

North Country Public Health Preparedness News

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Spotlight on Preparedness

Stop the Bleed training was sponsored by NCHC and supported by a donation from the Mascoma Savings Bank. After completing the training to "train the trainer" in the Stop the Bleed curriculum with NCHC, Chief Jay Watkins of the Gorham Fire Department is certified to train participants in life-saving bleeding control techniques, and conducted the first scheduled training for the community on January 16, 2019.



Chief Jay Watkins demonstrates tourniquet application during a Stop the Bleed training at the Medallion Opera House in Gorham.

Public Health Emergency Planning

Berlin Regional POD Planning and Exercise

A planning team was formed to begin working on conducting a functional POD (point of dispensing) exercise to be held on April 13, 2019 at the Berlin High School. Several agencies are slated to participate, including the City of Berlin, SAU 3, Berlin E.M.S., Berlin Fire and Emergency Management, St. Vincent de Paul Nursing Home, Coos County

Nursing Home, and Androscoggin Valley Hospital. The State of NH Emergency Services Unit will be providing hundreds of training pill bottles to simulate dispensing.

Grafton County Closed POD Planning and Exercise

The North Country Public Health Region in conjunction with the Grafton County Nursing Home began the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) planning process to conduct a functional exercise slated for April 15, 2019. A big thank you to the planning team consisting of Craig Labore, Nursing Home Administrator, Tom Andross, Grafton County Sheriff Dispatch, Steve Robbins, EMD for Town of Haverhill, and Exercise Coordinator, Jim Richardson, PHEP Program Manager.

Training presentation for North Country Childcare Agencies



On March 18, 2019 representatives of licensed childcare agencies throughout the North Country were invited to a presentation on conducting emergency drills and exercises, PHEP Program Manager, Jim Richardson. Approximately 50 childcare staff members attended the event to learn about licensing requirements for all childcare agencies in NH and developing emergency operations plans for their respective facilities.

PHEP Program Manager attends National Conference in St. Louis

On March 25, 2019, PHEP Program Manager, Jim Richardson, attended the week-long Preparedness Summit hosted by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) in St. Louis, MO. This annual professional development summit attracts 1,400+ attendees from all 50 states and protectorate.



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