

Hurricane Irma Responder Perspectives and Lessons Learned
February 28, 2018



*Bridgewater Place
205 Bridgewater Road NW
Knoxville, TN 37923*

The Knoxville, East Tennessee Healthcare Coalition is proud to host

“Hurricane Irma: Responder Perspectives and Lessons Learned”

Approved by the TDH Office of EMS for 2.5 hours in category of Preparatory for all levels.

This free training is geared towards long term care facilities, hospitals, EMS, Public Health and community volunteers who may be involved in evacuation/shelter operations. This training will provide lessons learned from the perspective of staff from multiple agencies who have worked these operations with practical, field tested experience.

Carolyn Doefort with the Tennessee American Red Cross will present on past American Red Cross deployments specifically involving Long Term Care facilities. She will also discuss American Red Cross assistance that can be provided during events.

Kathy Nelson, Nurse Supervisor for the East Tennessee Region, was deployed as a nurse strike team lead during Hurricane Irma. Kathy and her team spent 13 days in Florida working in shelters. Kathy will share lessons learned and best practices that could help anyone planning from the health care community.

Todd Spence was a team lead for the Tennessee Strike Team that was deployed to Florida during Hurricane Irma. Pre-hurricane emergency evacuations were done from the areas in the path of the hurricane. Patients were transferred to other facilities and shelters. Todd will discuss the process, lessons learned and best practices. Todd is a paramedic/TCCC, Training Officer and Communications Officer for Sevier County Ambulance Service.

11:30	Lunch Served	
12:00-12:05	Welcome	Wanda Roberts- <i>Regional Hospital Coordinator, Advisory Board Member KET Coalition</i>
12:05-12:50	Evacuation and Sheltering- Red Cross Perspective	Carolyn Doefort- <i>American Red Cross</i>
12:50-1:00	Break	
1:00-1:50	Sheltering Processes- Public Health Role	Kathy Nelson- <i>East Tennessee Regional Health Office</i>
1:50-2:00	Break	
2:00-3:00	EMS- Long Term Care Facility Evacuation	Todd Spence- <i>EMS Strike Team Lead</i>

Training is free!

To Register:

<http://www.ketcoalition.org/calendar/hurricane-irma-ltc-evacuation-shelter-response/>