

DelValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness

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Featured Classroom Course

Core Disaster Life Support (CDLS)

December 5, 2013 - Fairhaven, MA

December 10, 2013 - Boston, MA

Applicable for a broad range of audience categories including Emergency Medical Services, Healthcare, Public Health, Law Enforcement, and Fire Services, this half-day course introduces clinical and public health concepts and principles for the management of disasters and public health emergencies. The competency-based, awareness level course uses two unique mnemonics, the PRE-DISASTER Paradigm™ and the DISASTER Paradigm™, to incorporate the "all-hazards" approach to personal, institutional, and community disaster management. [Log into the Learning Center today](#) to reserve a spot for either offering!

"Great course, instructors were very knowledgeable."

"The DISASTER paradigm provided the most operational knowledge of how to respond during a disaster."

Just Released

2013 Boston Bombings Response & Recovery Infographic



In the aftermath of the April 15, 2013 Boston bombings, the full range of activities required to support community recovery was not always conveyed in published media accounts given the complexities of the situation. The Office of Public Health Preparedness produced an infographic to tell the story of the response and recovery from a public health perspective. The 2013 Boston Bombings Response & Recovery infographic includes notifications and EMS patient transports during the initial response, as well as public health and support services provided through the first few months of the recovery. See the infographic at

<https://delvalle.bphc.org/bombinginfographic>.

Upcoming Courses



All-Hazards Disaster Response and Protection for Healthcare Personnel

- Awareness
Various Dates



Boston MRC Orientation

Various Dates



All-Hazards Disaster Response and Protection for Healthcare Workers - Operations

November 20-22, 2013



Core Disaster Life Support (CDLS)

December 5, 2013 and
December 10, 2013



Applying the Incident Command System (ICS) to Your Healthcare Emergency Response

January 16, 2014

"I really enjoyed the class and the hands-on training was great. I'll take a lot from this class to my future job."

"I look forward to using [the provided Resource Guide] in our preparations."

Online Learning

Visit our Learning Center for more information on eLearning 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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Emergency Preparedness News, Updates, and Affiliated Trainings

[Court Says New York Neglected Disabled in Emergencies](#)

On November 7, 2013 a federal judge ruled that New York City was in violation of the

and Hurricane Sandy the city violated the rights of its roughly 900,000 residents with disabilities by failing to accommodate for their needs. The judge's [119-page ruling](#) focuses heavily on the city's evacuation plans during emergencies. Other issues brought up by the ruling include the topics of accessible shelters as well as information dissemination for people with disabilities. To read more about the ruling, visit <http://tinyurl.com/NYCruling>

Risk of Cyber Attacks on the Healthcare Sector Leave Public Health of Communities Vulnerable

Although National Cyber Security Awareness Month (October) is over, the risk of cyber attacks on the healthcare sector is still present. A cyber attack on a healthcare facility can be devastating not only for the facility itself, but for the community at large. This post organizes the impact of cyber attacks on healthcare facilities into three categories: losses of confidentiality, losses of integrity, and losses of availability. To learn more about cyber attacks and read the full post, visit <http://tinyurl.com/healthcarecyberattack>

Google and San Francisco Launch Real-Time Crisis Map

Representing a significant advancement in emergency mapping, San Francisco's Department of Emergency Management and Google.org, the search engine's charitable arm, recently launched Crisis Mode, a real-time crisis map. Unlike similar maps aimed at preparing citizens following an emergency, Crisis Mode is always available, not only after the emergency occurs. The map's constant presence promotes both awareness and familiarity of the site for the public, so residents are ready when an actual emergency occurs. Crisis Mode is currently running in conjunction with SF72, an open source digital platform, and provides crowdsourced updates, official updates, and transportation status. To learn more or to view the map, visit <http://tinyurl.com/crisismode>

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 \(CEPET\)](#)
- [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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