Building Collaborative Disaster Planning Processes Between Hospitals and Emergency Management

REGISTRATION AND VIRTUAL COMMUNITY GUIDE

When a disaster occurs, it is imperative that local and state agencies and medical professionals caring for the sick and injured coordinate their response. Many professionals in these areas may not be aware of the processes required for effective community disaster planning and response.

This free, first-of-its-kind, integrative training addresses the importance of creating and maintaining collaborative relationships before a disaster occurs in your community, as well as how to effectively recover before the next disaster happens.
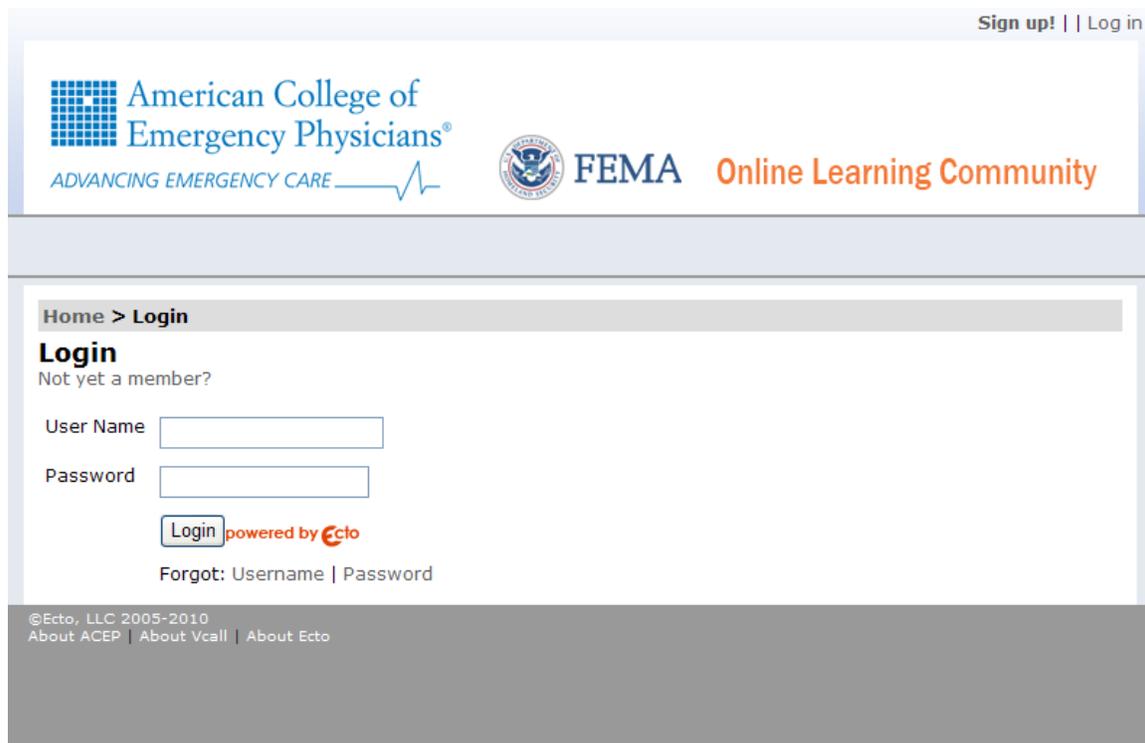
This course is directed toward those working in emergency management agencies and healthcare organizations, especially in small communities and rural areas, who have primary job responsibilities other than disaster preparedness. It is also useful for those in public health, EMS, fire services, and other organizations involved in disaster preparedness.

The four-hour online training is part of an online training portal that has several components to it. Navigation of the training portal is covered in this guide. Additionally, there will be live Q&A sessions featuring a panel of state subject matter experts (SMEs) addressing state-specific implementation of ideas presented within the training.

REGISTRATION

To access the training portal, visit http://acep.vcallcommunity.com.

Your screen should look like this:

Before doing anything else, please ensure that this link is on your safe list and that pop ups are allowed for this site. (If using Internet Explorer, click on Tools, Internet Options, Privacy tab. Click on Sites, type "acep.vcallcommunity.com", click Allow, then click OK. In the Pop-up Blocker section, click Settings, type "acep.vcallcommunity.com", click Add, then click Close.)

To begin the registration process, click on "Not yet a member?" or "Sign up!" Both will take you to the same registration page.

Fill out the information on the registration page. Your user name will be generated from your first name and last name. **The first name and last name will be on your certificate of completion and cannot be changed after the registration process.**

Please fill out all information requested as it is needed to place you in your state's virtual community, and to generate statistics for use in reporting to DHS/FEMA. All reporting will be done anonymously in an aggregated fashion, without names or identifiers. Your responses and personal information will remain confidential.

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VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

After registration, you will fill out a pre-test to measure your existing knowledge, skills, and abilities. After completing this test, you will be able to review your answers with the correct answers. Instructions are listed on how to proceed to your state's virtual community.

The virtual community for New Mexico is shown as an example below.

Each state's virtual community will feature that state's flag in the "Your Group" section. The "Members" section shows all members within that state's community.

The "Course Content" section is where each training module is accessed. Click on Training Module 1 to begin the presentation. Make sure you have pop-ups enabled if you have not already done so. Each training module is approximately one hour long.

When the module pops up, you will notice a set of four tabs. You can navigate between tabs during the presentation. For more detailed instructions on how to use the module player, go to the "Downloads" tab, scroll down until you see the instructions for download, and click on that link. Each PDF in the "Downloads" tab can be saved to your computer for future reference.

You will need to watch all four training modules before you are able to complete the post-test and program evaluation. Once the program evaluation is complete, you will be able to download and print your certificate of completion for this training.

The "Q&A" and "Forum" sections can be used to ask questions and discuss topics within your community.

Q&A section:

Forum section:

Each state will have a state-specific webinar scheduled during which participants can ask questions of subject matter experts (SMEs) representing the target audience. Topics can include questions already asked in the virtual community, if needed.

The SMEs on the webinar will discuss collaborative disaster planning/response from their perspectives (emergency management, hospital preparedness, public health, EMS), and about how the training relates to how things are done in your state. The webinar will be less than an hour long, and a notice will be posted to the virtual community page when it is scheduled, pending availability of SMEs.

If you have any questions or concerns not addressed here, please contact Linda Becker at lbecker@acep.org.