



The North Carolina Burn Surge Disaster Program Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of the North Carolina Burn Surge Disaster Newsletter.

What Does the Program Mean to Me?

The North Carolina Burn Disaster Program is a cooperative effort that includes the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, and the East Carolina University School of Medicine. The program is based upon the premise that historical catastrophic events have occurred and produced significant burn and blast injuries. With the likelihood of these events occurring in the future, there is a distinct necessity for better preparedness.

The Burn Surge Disaster Program is about identifying your assets and resources, and both quantifying and qualifying your needs. The gap between what you have and what you need is what we must work to address. Current burn beds are routinely running at capacity both within our state and across the nation. The key to success is driven by our need to be prepared through planning; deliberate actions to improve, develop resources and develop a sense of readiness based on the gap analysis.

Training and Educational Opportunities



Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) is an eight-hour course for physicians, nurses, paramedics, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, EMT Intermediates and therapists. The course provides guidelines in the assessment and management of the burn patient during the first 24 hours post injury. Following a series of lectures, case studies are presented for group discussion. An opportunity to

work with a simulated burn patient to reinforce the assessment, stabilization, and the American Burn Association transfer criteria to a Burn Center will be given. Final testing consists of a written exam and a practical assessment return demonstration.

The registration fee covers the tuition, manual, study guide, test, and continuing education credits. The ABA designates this continuing medical education activity for up to 7 credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. This program also has been approved by AACN Certification Corporation guidelines for 8 contact hours, CERP Category A.

Upcoming ABLS Classes

Mt Airy: September 10– Triad RAC \$25, all others \$200
Greensboro: October 1 – NC Residents: \$75, all others \$200
CapRAC: December 6 - CapRAC \$75, all others \$200
Chapel Hill: December 14 Experienced Provider Class
NC Residents \$150 all others \$250

For additional information and to see a calendar of upcoming courses, please go to www.ncburndisaster.org.



The **EMS Administration and Medical Disaster Management Training** is a continuing education certificate program, based at the University of North Carolina in the School of Medicine. Continuing education units will be offered for those who successfully complete the program. Faculty will include those from the University of North Carolina as well as visiting instructors and adjunct faculty. This program was

designed to target EMS and medical disaster professionals who have already completed either curriculum or continuing education academic programs. The focus and intent is to address more of the complex processes associated with administrative, executive, and operational leaders within the profession of Emergency Services. The program will draw from those who currently work in Emergency Services providing emergency medical services and medical disaster management and from others in Public Safety Organizations who may provide EMS or medical disaster services, such as fire departments, hospitals, and other related agencies.

PLEASE NOTE:

This program is designed for current operations managers or those in administrative or executive leadership positions. Please note: this is not an entry level program. All applicants should be able to demonstrate sufficient operational experience and either a continuing education or curriculum academic background, for example, the EMS Management Institute at UNC Charlotte or a similar program.

If you are interested in attending this program or a subsequent offering of this program, please email Eithiel Estes, Program Coordinator, or Randy Kearns, Program Director. We must continue to demonstrate sufficient interest to conduct future programs.

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For additional information, and a calendar of upcoming dates, please go to www.emsadmmdm.org.



2010 Burn Disaster Symposium

The 2010 North Carolina Burn Surge Disaster Symposium will be held at The William & Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education in Chapel Hill, NC on Wednesday, **December 15th, 2010**. Speakers for this year’s event include:

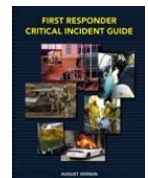
- **James M. Rush, CHPM**

Author of: *Unprepared*
Unprepared is a cautionary tale which presents a plausible scenario for a terrorist nuclear attack inside the United States that overwhelms local, regional, and state healthcare systems while also shaking the foundations of government. (review taken from www.everydayemstips.com)



- **August Vernon**

Author of: *First Responders Critical Incident Field Guide*
First Responders Critical Incident Field Guide identifies key functions that are essential for first responders (Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, Special Teams, Military, etc.) during the first 10 - 30 minutes of a “critical incident”. It addresses recognition, identification and response issues that first responders must deal with prior to the arrival of those with specialized training and equipment. (review taken from www.redhatpub.com)




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- **James H. Holmes IV, MD**
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The cost to attend the 2010 North Carolina Burn Surge Disaster Symposium is **\$100.00**. There is an early bird discount (before December 1) of **\$20.00**. North Carolina residents may indicate their discount code of **NCResident** for an additional **\$10.00** discount. Lunch and breaks are included in the cost of registration.


****Registration opens on 9/11/10****

Social Media Tools

Social media tools have become the norm as ways for businesses to get their message out. The North Carolina Burn Surge Disaster Program is no different. Whether you are an amateur “hunt and peck” computer user, or an avid internet enthusiast, we have just the tools for you.

 Do you have a Facebook account? If so, please join our fanpage. This is a great way to stay informed of news, current events, and upcoming opportunities. Please go to: www.facebook.com/NCBurnSurgeDisasterProgram

 Do you have a Twitter account? If so, please follow the North Carolina Burn Disaster Twitter feed. This can be found at: www.twitter.com/ncburn

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Announcements



On August 1, 2010 **Drexdal Pratt** became the new director of the Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR). Pratt worked nearly 12 years as chief of the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS). OEMS serves as the division’s regulatory arm for EMS personnel and agency credentials, as well as designation of qualified hospitals as trauma centers.

The Burn Surge Disaster Program is a result of his efforts as well as his collaborations with others including all levels of government and local, state and federal agencies. Furthermore, his progressive and aggressive efforts to push these programs to their level of sophistication is emblematic of his ability to communicate and develop a common vision with the leading medical expertise across our state and the nation.

Regina Godette-Crawford was named the Interim Chief of the North Carolina



Office of EMS. She previously had been the Assistant Chief of Administration for OEMS since 2006, serving as the Equal Employment Opportunity officer for the Division of Health Service Regulation. For additional information, please go to The North Carolina Office of EMS website at www.ncems.org.

Job Announcements

Wake County EMS System Training Specialist **CLOSING DATE: 20-Aug-2010**

Assists in the development of long-range and annual training plans for the Wake County EMS System, including emergency medical dispatchers (EMD), basic life support providers (EMT-I and EMT-P). Plans, coordinates and instructs EMS continuing educational classes. Develops and implements non-traditional educational programs using distance learning technologies. Serves as a resource to the system Medical Director and county EMS Chief on training and staff development issues.

For additional information, go to www.wakegov.com or contact:

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Upcoming Events

The North Carolina Burn Surge Disaster Program will have a booth at the following events:

- South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo – Raleigh, NC
August 12 – August 14
- EM Today – Greensboro, NC
October 3 – October 5
- NC Burn Surge Disaster Symposium – Chapel Hill, NC
December 15

Please continue to check future newsletters for additional events, and refer to our website at www.ncburndisaster.org for more information. Share these dates with your co-workers and stop by our booth for information, course sign-up sheets, and a chance to win prizes.



Mission Statement

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Contact Information

When you contact the North Carolina Burn Surge Disaster Program, please include your Name, EMS or Hospital Affiliation, Daytime Telephone Number, and Email Address. All information will be kept private and we will not add your name to any third party mailing lists.

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This is an electronic publication that will be sent out on a monthly basis. All readers are encouraged to send in articles, stories, pictures and comments that they would like to have included to:

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