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 Location: **Knox County Health Department**  
**140 Dameron Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM**



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## *August 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes*

Introductions	Sign-in with QR Code
<p><b>Presentation by RRS Patient Decontamination LLC</b></p>	<p>Chris Maze            RRS Patient Decontamination LLC, represents a 14 year old program. 80 hospitals across the country participate.. They set up, do decon, clean, then leave.            Training company as well. 40 hour hazmat, refresher, etc. Available 24/7 365 days a year they will come and respond.            Many facilities have in house teams. Hard to maintain (high attrition rates, promotions, turn over, people lose interest).            More effective and cost efficient when you keep clinical staff doing clinical functions (not decon).            Teams are made up of off duty firefighters, EMS, military and law enforcement. They also have non first responders.            Average response time is 9-12 minutes. Team are built around hospital, where they are at.            Roll call for every team once a month to get ETA of responders. Every month they will go in and do inventory of hazmat equipment and make sure its all serviceable and within expiration dates. Very familiar with all equipment and vendors. They will send out summation of what team did at facility for training and train every month at facility. Also will receive inventory report each month.            Education pieces included, tailored to needs of company.</p> <p>What do they offer?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully trained response team that trains monthly at your facility</li> <li>• Hazmat annual compliancy drill</li> <li>• Equipment management and inventory</li> <li>• Staff training</li> <li>• Complete 24/7/365 patient decontamination program</li> <li>• Spills clean up</li> <li>• Rotate batteries to keep them charging correctly and prolong life of battery.</li> </ul> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How would team work from Newport (regional facility). They would set up a team in that area. They have a hybrid program for smaller rural areas.</li> <li>• Large scale event and they have contracts with several hospitals, how is response? Resources are better and teams are bigger. Better response times because footprint is bigger.</li> <li>• Level C is the highest they go. Gross and technical, wet and dry, decon. They contain (not dispose) contaminated water.</li> <li>• Who is in charge of team when they show up? Hospital, but they have team leads that can operate independently.</li> <li>• They do rad as well.</li> <li>• Will they supplement initial response with hospital staff? If that is the case, they can come in and do training.</li> <li>• Same 1-800 line to dispatch can also be used as a consultation line. They will look up chemicals, decontaminates as needed</li> </ul>

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	<p>for proper response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On scene 9-12 minutes, set up 4 minutes.</li> <li>• Average time to be fully operational: dependent on what hospitals have.</li> <li>• Do you provide equipment they don't have for an additional charge? They can bring equipment and let facility "borrow" until they are able to get their own.</li> <li>• Breatheasy vs versaflow (versaflow is not hazmat). Discussion on state stand on not allowing purchase of breatheasy papr.</li> <li>• Is this a flat rate? Monthly rate. Hourly fee for technician. Average response is 800-2800 for a live response (unless it's a mass decon situation). They have a cost analysis tool cost of running their own program vs using RSS.</li> <li>• Can reach out to Christy or reach out directly to Chris at 208-283-3321 or 1888-270-0626.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Members Update/Information Sharing</b></p>	<p>Please send John your list of HRTS users. State is going to take out those who haven't logged on in a year.</p> <p>AMR ED days. Been going over ADA, disaster plans, chaplains, resources.</p> <p>KET Field day- scheduled for September 18 between 9-1. We will have our units out there along with some other equipment from other agencies. It's at regional Knoxville Public Safety Building. (Old Saint Mary's building).</p> <p>UT transformer outage: last week. Blew some panel inside a switch, took out south tower and 4 medical office buildings. Ran on emergency power. Initial request for AC units, but not needed. Chaplains used some partnering equipment and supported a military medical event.</p> <p>DOW Chemical October 2. If you want to participate, let John know by the end of the week. Hospitals that are playing are going to practice decon.</p> <p>October 21 Fight Flu (free flu shots from Public Health). Will activate HRTS. Make sure you sign in under right area. Update bed count and triage beds and sign in to HRTS message board. For the CMS 17 group, going to count it as an exercise. Going to have to log into HRTS, update bed and check in on HRTS message board.</p>
<p><b>TACN Radio Update</b></p>	<p>Virtual meeting Friday. Because we showed so much interest, they have moved date up from 2027 to this year for installation. They will start doing assessment of facility, determine where everything needs to go, and talk to IT group. We will maintain gatekeeper of the RMCC to avoid talking over each other on the radio for radio traffic.</p>

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<p><b>Patient Tracking System Update/IPAD Handout Information</b></p>	<p>Form updated. We have IPADS for distribution. If you are here today, pick yours up. We will do a virtual class to go over patient tracking. We will be testing it during UT Football games. It will go from UT Event medicine to EMS, to hospital. Primarily going to affect Knoxville hospitals during the games.          New patient tracking dashboard. Shown for attendees.</p>
<p><b>State Advisory Board – Next Meeting 22August2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vice Chair Nomination</b></li> </ul>	<p>Meeting next Friday. We did ask for volunteers to be vice or second vice chair. Jason Harrington applied. Christy Kanipe did as well.</p>
<p><b>Chempack Review</b></p>	<p>See powerpoint for Chempack information. Explanation of what is in chempack and different types (EMS and Hospital). 15 chempacks across the state. Designed to treat nerve agents or organophosphate agents. How to activate. Call the RMCC with detailed information (estimated number of casualties, delivery points, and local contact).</p>
<p><b>Chemical Annex Review</b></p>	<p>Review each annex each year. Brennan did a deep dive and found grammatical errors.</p>
<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Training</b></li> <li>• <b>Exercise</b></li> <li>• <b>Budget</b></li> </ul>	<p>Exercise committee wait till spring to do exercise. Possible scenarios. Combine active shooter with IED explosion (Rad or chemical can be added by facility if they want). Knox County may be doing an active shooter this next year.          Group conversation, which one do you want to do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCTA (with active shooter and potential IEDs). Active shooter would work good for CMS partners too.</li> </ul> <p>Other Exercises required for us to do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fight Flu</li> <li>• Redundancy communications next week</li> <li>• Patient tracking (UT Football games and MRSE).</li> </ul> <p>Training Committee:          See powerpoint \$32,100 total recommended for training. Any other recommendations? Motion to approve by Paul Trumpore, second by Jason Harrington. Further discussion none. None opposed.</p> <p>Budget Committee:          Wait to vote on next month. There is the possibility that we will be funded and may know more next month.</p> <p>Still need to have planning committee meeting, sustainability committee and cybersecurity sub committee.</p>
<p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Redundancy Test</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 19AUG2025 – TACN, HRTS, ReadyOP</li> <li>○ 21OCT2025 – TACN, HRTS (Fight Flu Exercise)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Redundancy test next week. Will do another one during Fight Flu, one in January and one during MRSE.</p>

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<p><b>CMS 17 Updates –</b>  <b>Next Meeting 12June2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Group 1- Long Term Care</b></li> <li>• <b>Group 2- Home Health/Hospice</b></li> <li>• <b>Group 3- Ancillary/Outpatient</b></li> <li>• <b>Group 4- Dialysis</b></li> </ul>	<p>Next meeting will be done on equipment day. Please come out and see equipment/resources available.</p>
<p><b>Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Upcoming Training</b></li> </ul>	<p>KEMA/TEMA See powerpoint</p> <p>Homeland Security- see powerpoint</p> <p>Secret City August 27-28</p> <p>Region II EMS Conference November 5-7</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Open Discussion</b></li> </ul>	<p>ALL</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adjourn</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Equipment Hand-out</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IPAD for Patient Tracking System</b></li> <li>• <b>Handheld walkie talkies – All Hospitals (except UTMC, ETCH, PWMC)</b></li> <li>• <b>TACN Radio Extra Battery and Charger – All</b></li> <li>• <b>Fake Pregnancy Belly – All Hospitals (except Morristown, Fort Loudon, FSRMC, BSF, TCMC, BMH, MMC)</b></li> </ul>	<p>Hospitals</p>