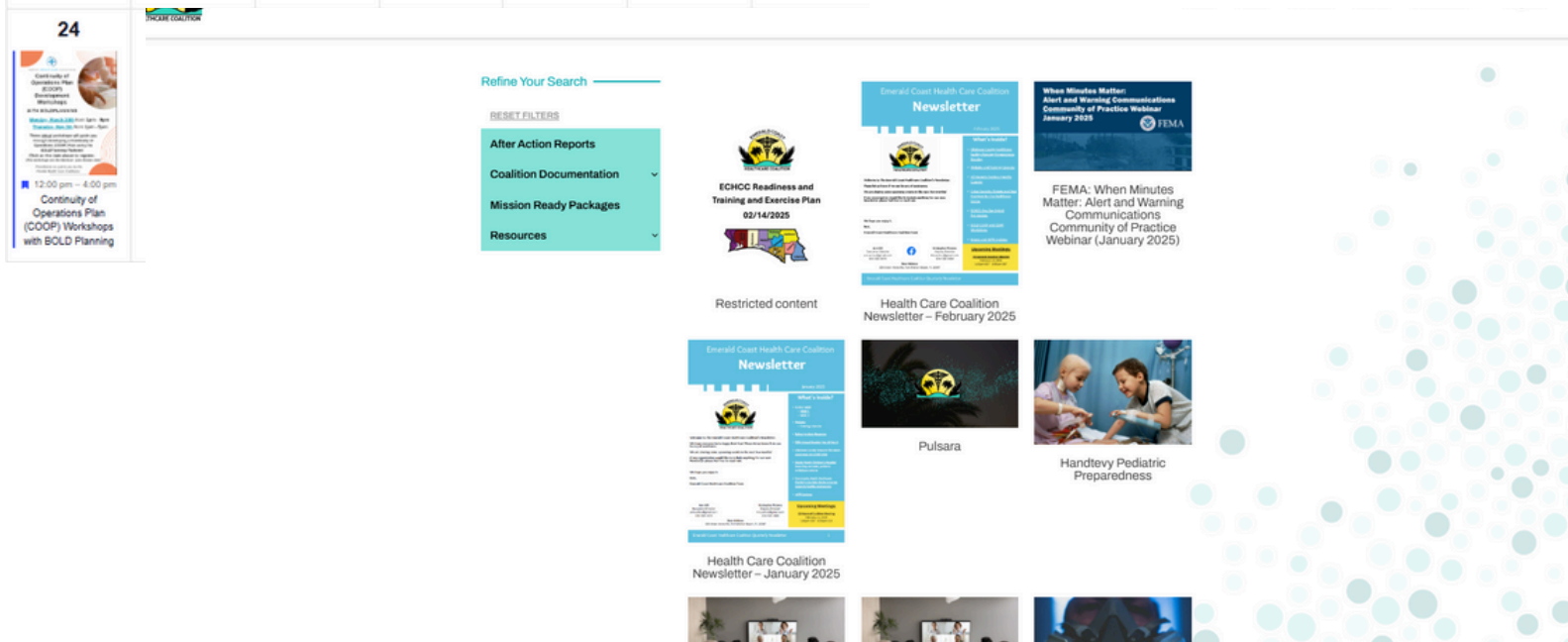
Website and Training Calendar

Please utilize our training and exercise calendar and our resources page on our new website. You can add any events to your own personal Google, Outlook, or I Calendar directly from our website.

10	11  10:00 am – 12:00 pm Cyber Security Threats and Best Practices for The Healthcare Sector	12 LSU AWR-118: Biological Incidents Awareness.	13	14	15	16
17 L-958 NIMS ICS All-Hazards Position Specific Operations Section Chief (OSC) Course : (L-958)	18	19  10:00 am – 12:00 pm Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar March 19, 2025	20	21	22	23

[Events Calendar](#)

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FEMA: When Minutes Matter: Alert and Warning Communications Community of Practice Webinar (January 2025)

Pulsara

Handtevy Pediatric Preparedness

Health Care Coalition Newsletter – January 2025



FLORIDA HEALTH CARE COALITIONS

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) Development Workshops WITH BOLDPLANNING



- [Tuesday, February 11th](#) from 1pm - 5pm
- [Wednesday, March 5th](#) from 1pm - 5pm
- [Thursday, April 17th](#) from 1pm - 5pm
- [Tuesday, May 20th](#) from 1pm - 5pm
- [Wednesday, June 18th](#) from 1pm - 5pm

These virtual workshops will guide you through developing a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) using the BOLDPlanning Platform!

Click on the date above to register.
(The workshops are the identical - just choose one!)

Provided at no cost to you by the Florida Health Care Coalitions!

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 CEMP or 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.



FLORIDA HEALTH CARE COALITIONS

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) Development Workshops WITH BOLDPLANNING



- [Monday, March 24th](#) from 1pm - 5pm
- [Thursday, May 8th](#) from 1pm - 5pm

These virtual workshops will guide you through developing a Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan using the BOLDPlanning Platform!

Click on the date above to register.
(The workshops are the identical - just choose one!)

Provided at no cost to you by the Florida Health Care Coalitions!

CEMP Development Workshops:

- Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 from 12pm – 4pm CST
- Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 from 12pm – 4pm CST

COOP Development Workshops:

- Monday, March 24th, 2025 from 12pm – 4pm CST

Events and ASPR Updates



Our partners at ReadyOp have decided to try and start a quarterly meeting to start to anyone who is an EM in Florida. This is NOT a **ReadyOp only group**.

They are facilitating the meeting through zoom. The goal is to allow you to meet each other, collaborate on solutions, or ask about problems you may have etc. Obviously a lot of the solutions may be ReadyOp related. That being said I encourage you to invite other EMs or people that might find this useful.

This first meeting will be, at least to some degree, pre-hurricane centric. No topics are off that table as this is a tool to assist you.

First Meeting is planned for March 18 @ 10:30 am EST.

Please feel free to email me with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Registration form:

<https://dashboard.readyop.com/fs/4lGz/e748bb06>

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89092499087?pwd=Na4XHf8Lo5PupOVFhmceXtYVeYaA6m.1>



REGISTRATION IS LIVE

2ND ANNUAL

2025 FLORIDA'S TRAINING FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Leading Through Excellence

June 9 - 13, 2025 | Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress

REGISTER NOW
Scan the QR code or visit FloridaDisaster.org/FTEM
For registration questions, email Avery.Michaud@em.myflorida.com

BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW
Scan the QR code or visit [Bit.ly/49vimkJ](https://bit.ly/49vimkJ)
For assistance with group bookings, email [Alyssa.Newell, ICPAlyssa@gmail.com](mailto:Alyssa.Newell@icpa.lyssa@gmail.com)

Florida Department of Emergency Management is excited to announce that registration is now open for their Second Annual Florida's Training for Emergency Management Symposium:

Leading Through Excellence (FTEM)!

Join them June 9-13, 2025, in Orlando, Florida, for this premier event, bringing together emergency management professionals from across the state for unparalleled training and networking opportunities.

[Click Here to Register](#)

TBHMPC Long Term Care Preparedness Series— Workplace Violence

Our coalition partners at the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Coalition are inviting us to join a webinar on strategies for prevention of workplace violence in long term care facilities!

On **March 20th from 2pm–3pm EST** and **March 25th from 10am–11am EST**, 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

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? Hunter.Zager@TampaBayHMPC.org 727.580.2431



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”.

American Hospital Association (AHA) Cyber and Risk Intel Blog: Resources to Protect America's Rural Hospitals from Cyberthreats

John Riggi, the National Advisor for Cybersecurity and Risk at the American Hospital Association outlines the serious repercussions of cyberthreats and ransomware attacks, including the delay and disruption to patient care. These attacks threaten the safety of patients in the hospital, but also their effects cascade throughout the entire community, posing a safety risk to everyone who depends on the availability of the nearest hospital in the event of a medical emergency. Riggi calls the combined regional impact and disruption to care delivery the “ransomware blast radius.” The impact of the blast radius is especially significant for rural hospitals.

Access the full AHA Cyber and Risk Intel Blog [here](#).



March 11 HHS/ASPR Project ECHO Clinical Readiness Rounds Session Will Focus on What Health Care Needs To Do Now To Be Ready for H5N1

You can sign up for this Clinical Readiness Rounds session (and all future sessions) by **registering in the iECHO system**.

Make sure to stay in the loop about upcoming sessions: follow ASPR on social media @asprgov on all platforms, and [sign up here](#) for the Clinical Readiness Rounds newsletter by checking the Clinical Readiness box under the “Programs” header.

Featured presenters will provide general updates and lead a discussion about H5N1 preparedness.

Tuesday, March 11, 12:00 – 1:00 PM ET (UTC-5).

H5N1, or avian flu, is a highly infectious virus most common among birds and cattle. Recently, several cases marked the spread of H5N1 from animals to humans, where it has the potential to cause severe illness. ASPR is convening a Clinical Readiness Rounds session to discuss how the health care workforce, EMS, and hospitals can prepare for and respond to a potential increase in H5N1 cases.

Please join us as Lauren Sauer, PhD, MSc; Alex Isakov, MD, MPH; and Vikram Mukherjee, MD provide general updates and share key information for protecting the workforce and saving lives during a potential increase in H5N1 cases. Speakers will discuss medical transport, hospital care considerations, and clinical operations challenges.

SERT TRAC 2.0

April 5, 2025



SERT TRAC 2.0 will be rolling out on April 5, 2025. Action Required: If you have documents or certificates stored on the current SERT TRAC that you wish to keep, please download them before the rollout.

In anticipation of SERT TRAC v2.0, please ensure your FEMA SID is valid and correct. If you need assistance with your FEMA SID, please visit <https://cdo.dhs.gov/femasid/account/find> to validate/retrieve your information.

First Time Users
A profile must be created to apply for events
[Create Profile](#)
Registration is a 3 step process.
1. Create your profile
2. Receive email containing link to confirm registration
3. Follow that link to activate your account

Returning Users
Returning users may log in to apply for events
User Name
Password
[Forgot password?](#)

FDEM is excited to announce that the new version of SERT TRAC will be rolling out on **April 5, 2025**. While the overall look and feel will remain familiar, there are some important updates to our system capabilities—particularly regarding certificates issued after course completion.

What's Changing:

- Certificates will no longer be issued automatically after completing a course.
- Upon completing the course evaluation for State Courses registered in SERT TRAC, your transcript will automatically update to reflect course completion.
- For now, your transcript will serve as proof of attendance and completion, which you may provide to your employer as needed.
- We plan to reintroduce a certificate-printing feature in a future update.

Action Required:

If you have documents or certificates stored on the current SERT TRAC that you wish to keep, please download them before the rollout. While your updated transcript will be available in SERT TRAC 2.0, historical certificates will not carry over to the new system. The original SERT TRAC will remain accessible to FDEM Administrators – FDEM Training and Exercise Unit, should you require assistance retrieving any past certificates.

Meet KC Donahey, the new CEO of HCA Florida Fort Walton-Destin Hospital



FORT WALTON BEACH — HCA Florida Healthcare has appointed Kenneth “KC” Donahey as chief executive officer of [HCA Florida Fort Walton-Destin Hospital](#), effective Feb. 1.

Donahey will oversee the 331-bed hospital, which has served the community for more than **50 years**, and its freestanding emergency rooms in Destin and Navarre.

“KC brings a wealth of leadership experience as well as a proven track record of operational excellence and advancements in the delivery of care for our patients,” Brian Cook, president of HCA Healthcare’s North Florida Division, said in a news release. “We are excited for KC to join the [HCA Fort Walton-Destin Hospital](#) family and look forward to continued growth in advanced treatment options and key service areas for the communities we serve.”



Baptist's Pensacola campus getting new inpatient rehabilitation hospital

Baptist Health Care and Post-Acute Medicine (PAM) Health, a Pennsylvania-based healthcare provider with 100 locations across 23 states, are planning a joint venture that will bring the region a new physical medicine and rehabilitation hospital with 40 beds.

The hospital will be located on the third and fourth floors of Catalyst Healthcare Real Estate’s [Henderson Health Center](#) on the Baptist Hospital campus in Pensacola.

“This added inpatient rehabilitation hospital will further round out the services we deliver at the main campus and throughout Baptist Health Care,” said [Baptist CEO Mark Faulkner](#). “We often find that patients that, today, are in need post-acute care remain in the inpatient hospitals longer than necessary.”