

Working together, CFDMC Board & Members accomplished amazing things in 2025!



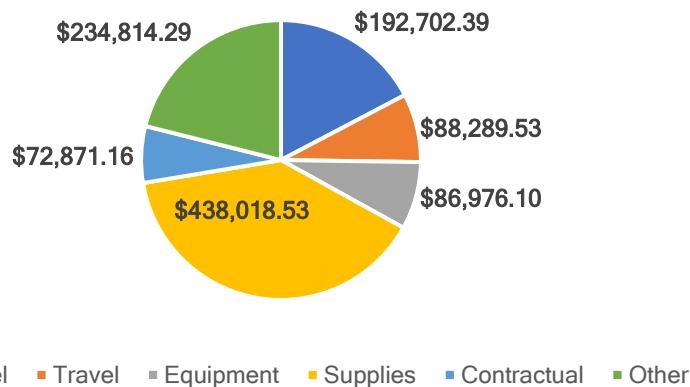
The Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition (CFDMC) is a not-for-profit organization, funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Hospital Preparedness Program, through a contract with the Florida Department of Health. The CFDMC mission is to develop and promote healthcare emergency preparedness and response capabilities in the East Central Florida Domestic Security Task Force Region 5 (RDSTF Region 5), including the following nine counties: Brevard, Indian River, Lake, Martin, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, St. Lucie, and Volusia Counties. CFDMC facilitates healthcare organizations and other partners in working together collaboratively to build, strengthen, and sustain a healthcare preparedness and response system within Central Florida.

Thanks to the **CFDMC Board Members** whose leadership ensure that we have solid strategies and are aligning our resources to meet the most critical needs. Thanks also to all the **CFDMC Members**, whose collaboration and contributions continue to strengthen Central Florida's preparedness and response capabilities. To see additional information on Board Members and Coalition Members, visit:

<https://www.centralfladisaster.org/missionandactivities>

Budget & Expenditures (\$1,113,672 annually):

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Expenditures



Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Allocations



2025 Leader of the Year

Steven Lerner



Eric Alberts, Steven Lerner (middle), Alan Harris

Steven was recognized for his leadership over the past decade in strengthening healthcare emergency preparedness across Seminole County and Central Florida, including pioneering the first in the country annual healthcare summit, partnering with CFDMC to implement quarterly healthcare drills, and for working with the Florida Department of Health and the Agency for Healthcare Administration to strengthen criteria for healthcare comprehensive emergency management plans. Over the past year, Steven launched a regional cybersecurity collaborative aimed at protecting government and critical healthcare infrastructure from emerging cyber threats. This forward-thinking initiative demonstrates his ability to anticipate evolving challenges and create solutions that extend well beyond Seminole County. Steven exemplifies the qualities of a true coalition leader: visionary, collaborative, and dedicated to safeguarding both healthcare providers and the communities they serve.

Previous Winners:

Year	Leader of Year	Member of Year
2024	Nicholas Gerth	Amanda Nixon
2023	Alan Harris	Michelle Rud
2022	Chief Chris Kammel	John Corfield & Matthew Winter
2021	Dr. Tracy Zito	Robin Ritola
2020	Dr. Vincent Hsu	Nick Pachota
2019	Lynda W.G. Mason	Sheri Blanton
2018	Eric Alberts & Dr. Peter Pappas	Todd Stalbaum

2025 Member of the Year

Erin Hicks



Erin Hicks, Eric Alberts

Erin Hicks was recognized for saving the day in the 2025 Region 5 mass casualty exercise. Erin has served on a variety of Coalition committees, including the planning team for the 2025 exercise. Three days before the exercise, we learned that the moulage vendor failed to order supplies in time to package and ship these to the exercise sites to arrive before the exercise. Erin volunteered to pick up and deliver the supplies to all hospitals in Orange, Osceola, Lake and Brevard Counties, allowing the vendor time to package and deliver supplies to the other hospitals. Erin sacrificed two full days before the exercise to deliver the moulage supplies. Without her support, we would have had to cancel the moulage, which would have had a negative impact on the clinical staff participating in the exercise, and also on the satisfaction of the students who play victim volunteers.

Our Partnerships Continue to Make Us Stronger!

Healthcare and emergency response experts from across Central Florida work together to improve regional preparedness and response, including:

Regional Trauma Advisory Board & Committees: The Region 5 Trauma Advisory Board Executive, Clinical Leadership, Preparedness and System Support Committees met bi-monthly to improve trauma care, share best practices in injury prevention, and plan for mass casualty incidents. In 2025, the RTAB updated its mission and voting members and reconvened the Extended Care Committee. For details, see <https://www.centralfladisaster.org/trauma>

EID Collaborative: This workgroup updates the regional infectious disease annex and provides guidance and equipment in outbreaks. In 2025, the group reviewed and made updates to the Infectious Disease annex. In 2026, hospitals will self-assess against the new NETEC viral hemorrhagic fever checklist, followed by training from NETEC (National Special Pathogen Training and Education Center).and will then finalize the updates to the High Consequence Infectious Disease Annex.

EMResource Steering Committee: We have received continued funding for EMResource through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). Hospitals, EMS, and emergency management from across the region have developed best practice guidelines and training videos. See [JUVARE PILOT | cfdmc \(centralfladisaster.org\)](#)

Pulsara: CFDMC continues to promote hospitals and EMS to implement Pulsara, a secure, user-friendly app that unites the entire healthcare team, even across different departments or organizations. In daily use, this replaces multiple phone calls, radio reports, faxes, and pagers between hospitals and EMS with one unified patient channel, In events, Pulsara provides a patient tracking system.

Free Standing Emergency Department (FSED) Workgroup: In 2025, hospital subject matter experts developed and published best practice guidelines to better prepare the FSEDs for mass casualty incidents.

Trauma/Burn Training Workgroup: In 2025, representatives from trauma centers and the burn center collaborated to develop a four-hour virtual course to prepare acute care hospitals and free-standing emergency departments to manage higher acuity patients in a mass casualty incident. In early 2026, the course will be provided live and will be videotaped as a just-in-time training resource. A special thanks to Dr. Tracy Zito, Orlando Regional Medical Center Trauma Medical Director, and Dr. Howard Smith, Warden Burn center Medical Director, for their expertise in developing and delivering this training.

During 2025, Coalition members provided over 2,200 volunteer hours totaling \$99,882.13 of in-kind support of Coalition activities. The Coalition received \$6,026.00 in donations and pro bono services.

2025 Coalition Highlights

Organizing:

- ▶ Passed Federal & State Audits (no findings)
- ▶ Quarterly Member Meetings & Annual Conference. See [MEETING SUMMARIES | cfdmc 55\(centralfladisaster.org\)](#)
- ▶ The CFDMC Board meets bi-monthly, with Executive Committee meetings in alternate months. See minutes at <https://www.centralfladisaster.org/board-minutes>

Planning:

- ▶ In 2025, we updated the HVA (Hazards and Vulnerability Assessment) and the Supply Chain Integrity Assessment. We completed a Cyber Assessment, an Extended Healthcare Delivery Impact Assessment. The Coalition continued to promote and support development of county Family Reunification/Family Assistance Center Plans. Plans are posted and members may provide input at <https://www.centralfladisaster.org/resources>

Equipment:

- ▶ Equipped new hospitals and FSEDs, and maintained hospitals at minimum readiness standards (see equipment and supplies in annual budget)
- ▶ Secured funding through the Florida Division of Emergency Management to refurbish tents in the nine alternate care site caches across the region
- ▶ See all equipment and response resources at <https://www.centralfladisaster.org/resources>

Training:

- ▶ Monthly Virtual COOP CEMP Workshops (helping members prepare their plans)
- ▶ Four Incident Management Team trainings (Incident Commander, Operations Section Chief, Division Group Supervisor, and Resource Unit Leader)
- ▶ Two Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) trainings
- ▶ CHEMPACK and Chemical Threat trainings
- ▶ CFIX Signs of Online Victimization for Healthcare Sector Virtual training
- ▶ Certified Health Emergency Preparedness Training (CHEP)

Exercises:

- ▶ January: Great Tornado Drill (shelter in place)
- ▶ April: Full Scale Regional Medical Surge Exercise (54 hospitals played full scale and received 1,700 live victim volunteers; others playing full-scale in the exercise were the Florida Poison Control Center, and the Seminole County, Orange County, and Osceola County Emergency Management Offices). Eighteen hospitals held a tabletop using triage tag as victims. There were more than 600 individuals from 174 partner organizations supporting the exercise (including federal/state and local law enforcement, EMS agencies, schools, evaluators, and volunteer management personnel).
- ▶ May: Operation Generate Confidence Drill (generator test)
- ▶ September: Operation Protect & Secure Drill (active shooter/lockdown plan)
- ▶ December: A Glass of Mutual Aid Drill (test mutual aid agreements)

Response:

- ▶ The Regional Medical Assistance Team supported the Cocoa Air Show in June 2025
- ▶ Fortunately, there were no major responses in Central Florida during 2025!

2026 Priorities:

- ▶ Develop a regional medical operations coordination center (RMOCC) plan
- ▶ Host a regional breakout room in the March 18th Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN) Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) on Tracking & Reunification and update the pediatric surge annex
- ▶ Partner with Region 4/Tampa Bay Coalition in the annual mass casualty exercise on April 9th
- ▶ Participate in the May 13th National Disease Medical System/Forward Coordinating Center exercise
- ▶ Conduct a viral hemorrhagic fever assessment with hospitals, particulate in a NETEC training and update the infectious disease annex.
- ▶ Annual updates to all assessments, plans and annexes
- ▶ Work with Central Florida Cyber Coalition to develop a regional cyber security plan

For additional information, contact the Coalition at info@centralfladisaster.org.