

# DelValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness

## January 2014 Newsletter



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### Featured Webinar

#### **Healthcare Safety Officer in Incident Response**

February 6, 2014 11:00 AM EST

Join Jeannette McGillicuddy, Director of the Environmental Safety Office at Brockton Signature Hospital, and the DelValle Institute's Lt. Brian Pomodoro as they review the roles, responsibilities, and authority of Safety Officers within the Incident Command System in a healthcare setting. This one-hour webinar will also review safety guidelines for incident response, and apply them to a series of safety scenarios. In addition, the webinar will provide participants with additional resources to continue learning about the criticality of deploying Safety Officer positions to ensure staff and patient safety. [Log into the Learning Center to register today!](#)

### Upcoming Courses



**Applying the Incident Command System (ICS) to Your Healthcare Emergency Response**  
January 16, 2014

**Boston MRC Orientation**  
Various Dates

**Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Made Practical**  
June 3, 2014



**Core Disaster Life Support (CDLS)**  
May 15, 2014

**Emergency Planning for the Diverse Needs of Communities**  
April 9, 2014  
April 10, 2014

*"This was an excellent course and well presented."*

*"The instructors were great, knowledgeable, opened my eyes to the whole subject."*

## Online Learning

**Visit our Learning Center for more information on online learning opportunities:**

### Online Courses

[Community Preparedness Basics: Get Ready. Be Safe. Stay Healthy.](#)

[Continuity of Operations Planning \(COOP\): Awareness](#)

[Emergency Operations Planning \(EOP\): Awareness](#)

[Emergency Risk Communication for Public Health Professionals](#)

[Hazard Vulnerability Analysis \(HVA\) Planning: Awareness](#)

[Incident Command System \(ICS\): Just-in-Time Training](#)

[Mass Casualty Incident \(MCI\) Triage: Awareness](#)

[Mass Dispensing Clinics: Just-in-Time Training](#)

Visit our **[Knowledge Base](#)** to learn more about topics including:

- Shelter Operations FNSS
- Hospital-Based Decontamination
- Planning for the Diverse Needs of Communities

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## Updates from the Office of Public Health Preparedness

### Letter from the Associate Director

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you are all enjoying a great start to the New Year. I'd like to take this opportunity to look back on 2013 and share our plans for the year 2014 and beyond.

In 2013, we delivered classroom courses to over 2,000 participants, with 172 participants returning for multiple classes. Due to popular demand for more online resources, we launched our [knowledge base](#) and released four new eLearning courses, with the [MCI Triage](#) course proving to be the most popular. Finally, in an effort to spotlight the important work of our colleagues in the fields of public health and medical services, we produced the "2013 Boston Bombings Response & Recovery" [infographic](#) which was accessed by over 1,400 people in 14 countries.

As this new year begins, we are renewing our commitment to our core mission of providing high-quality training focused on reducing a disaster's impact on public health safety. We are in the process of completely revising our Operations level PPE and decontamination course, designing a new scenario-based online course on incident management, and developing several new topics for the growing knowledge base. Most importantly, after celebrating our 10th anniversary last year, we are now taking time to step back and once again align our curricula and learning services with current needs and emerging practices in the field.

Last year was a notable year for emergencies and disasters of all sizes. As we hear stories from the field, we are honored to have contributed our small part in building the resilience of our community. If you would like to share your ideas on how we can continue to improve our programs, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,  
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## Trainings

### **Psychological First Aid (PFA) Training**

The DelValle Institute will be hosting a full-day Psychological First Aid Training on March 20, 2014. Presented by the Center for Multicultural Mental Health at Boston Medical Center, this introductory disaster behavioral health training provides information about the basics of PFA in the immediate aftermath of disasters. Participants will gain a thorough understanding of the components, utility, and application of the eight core elements of PFA. For more information and to register, visit <http://cmmh-cmtp.org/pfa/pfaregister.php>

## Partners

The Institute has great partners in emergency preparedness trainings for public health and healthcare providers in Massachusetts, including:

- [UMass Medical School Center of Excellence for Emergency Preparedness Education & Training \(CEEPET\)](#)
- [The Local Public Health Institute](#)
- [The Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center at the Harvard School of Public Health \(H-PERLC\)](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health](#)
- [Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [Mayor's Office of Emergency Management \(OEM\)](#)
- [Department of Homeland Security](#)

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