

# KETHC

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## HIGHLIGHT

Welcome to the Knox/East Tennessee Healthcare Coalition Newsletter!

At the Knox/East Tennessee Healthcare Coalition (KETHC), we are dedicated to strengthening healthcare preparedness and resilience across our region. Our mission is to bring together healthcare organizations, emergency responders, and community partners to collaborate, share resources, and ensure that our communities are ready to face any challenge. Whether it's through training, resource deployment, or support during emergencies, KETHC is here to help build a safer, healthier East Tennessee. This newsletter is your gateway to staying informed about our initiatives, upcoming events, and the many ways we can work together to create a prepared and connected healthcare system.

## JAN 2025 WINTER STORM



### Collaboration in Action: Supporting Dialysis Clinics During Winter Weather

January's winter weather again brought unique challenges to outpatient dialysis clinics, patients, and support services across the region. The Knox/East Tennessee Healthcare Coalition stepped in to facilitate a virtual meeting between outpatient dialysis clinics, public transportation providers, county Emergency Management Agency (EMA) directors, and Jingle Jeepers, a local volunteer jeep club. The Healthcare Coalition is pleased that several dialysis and public transportation providers had already collaborated and adjusted schedules to mitigate the storm's impact. We are proud of the continued collaboration and planning with our partners, which exemplifies the power of working together to overcome challenges. Additionally, we are honored to have dedicated volunteer organizations, like Jingle Jeepers, ready to step in and provide critical assistance when needed. This collective effort highlights the strength of our community in ensuring the health and safety of East Tennessee.



## TRAINING & EVENTS CALENDAR

Training & events can be found on the KETHC website calendar.

<https://www.ketcoalition.org/calendar/>

# Meetings/Events

- [KET Coalition Meeting](#) Tue Feb 11th 2:30pm - 4:00pm
- [KET Coalition Meeting](#) Tue Mar 11th 2:30pm - 4:00pm
- [CMS17 Quarterly meeting](#) Thu Mar 20th 9:30am - 11:00am

# Training

- [Amateur Radio Technician Licenses Class](#) Fri Jan 24th 4:00pm - Sat 25th 5:00pm
- **NDLS Instructor Training** Wed Jan 29th
- **Amateur Radio 101 Class** Sat Mar 1st

## Coalition Resource Highlight: First Water FW-1200

The FW-1200 is capable of producing 28,000 gallons of potable water daily to sustain critical operations during water disruptions. Its lightweight, rugged aluminum frame makes it easily transportable in an SUV or van, allowing rapid deployment to fixed facilities, field operations, or emergencies such as hospitals, base camps, or disaster areas. Designed for versatility, the FW-1200-P is ideal for hospitals, supporting food production, dialysis, laboratories, and other critical infrastructure with Class “A” UV technology and advanced purification for healthcare-grade safety. The FW-1200-M is tailored for field operations, supplying mobile hospitals, strike camps, or community water points in disaster recovery scenarios. Paired with the Supply Station, it can use diverse water sources, ensuring reliable, clean water wherever needed.



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We want your feedback! In upcoming newsletters, we may showcase members or facilities that deserve recognition. Use the [link](#) provided to nominate a person or facility, and let us know why they should be featured—it's a great way for all of us to connect and learn more about each other!

Help us make this newsletter as valuable as possible. If you have ideas for next month's edition, please email them to [brenanmitchell@tn.gov](mailto:brenanmitchell@tn.gov)

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