Monday Presentation Agenda

Note* - Sessions will be listed with title, name of presenters and their affiliations, and any notes necessary.

0830-0900 – Conference Opening

0900-0945 – First Plenary Speaker
Don Boyce, US DHHS

0945-1030 – Second Plenary Speaker
Dr. Sepi Yalda, Director of the Millersville Center for Disaster Research and Education and noted meteorology and climate professor

1045-1200 – Session 1
PennTIME and the State of Traffic Incident Management in Pennsylvania
Todd Leiss, PA Turnpike Commission
Dave Wolfe, PA Turnpike Commission
The workshop will explain what is currently being done in Pennsylvania for Traffic Incident Management (TIM) and what steps need to be done to increase motorist mobility and responder safety. In November 2016, a statewide Traffic Incident Management Summit was held at PEMA to build a statewide TIM Program for Pennsylvania. PennTIME (Pennsylvania Traffic Incident Management Enhancement) was discussed and created to be a multidisciplinary process to detect, respond to, and clear traffic incidents so that traffic flow may be restored as safely and quickly as possible.

Statewide Collaborations Across Silos
Michelle Kern, Keystone Crisis Intervention Team
This workshop will examine current organizations concerned with crisis intervention in the Commonwealth and provide ideas on how collaboration can be achieved. Discussion will focus on participants’ current practices and suggestions for enhancing collaboration. Keystone Crisis Intervention Team (KCIT) will be used as an example of a program that uses collaboration at its core.
Pennsylvania Poison Center Services, Partnerships, and Commitment to Emergency Preparedness
Michael Lynch, Pittsburgh Poison Center
Amanda Korenoski, Pittsburgh Poison Center
Jeanette Trella, Pittsburgh Poison Center
This workshop details the Philadelphia and the Pittsburgh Poison Centers that provide 24/7 service to all Pennsylvanians. Specialists in Poison Information, extensively-trained nurses and pharmacists, address exposure and information-based calls with physician toxicologists available for consultation at all times. Pennsylvania’s poison centers collaborate to provide surveillance and expert consultation for environmental, occupational, drug, or other toxin exposures. In addition, poison centers offer real-time specialized triage and treatment services that can optimize resource utilization while also collecting and reporting data.

Federal Government Collaboration for Modeling Large-Scale Hazardous Materials and WMD Releases
Erik Gaull, Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center
This presentation provides information on how the Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center (IMAAC) is a partnership of seven federal agencies that collaborate to produce the federal consensus plume model for releases of any type of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), HazMat, and other airborne (and, in the near future, waterborne) contaminants. The session will explain what IMAAC is, how it works, the models employed, and how to collaborate with SLTT partners to provide decision support tools and other information to emergency managers and public health officials.

High Hazard Flammable Liquid Trains: Facts, Myths & Observations
Greg Noll, South Central Task Force
The purpose of this workshop is to provide a review of the lessons learned as a result of the 20+ incidents involving HHFT. Changes in the North American energy sector have created new challenges for the emergency response community. The session will focus on three specific areas of information: (1) what do we know as fact; (2) what have we observed but needs further confirmation; and (3) what don’t we know that we need to determine.

Collaborative Approach to Patient Decon: Creating a Culture of Clean
Joshua Houck, Lehigh Valley Health Network
This workshop will discuss the importance of prehospital and in-hospital decon of contaminated patients in order to create a culture of clean within the facility. The workshop will cover both in-hospital and prehospital: gross decon, technical decon of patients with non-life threatening injuries or illnesses; technical decon of patients with life threatening illnesses or injuries; technical decon of patients who were contaminated, but are not sick or injured, and mass decon. By knowing how to identify and handle contaminated patients, a facility will be able to protect their own staff, patients, and ensure their sustainability.

Assessing the Current State of National EMS Preparedness
Sean Britton, Maryland Institute for EMS Systems
This session will provide insights regarding the current state of emergency medical services (EMS) preparedness, as obtained through a survey conducted by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians. Upon conclusion, the participant will have knowledge on the national baseline measurement of EMS preparedness for disasters and mass casualty incidents. Through a critical analysis of the findings in this report, opportunities exist to increase the capabilities of EMS systems to fulfill their critical role with disasters and mass casualty incidents.
TRAIN PA: Building Workforce Preparedness and Response
Ilya Plotkin, Public Health Foundation
Patricia Abshler, Public Health Foundation
This session will illustrate how access to TRAIN PA improves access to competency-based training in preparedness and response and offers opportunities for agencies and organizations across public health, healthcare, and emergency management to collaborate and build awareness. Participants will also preview the new TRAIN platform. Additionally, participants will engage in a cooperative exercise to design a sample training plan using training content available in TRAIN.

Collaboration in Emergency Planning for Schools
Kenneth Williams, Mt. Pleasant Area School District
Gene Komondor, Northampton Community College/PEMA Safe Schools Grant Project Team
This interactive workshop will engage participants in the process for developing a comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and review the role of the Incident Command System (ICS) in managing school-related incidents. Workshop facilitators will relate how a local school district participated in a federal Safe Schools Grant administered by PEMA to train its staff and improve its EOP. Workshop participants will learn about and then conduct a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) for their schools; how to include the results of the THIRA in their school EOP; and how to apply functional elements of ICS to school-related incidents.

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Public Health Response to a Boil Water Advisory in Pittsburgh, PA
Tom Mangan, Allegheny County Health Department
Jen Fiddner, Allegheny County Health Department
LuAnn Brink, Allegheny County Health Department
This workshop will detail the incident that occurred on January 31, 2017, when a field order was issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requiring the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) to initiate a boil water advisory (BWA). The BWA affected 26 of the 90 Pittsburgh neighborhoods, an estimate of 100,000 people. This included three hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, child care facilities, 22 schools and hundreds of restaurants. The advisory lasted three days, and required a coordinated response among numerous agencies and organizations.

Collaboration: Creating a Regional Rescue Team
Chris Fishel, State College Police Department
Gary Watters, AMED EMS
Paul Jendrzejewski, PA State Police
This workshop will share the road map taken by the South-Central Mountains Regional Task Force to craft its own warm zone rescue team curriculum that is approved by the National Tactical Officers Association. This program has been promoted to over 300 EMS and law enforcement providers. The workshop moderator will retrace the history of the class development, early obstacles, and next steps. Presenters will review course content, training modules and discuss methods to ensure students confidence and competence with the material.
Enhancing Preparedness Through the National Incident Management System
Michael Sharon, FEMA Region III
This workshop will update participants on the latest developments and doctrine associated with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Participants will learn about the latest NIMS updates, explore the use of Core Capability Development Sheets to enhance their jurisdiction/agency readiness and be introduced to products that can assist in organizing their personnel and equipment resources prior to an emergency. This will include a discussion of standardized resource types and positions that will support cross-jurisdictional and interagency collaboration during a disaster.

The Role of Social Media in Emergency Management
Molly Dougherty, PEMA
Beau Faulkner, PEMA
More information to come on this session as it becomes available.

I Don't Know What I Want, But I Need Help
Greg Pijar, PEMA
Mark Hacherl, Department of Corrections
This workshop is designed to facilitate discussion on Incident Management Teams (IMT), what support and resources are available to support local response efforts. An overview will be provided on the PA Incident Management Team and requesting IMT resources.

The $18-million Ruler: Measuring Snowfall for Federal Disaster Declarations
Jeff Jumper, PEMA
This workshop will discuss current FEMA Public Assistance Policy for snow events and the importance of accurate and timely snow measurements for determining the county’s eligibility for disaster funding. In addition, this session will discuss how the FEMA policy for snow measurement has been interpreted in the recent snow events in the Commonwealth, including the process by which official snow measurements are accepted. A short lesson will include techniques on how to properly measure and report snowfall totals for official measurement. The session will conclude with a discussion of potential partners to assist in collecting measurements.

Business Continuity Planning @ Hershey Entertainment and Resorts
Brandi Gamble, PA Office of the Administration
Jason White, Hershey Entertainment and Resorts
This session will present details and strategies Hershey Park personnel devised to address quickly rising flood waters during major storm. Discussion points include the business continuity plan, animal evacuations, lessons learned and best practices that were realized after the flood waters receded.

Crisis Leadership & Disaster Mental Health Response
Cherie Castellano, Castellano Consulting LLC
This course will encourage participant feedback to identify "Crisis Management Leadership Style" and explore capacity for growth. Lessons learned and real case disaster scenarios will be discussed both in terrorist and natural disasters. This course will offer an emphasis on first responder culture, peer support and crisis response.

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1200-1330 – Lunch with Speaker
Manya Chylinski, Survivor of the Boston Marathon Bombing and noted speaker on how the attack has altered her life

1345-1500 – Session 2
Health Care Coalitions and the Role That Emergency Management Agencies Play Within Them
Melissa Harvey, U.S. DHHS Division of National Healthcare Preparedness Programs
Learn about the present and future direction for Health Care Coalitions and how emergency management plays a critical role within them. This presentation will look at the development and implementation of Health Care Coalitions nationwide and how they can improve disaster planning and response operations and improve community resiliency while meeting the needs of the public before and after man-made and natural disasters.

Disaster Spiritual Care: Beyond the Basics
Thomas Kadel, Keystone Disaster Spiritual Care Network
This workshop will help participants identify goals and techniques to help disaster impacted people rediscover and use their own spiritual and emotional resources to keep their hope for "life after disaster" alive. The course is based upon a new book by the presenter titled "Keep the Book Open: Beyond the Basics of Disaster Spiritual Care" (published June 13, 2017, eLectio Publishing). Using the following methods: presentation, small group discussion and simulation, participants will better understand their role in early response. The workshop asks the question, "What can we do in those few minutes that can have lasting impact on hope and recovery?"

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Meet ELI: An Emergency Preparedness and Response Informatics Tool for Volunteers
Elizabeth Van Nostrand, University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health
This session will introduce ELI: The Emergency Law Inventory – an informatics tool for use by the volunteer workforce. The need for an emergency law database is modeled after the competencies of the diverse Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteer organization, but the tool has much broader application. ELI is an open access repository of laws identified by emergency response volunteers as impacting participation in emergency events. ELI was created using quantitative legal analysis, which produced consistent legal language across relevant laws and regulations from the U.S. jurisdictions.

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DIY HMP - Updating a County Hazard Mitigation Plan Without Funding or Vendor Support
Jessica Shoup, Columbia County
Eric Stahley, Columbia County
Jennifer Long, Columbia County
This workshop will provide details on how a county can write a high-quality Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and gain the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approval without outside funding. In the past grants were available through various sources to pay for professional planning contractors to conduct much of the technical analysis required for the plans. However, reductions in grant funding have left Counties to update their HMP without funding. Presenters will discuss how they addressed the FEMA requirements, increased partner involvement, all during a time of reduced funding and limited technical expertise.

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Public Health, Emergency Law and Ethics
Tina Hershey, University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health
This session is designed to provide participants an understanding of the constitutional framework for emergency response in the United States, as well as an ethical framework for decision-making. It is crucial that public health and health care practitioners understand exactly what public health legal preparedness encompasses, in terms of both authority and limitation, when preparing for, responding to, and recovering from, disasters and emergencies. Case studies will be utilized to explore the ethical issues faced by public health practitioners and health care workers during disasters and emergencies.

Moving Beyond "Run, Hide, Fight" and Crisis Critical Thinking in Disaster Response
Bryan Wexler, Wellspan Health
Tzviel 'BK' Blankchtein, Masada Healthcare Consulting
This workshop we will present the methodology and training on what to consider in order to keep patients and staff in organizations and health care facilities secure during a violent incident. Staff are often taught the “Run, Hide, Fight” mantra. However, there are practical and legal considerations for clinical staff in a healthcare environment which transcend this simple training.

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Leveraging Private Security Forces for Homeland Security and Critical Infrastructure Protection
Ted Wade, All Hazards Security, LLC
This workshop seeks to provide a better understanding on how private security improved collaboration, reduced obstacles and provided effective prevention and response techniques during an incident. Identifying key gaps in capabilities, information sharing, communications, and training can allow government agencies to increase the value provided by private security forces. Access to security systems, information, and data can provide increased situational awareness for responders to detect, prevent, and respond during an incident.

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Statewide Geospatial Collaboration in Support of the Life Safety Mission
Sandeep Chaudhary, 911/PEMA
Stacey Sekkes, Chester County DCIS Enterprise Systems
This session will highlight the challenges with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data, maintaining GIS, data sharing and how the southeastern region in Pennsylvania was able to work out a streamline data collaboration effort to share geospatial data every month. Collaboration of accurate GIS data is important and a critical task for emergency managers, healthcare professionals, and others. This session will conclude with a prime example of government collaboration in a statewide remote-sensing program, which will save money while providing invaluable data to state agencies, the public safety answering points, and other Commonwealth stakeholders.

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Using National Disaster Recovery Framework Key Concepts to Support State & Local Recovery Efforts
Kevin Snyder, FEMA Region III
This workshop will update participants on the latest developments associated with the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF). Participants will learn about the federal Recovery Support Function structure, recent post-disaster experiences from the field, recovery preparedness efforts underway in FEMA Region III, and how they can prepare their organizations to support large-scale, complex recovery efforts. Recently released tools and guidance for state and local government will be presented to attendees.
**Black Sky Event - What’s the Problem?**
Martyn Nevil, PEMA
This workshop discusses Black Sky Events (BSE) that are catastrophic events that severely disrupts the normal functioning of critical infrastructures in multiple regions for long durations (weeks, months, years). These events will cause societal impacts, never felt by densely populated nations. This program will discuss Blue Sky Events, Major Outage Events, Gray Sky Events, Black Sky Events as well as potential causes and impacts. Participants will explore impacts and recovery considerations along with Commonwealth preparedness activities. The session will conclude with a panel discussion including representation of various State Agencies and partners.

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**Family Reunification for Schools**
Laura Borth, PEMA Safe Schools
This workshop will provide school personnel with the knowledge and skills to select the best sites for family reunification, taking into consideration: local hazards, supplies and equipment, staffing, methods of communication and public information. From this session, participants will have a clear understanding of how to identify the location of a family reunification center and what other elements need to be taken into consideration when selecting a site.

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**A Storm of Updates: National Weather Service Product Improvements to Help Decision Makers**
Pete Jung, National Weather Service State College
Matt Steinbugl, National Weather Service State College
The National Weather Service will discuss important updates to products and services which preparedness and response partners can utilize in decision making. Updates include the implementation of snow squall warnings, hazard simplification programs, recent upgrades to radar and satellite systems, briefing packets, hurricane, and flash flooding products. The discussion will include how these products can improve your day-to-day decision making. The session will conclude with a discussion or preparedness programs available for participants such as SkyWarn, StormReady, and Weather Ready Nation.

**Building Universally Accessible Evacuation and Shelter Programs**
Dawn Brantley, Virginia Department of Emergency Management
This session will focus on building sheltering and evacuation programs that are universally accessible: accessible to everyone, everywhere, every time. This session will identify the key principles of accessibility, provide practical examples of operationalizing ADA compliance from Alaska and Virginia, and will examine numerous areas of evacuation and shelter planning including radiological evacuation assistance centers and registry programs. Accessible emergency programs and services are a requirement for state and local emergency management agencies. What does it mean to have an accessible EOP and how is this accomplished?
Food and Feed Rapid Response Team: A Collaborative Process of Planning and Response
Rocco DiPietro, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Arthur Kaplan, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Lydia Johnson, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

The desired outcome of Rapid Response Teams (RRT) development is to minimize the time between agency notification of a human or animal feed or food contamination event and implementation of effective control measures. To accomplish this, RRTs develop and maintain processes to: prepare for and effectively respond to feed/foodborne illness outbreaks and other feed/food emergencies; enhance intra-agency and interagency collaboration and communication; jointly train and exercise staff to be ready to respond to events when they occur; identify potential preventive practices to reduce foodborne illness and injury and establish national best practices and tools that can be shared with other states to improve their response to food emergencies.

Global Health Security and Hospital Preparedness for Infectious Disease Outbreaks
Eugene Lengerich, Penn State University
C. James Holliman, Penn State University
Gavin Macgregor-Skinner, Penn State University

The purpose of this workshop is to provide instruction and stimulate audience discussion on infection prevention and control, communication with the public and emergency response officials, and surge capacity. This session will use case studies from hospitals and health systems, including student health services at academic institutions to analyze recent outbreaks of infectious diseases that tested emergency and communication plans in the identified facilities.

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1515-1630 – Session 3
Lessons Learned from the 2016-2017 PADOH Ebola Virus Disease Training & Exercise Program
Rebekah Hoffner, Delta Development Group, Inc.
Bob Ross, Delta Development Group, Inc.

This session will discuss current trends in the emergency and public health responses to a large-scale crisis. The presenters will utilize their diverse background in emergency medicine, disaster response, public health and security operations to provide a unique perspective on crisis response in developing countries in comparison to the United States.

Pennsylvania Healthcare Coalition (HCC) Development
J. Eric Laumer, PADOH, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness
Jacqueline Turk, PADOH, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness

This course will outline and summarize the current operational status of Healthcare Coalitions (HCCs) in Pennsylvania for newer membership audiences, and help to further align state requirements with established regional and local efforts.
FEMA Community Emergency Preparedness and Community Engagement Programs
John Dispaldo, FEMA Region III
This course will highlight several relevant FEMA National Preparedness programs which may be used to promote engagement between state, county, and local emergency managers and the whole community, focusing primarily on the following programs: 1) You Are the Help - Life-threatening Emergencies Can Happen Fast; 2) PrepareAthon - PrepareAthon is a grassroots campaign for action to increase community preparedness and resilience; 3) National Preparedness Month - September is recognized as National Preparedness Month (NPM); 4) FEMA programs for schools and universities (STEP & Ready Campus).

Emergency Management Collaboration: Challenges, Obstacles, and Means to Overcome
Timothy Sevison, Millersville University
This session will provide attendees with information derived from research on collaborative public management with insight from a practitioners’ perspective. Issues that can influence effective collaboration, such as public management styles and philosophies, as well as theories concerning resource dependence and power will be presented using practical examples from the field. Attendees will engage in discussions concerning possible ways and means to overcome challenges to collaboration and will walk away with practical solutions that can be applied with their emergency management organization immediately.

Resource Request: NWS Meteorologist
Pete Jung, National Weather Service State College
Matt Steinbugl, National Weather Service State College
Did you know the National Weather Service Meteorologists can be requested to support your incidents or planned events? This session will discuss the types of events and services NWS meteorologists can provide for your specific needs as part of the increased effort to offer decision support services to customers. Meteorologists can provide on-site or remote support for hazardous material incidents, terrorism, wildfires, large venue events, and much more. The session will discuss success stories and the process for requesting assistance from NWS Meteorologists.