



Mid-South Emergency Planning Coalition Fact Sheet

The Mid-South Emergency Planning Coalition is a partnership among health care and public health agencies in a 3-state, 6-county region, including Shelby, Tipton, Fayette and Lauderdale counties in Tennessee; Desoto County, Mississippi and Crittenden County, Arkansas.

Coalition Membership:

- Acute Care Hospitals (21)
- Emergency Medical Services (7)
- Emergency Management Organizations (2)
- Public Health (2)
- Behavior Health Services and Organizations (2)
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) (3)
- Dialysis Centers and Regional CMS-funded End Stage Renal Disease Networks (43)
- Federal Facilities (1)
- Home Health Agencies (8)
- Local Chapters of Health Care Professional Organizations (1)
- Non-Governmental Agencies (2)
- Outpatient Health Care Delivery Centers (9)
- Schools and Universities (3)
- Skilled Nursing, Nursing, and Long-Term Care Facilities (34)
- Specialty Patient Referral Centers (1)
- Other Organizations (4)

Mission:

The mission of The Coalition is to support the development of cooperative partnerships that promote and enhance the well-being of the community's healthcare system through coordinated disaster preparedness, education, public information, response/recovery activities, and sharing of resources.

The Coalition is funded by a Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grant from the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response (ASPR) of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Exercises:

The Coalition conducts yearly full scale exercises to help prepare, train, and educate health care professionals for a variety of emergencies. Through these exercises, the Coalition works with hospitals, volunteers, and other healthcare partners to prepare the Mid-South to handle emergency situations.

In addition to full scale exercises, Coalition members often host and participate in functional and tabletop exercises to test individual facilities' processes and capabilities.

Community Involvement:

The Coalition, in partnership with the WATCH7 Coalition of West Tennessee, often offers large community events the opportunity to host a Mobile Field Medical Team staffed by Coalition members from various healthcare organizations. Through this Mobile Field Medical Team, the Coalition is able to offer the community dedicated, onsite medical support including all aspects of a local emergency room except lab and x-ray.

Onsite medical support provides relief for our local EMS providers and emergency rooms that may see an influx of emergency calls and patients as a result of a large, planned community event. The Mobile Field Hospital Team allows for the immediate triage and treatment of minor injuries, often times resulting in the quick release of the patient without requiring transport or an emergency room visit freeing up vital community resources.