



CALL FOR MODEL COMMUNITIES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), through its Terrorism Injuries: Information Dissemination and Exchange (TIIDE) Project, is examining the relationship between the Emergency Care Community and Public Health in relation to preparedness for mass casualty incidents. The Emergency Care Community is composed of emergency medical services, emergency departments, trauma centers, and acute care hospitals. For information about the TIIDE Project, please visit www.bt.cdc.gov/masscasualties/tiidefacts.asp

In addition to the CDC, the TIIDE Project currently involves the following stakeholder groups: American College of Emergency Physicians, American Medical Association, American Trauma Society, National Association of EMS Officials, National Association of EMTs, National Association of EMS Physicians, National Native American EMS Association, State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association, and the American College of Surgeons-Committee on Trauma.

The CDC TIIDE Project is seeking examples of “model communities” in which the relationship between the emergency care community and public health is well-established and operationally functional in terms of its capacity to respond to events that might produce large numbers of injuries. For information about the model communities program, and to read descriptions of the 2006 model communities, please visit www.bt.cdc.gov/masscasualties/modelcommunities.asp

Selected communities will be invited to participate in a TIIDE Partners conference at which they can present their model systems. This conference will be held in Atlanta, GA on August 13-14, 2007. The CDC will fund two representatives to attend this meeting—one from the public health sector, and one from the emergency care community.

Instructions for Response

In four pages or less, please discuss the following:

Describe how the emergency care community and public health collaborate in your community and why you think your community could be a model for other communities.

1. What is the history of the collaboration between the emergency care community and public health; e.g., how it was developed, who initiated the collaboration, who leads the collaboration now? How are members of both the emergency care community and public health involved? What mechanisms ensure continuing communication and preparation?
2. What mechanisms, both technological and human, ensure the capacity to communicate effectively during a crisis?
3. Is the system theoretical or operational? How has it been tested: through tabletop exercises, live drills, preparation for large events of national significance that might be targets for terrorist attacks, and/or real-time disaster response?
4. What other elements make your system a successful model of collaboration between emergency care community and public health that other communities could replicate and learn from?
5. Provide the names and contact information of three people who can verify the information you provide about your community and can answer any questions our reviewers might have. Please provide the name of at least 1 person from your public health community and 1 person from your emergency care community who will be able to represent your “model community,” if selected, at the conference in 2007.

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Please title your response with the name of the program, the name of a contact person, and their contact information including their address, phone number, e-mail, and fax number. Prepare your response on 8.5x11 inch paper, one-sided, typed in a font no smaller than Times New Roman 11, and with a minimum of 1" margins. Mail 4 paper copies of your response and an electronic version on a CD ROM to:

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All disks should be clearly labeled with the name of the community, the contact person and their phone number, and the software used to create the document. Please limit any attachments (e.g., newspaper articles, brief reports, etc.) to 10 pages and provide 4 copies. An electronic copy of the attachments is preferred but not required.

Responses are due by July 13, 2007. Applicants will be notified about their participation in the August meeting by July 30. Please send any questions in writing to the address listed above.

For more information, visit www.bt.cdc.gov/masscasualties,
or call CDC at 800-CDC-INFO (English and Spanish) or 888-232-6348 (TTY).

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