

CALL FOR MODEL COMMUNITIES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), through its Terrorism Injuries: Information Dissemination and Exchange (TIIDE) Project, is examining the relationship between the Emergency Care Community and Public Health in relation to preparedness for mass casualty incidents. The Emergency Care Community is composed of emergency medical services, emergency departments, trauma centers, and acute care hospitals. For information about the TIIDE Project, please visit www.bt.cdc.gov/masscasualties/tiidefacts.asp

In addition to the CDC, the TIIDE Project currently involves the following stakeholder groups: American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), American Medical Association (AMA), American Trauma Society (ATS), National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO), National Association of Emergency Medical Service Physicians (NAEMSP), and Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD).

The CDC TIIDE Project is seeking examples of “model communities” in which the relationship between the emergency care community and public health is well-established and operationally functional in terms of its capacity to respond to events that might produce large numbers of injuries. For information about the model communities program, and to read descriptions of the 2006 and 2007 model communities, please visit www.bt.cdc.gov/masscasualties/modelcommunities.asp or see Linking public health and the emergency care community: 7 model communities. *Disaster Med Public Health Preparedness* 2007;1:142-145.

Selected communities will be recognized on the CDC website and may be invited to participate in a TIIDE Partners conference at which they can present their community

Instructions for Response

In five pages or less, please discuss the following:

1. An evaluation of the previously selected model communities identified seven commonalities. For each of these commonalities listed below, please describe whether your community shares these commonalities, and if so, how. Please provide extra detail on how your community shares resources and leverages funding to accomplish its goals (commonality number 7), as that is the focus of this year’s evaluation. At a minimum please devote at least one page of your application to resource and leveraging issues.
 - 1) Built strong working relationships between leaders of the emergency care community and public health.
 - 2) Held regularly scheduled face-to-face meetings with personnel from public health, the emergency care community, and other possible responders including nontraditional partners.
 - 3) Educated each other on their expertise and role during a disaster including cross-training for some services.
 - 4) Response plans were developed together and met the unique local circumstances.
 - 5) Worked together on a day-to-day basis on disaster and non-disaster related activities.
 - 6) Had a strong leader who drove the collaboration between the emergency care community and public health.
 - 7) Shared resources and leveraged funding to accomplish their goals.
2. Describe how the emergency care community and public health collaborate in your community and why you think your community could be a model for other communities.
3. Describe the history of the collaboration between the emergency care community and public health in your community; e.g., how it was developed, who initiated the collaboration, who leads the collaboration now. Also describe how members of both the emergency care community and public health are involved, including the mechanisms that are in place to ensure continuing communication and preparation.
4. Describe one or two major instances where your system has been tested (e.g., through tabletop exercises, live drills, preparation for large events of national significance that might be targets for terrorist attacks, and/or real-time disaster response) and your assessment of how well it functioned.
5. Describe any other elements that make your system successful besides those already discussed.
6. Provide the names and contact information of three people who can verify the information you provide about your community and can answer any questions our reviewers might have.

Please title your response with the name of the program, the name of a contact person, and their contact information including their address, phone number, e-mail, and fax number. Prepare your response in an electronic file so that it is the equivalent of no more than five 8.5x11 inch, one-sided, typed pages using a font no smaller than Times New Roman 11, and with a minimum of 1” margins. Send your electronic submission to eblerner@mcw.edu Submission receipt can be verified by calling 414-805-8922.

Responses are due by **September 15, 2008**. Applicants will receive e-mail notification that their application has been received within one week of submission. The selected communities will be notified before October 15, 2008.