
The Gulf Hurricanes of 2005: Lessons for Public Health Preparedness in Maine

April 19, 2006
8:00-3:30

Augusta Civic Center
Augusta, Maine

Goals: Strengthen statewide disaster preparedness at the local community level

Who Should Attend: Local public health leaders reflecting Maine's diverse community health resources, including local public health department staff, public health nurses, community coalitions and Healthy Maine Partnerships; hospital and community health center leaders and emergency coordinators; Red Cross and Salvation Army leaders; school nurses, local health officers; mental health, residential care and home health leaders; municipal and county government officials; first responders and emergency management directors.

AGENDA

- 8:00-8:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-8:35 **Welcome:** Art Cleaves, Director– Maine Emergency Management Agency
- 8:35-9:30 **Call to Action:** The Honorable Susan Collins (R-ME), United States Senate
Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC)
- 9:30-10:00 **Maine's Vulnerability to Natural Disasters:** Paul Kuehnert, MS, RN– Deputy
Director and Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow, Maine Center for Disease
Control and Prevention
- 10:00-10:15 Break and refreshments
- 10:15-11:15 **Lessons Learned from the Gulf Hurricanes: Implications for Public Health
Preparedness in Maine:** Ali Khan, MD, MPH-Captain, U.S. Public Health Service,
Deputy Director of the National Center for Zoonotic, Vector-borne, and Enteric Diseases;
U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services
- 11:15-12:15 pm **Panel on Maine Community Preparedness: Plans and Experience**
Moderator — Paul Kuehnert, MS, RN– Deputy Director Maine Center for Disease Control
Panelists — Olan Johnston, NREMT-P-Maine Emergency Management Agency
Suzanne McCormick, CEO– American Red Cross of Southern Maine
Robert C. Gregoire, Major– Augusta Police Department
Elsie Freeman, M.D.-Maine Department of Health and Human Services
Response— Ali Khan, MD, MPH-U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 12:15-1:00 **Luncheon:** Passive slideshow of Hurricane Katrina (Photos provided by Joshua Frances,
HSPH-CPHP)
- 1:00-1:45 **Local Preparedness Perspective: Lessons from Hurricane Katrina**
Kim Barnhill, RDH,MS, Administrator-Florida Department of Health, Jefferson/Madison
Counties
Moderator — Don Ward-Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- 1:45-2:45 **Overcoming Barriers to Preparedness**
Moderator—Paul Campbell, Sc.D.,MPA-Harvard School of Public Health CPHP
- 2:45-3:15 **Formal Recognition of Gulf Hurricane Volunteers from Maine**
Maine Governors Office, Maine Emergency Management Agency
- 3:15-3:30 **Closing Remarks**
Art Cleaves, MEMA & Paul Kuehnert, Maine CDC

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