



## Information and Membership



### Let us Introduce Ourselves!

The **Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition** is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation created in December 2013. Its Mission is to **develop and promote healthcare emergency preparedness and response capabilities** in the nine (9) counties of Region 5 Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF) for East Central Florida.. These counties include: **Brevard, Indian River, Lake, Martin, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, St. Lucie and Volusia.**

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### Welcome...How Can You Join and Get Involved?

It is easy! Just go to [www.centralfladisaster.org](http://www.centralfladisaster.org) and click on JOIN. You will receive a welcome packet of important information regarding your membership. You will also have an opportunity to join our mutiple committees and workgroups, participate in training and drills, and start receiving information and updates on disaster medical preparedness and response in our Region.



Following the response to the Pulse mass shooting in Orlando in 2016, an Orlando Health trauma surgeon stated: "This year's exercise saved lives today ."

*Remember, the Coalition is only as good as it's member participation!*

## Who Are Our Members?

**Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition** members are individuals and organizations that represent the healthcare and preparedness disciplines in all communities across our Region. Core Coalition members include: Acute care hospitals, Emergency Management, EMS, Public health agencies and Skilled nursing and long-term care facilities. Other membership groups and partner organizations include: Behavioral and mental health organizations, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), Dialysis centers, Federal facilities, Home health agencies, Infrastructure companies, Jurisdictional partners, Local chapters of healthcare professional organizations, Local public safety agencies, Medical manufacturers and distributors, Non-Governmental organizations, Outpatient healthcare centers, Primary care providers, Public or private payors, Schools and universities, Specialty patient referral centers, Support service providers and Other organizations.

## Member Benefits

Membership in the Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition is free and there are no dues. Being a Coalition member ensures that your voice is heard in decision-making regarding resource allocations and utilization of funding for our Region. For healthcare entities, the Coalition will provide resources to help you and your organization meet the new CMS rule requirements.

### Access to Planning Resources >>>

Membership comes with access to many emergency and disaster preparedness planning tools. You will have access to regional plans and other planning templates and resources you can utilize to ensure your organization is prepared for and can respond effectively to potential disasters.

### Networking >>>

An important tool in your planning toolbox is networking. You will have access to peers and the disaster response community across the Region for information sharing.

### Access to Free Training >>>

Free training is offered such as Incident Command System (ICS), Hospital Incident Command System (HICS), Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP), Responder Resiliency, Mental Health First Aid, and many more. In addition to these trainings, the Coalition continually seeks out other pertinent and valuable training for its members and training offered by other Regions is sometimes available to our Coalition members as well.

### Access to Exercises and Drills >>>

An emergency response system is only as good as its preparedness. In order to maximize our Region's medical response to events, exercises and drills are conducted and evaluated with participation of key member organizations and individual responders. Functional drills for tornadoes, active shooters, etc., as well as full-scale and tabletop exercises, are conducted throughout the year.

### Equipment >>>

Minimum hospital readiness equipment and other equipment identified as needed to build and sustain response capabilities is made available to member organizations, depending on available funding.

During disaster response, the Coalition provides situational awareness, resource coordination and response teams.



**Enhance Your Organization's Emergency Preparedness and Join Now at >>>**

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### Who Are We? >>>

...a collaborative network of healthcare organizations and their public and private response partners. We work together to assist Emergency Management and Health and Medical Emergency Support Function 8 (ESF8) with preparedness, response and recovery activities related to healthcare disaster operations. The Coalition helps improve medical surge capability and capacity and enhances a community's health system preparedness for disasters and public health emergencies. Creation of these Coalitions is a national priority and funding for them is provided by the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR).