



**Fifth Annual Emergency Preparedness Conference  
Wildhorse Resort  
Pendleton, OR  
July 23-24, 2008**

**July 23, 2008**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	<b>Cayuse Hall</b>
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Registration	<b>Cayuse Hall</b>

**General Session**

**Columbia Room**

8:10 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.	Welcome	
8:40 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.	Opening Remarks- Joe Finkbonner, ED NPAIHB, & Jack Thompson NWCPHP	
8:50 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Keynote Speaker Introduction- Commander Tom Weiser, MD USPHS, NPAIHB Medical Epidemiologist	
9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.	Keynote address- RADM W. Craig Vanderwagen, MD Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response US Department of Health and Human Services	
10:00a.m.-10:15 a.m.	Morning Break	<b>Cayuse Hall</b>
10:15a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Umatilla Emergency Preparedness History-	

Tom Groat, Emergency Management  
Coordinator, Confederated Tribes of the  
Umatilla Indian Reservation

10:45a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Winter Storm 2007-Tribal Best Practices Panel  
Discussion- Representatives from Shoelwater  
Bay Tribe and Chehalis and Andrew  
Hendrickson, CEM, FEMA Region 10

12:00p.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Networking Café Lunch **Cayuse Hall**  
(lunch provided)

## WORKSHOP SESSIONS

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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**Walla Walla Room**

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**Tucannon Room**

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Services

Candy Cates, Training Specialist Public Health Emergency Preparedness,  
Public Health Division Oregon Department of Human Services

### **4. Pharmaceutical Stockpiles and Mass Dispensing Exercise**

**Palouse Room**

David Owens, Washington State Department of Health

### **5. Tribal Law Enforcement and Public Health Collaboration - Preparing and Protecting Tribal Communities**

Learning Objectives:

- Learn the importance of collaboration in tribal public health/health care and emergency management efforts

Lynda Harvey, Tulalip Police Department & Chairperson Region I Homeland Security Tribal Committee, Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council

**Cayuse Hall**  
**Afternoon Break**  
2:30pm-2:45pm

## **WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

**2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

**1. Table Top Exercise**

Dan Banks, Washington Department of Health

**Umatilla Room**

**2. Risk Communication-Prepared or Pre-paranoid?**

**Walla Walla Room**

- An overview of risk communication strategies in a changing workl. Learn the basics on how to make risk communication principles help you communicate effectively in a crisis, and in your every day work.

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**5. Mutual Aid and Memorandum of Understanding-  
Law, Policy, and Emergency Management: Mutual  
Aid Agreements**

**Columbia Room**

- Learn about Memorandum of Understanding's (MOU's) and the importance of establishing them before emergencies occur
- Hear about Tribal experiences in creating and negotiating MOU's

Joyce Roper, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General  
Susan Ferguson, PHEPR Contractor (Memorandum of Understanding  
Agreements)

Kathy Stout, DOH Privacy Officer and Legal Policy Advisor

**WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

**4:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m.**

**1. Community Containment**

Madeline Beery and Mike Kubler

**Umatilla Room**

**2. Tdap Vaccine and Information**

Lydia Luther

**Walla Walla Room**

**3. Emerging Infectious Disease**

Dr. Weiser and Namrata Ragade

**Tucannon Room**

**4. Tribal Casino Emergency Plans**

**Columbia Room**

**5. Planning and Response Resources**

**Available from the Office of Environmental  
Public Health, Oregon Public Health Division**

**Palouse Room**

- The Office of Environmental Public Health (OEPH) in the Oregon Public Health Division includes programs and expertise that address radiation safety, hazardous chemical exposures and toxicology, drinking water protection, food safety, occupational health and safety, and population-

based health tracking for emergency incidents. OEPH programs provide regulatory and consultation services to businesses, agencies and people throughout the state. This presentation will provide participants with an overview of services and resources that are available upon request to assist and support tribal agencies in emergency preparedness planning and mitigation activities.

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe the programs in the Office of Environmental Public Health (OPEH) that are able to assist tribal agencies in emergency preparedness efforts.
2. Describe the specific services and resources available from OEPH.
3. Identify the appropriate contacts in OEPH and access the programs.

Michael Heumann, M.P.H., MA, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Office of Environmental Public Health Oregon Public Health Division

**EVENING RECEPTION  
6:00-8:00PM**

**Tamátslikt Cultural Institute**

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8:30am- 10:00 am**

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**5. Hazard Mitigation Panel**

**Columbia Room**

FEMA representatives will discuss various mitigation issues focused at reducing long-term disaster losses

- Mitigation requirements will be highlights,
- Benefits from pursuing mitigation activities will be profiled,
- Tribal mitigation success stories will be highlighted including findings from the winter storms and
- Grant resources to implement planning and projects will be summarized.

10:00a.m.–10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.–11:45a.m.

**Tribal State Breakout Sessions**

**Room**

Idaho

**Umatilla**

**Room**

Oregon

**Palouse**

**Room**

Washington

**Tucannon**

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Lunch

**Cayuse Hall**

## General Session

### Columbia Room

12:30 p.m.–1:45p.m.

Mass Fatality Session

#### **Mass Fatality Planning: Plan Development**

Mass Fatalities Planning: This must be someone else's job.....

This interactive session will explore what WA has done at the state level to plan for mass fatality events and what we are doing to assist the local jurisdictions in their planning. We will explore who should be at the planning table; key questions to ask; what are the cultural issues we need to address; and overall what is involved with planning for a mass fatality event.

Objective 1: Identify tactics to get the right people at the planning table.

Objective 2: Identify any cultural issues that state and local planners need to be aware of in developing mass fatality plans.

Objective 3: Identify questions and concerns for state and local planners.

How is this? Do you need anything else from me? I attached my bio in case you need it as well.

Cindy Gleason, Preparedness Section Supervisor/Han Coordinator-Washington State Department of Health Emergency Preparedness Unit

#### **Mass Fatalities & Psychological First Aid: Suggestions for American Indian Tribes**

Mass fatalities following any type of disaster, including a pandemic, will be extremely traumatic for survivors. Mass fatality plans have been developed by state and regional health departments but often do not include detailed emergency mental health components for surviving kin, friends or community members.

Psychological First Aid is a relatively new type of early intervention for disaster survivors but has not yet been evaluated with American Indians. This presentation will consider the traumatic features of mass fatality events with an emphasis on American Indian culture, rituals and ceremonies. This presentations will also consider elements of mass fatality planning and how they may interact &/or conflict with certain American Indian death rituals and ceremonies. Finally, this presentation will analyze potential applications of certain psychological first aid core principles and actions for American Indian survivors in the aftermath of a mass fatality event.

Learning Objectives:

- 1) To list and describe psychologically traumatic features of a mass fatality event with an emphasis on American Indian culture, rituals and ceremonies.
- 2) To analyze elements of mass fatality planning as they may interact &/or conflict with certain American Indian death rituals and ceremonies.
- 3) To describe potential applications of certain psychological first aid core principles and actions for American Indian survivors in the aftermath of a mass fatality event.

Randal Beaton, PhD, EMT, Research Professor Psychosocial and Community Health, School of Nursing University of Washington

1:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Closing ceremony**