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Time: 9:00 AM

2025 IHA Emergency Preparedness Exercise

Rough Landing: A Mass Casualty Event

Virtual - 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

New for 2025: IHA has reduced registration fees for the exercise.

The fee for IHA-member hospitals and health systems is based on the hospital's or health system's number of authorized beds.

Number of Authorized Beds	IHA Member Registration Fee
0-99 beds	\$320
100-399 beds	\$800
400+ beds	\$1,600

Please contact IHAEP@team-iha.org for discount pricing for health systems or healthcare coalitions.

Planning for a safe and effective response to a mass casualty incident (MCI) remains a cornerstone of hospital emergency preparedness. Whether caused by violence, transportation accidents, natural disasters or other emergent events, MCIs often occur with little warning and demand coordinated, organization-wide readiness, efficient resource coordination, and effective information sharing with internal and external partners.

IHA's 2025 emergency preparedness exercise will give hospitals the chance to train for and assess facility-wide responses to a plausible MCI scenario, from initial notification through long-term recovery. This exercise will focus on the aftermath of a commercial aircraft emergency landing near a local hospital. By participating, your organization can assess your patient surge response and family reunification capabilities. The exercise will also provide opportunities to test emergency communication, business continuity and recovery plans.

As in previous years, the 2025 exercise is expected to include hospitals and partner agencies from throughout Illinois. The virtual format will allow IHA members to participate at the level that best fits their organization while connecting with and learning from their peers.

See our [**exercise flyer**](#) for more details.

New for 2025 - Reduced Registration Fees

We decreased participation fees to help all hospitals and health systems attend this important statewide exercise.

At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Evaluate the organization's ability to execute mass casualty incident (MCI) activation protocols, including initial notifications and resource coordination.
 - Assess the organization's response to an MCI patient surge, including pediatric patients and patients with access/functional needs.
 - Analyze the organization's ability to maintain safety for staff, patients and visitors during an MCI response.
 - Assess the organization's ability to establish and provide family reunification services, including consideration for necessary resources, HIPAA-compliant communication, verification of relationships and personally identifiable information, and decedent management.
 - Examine the organization's ability to implement recovery and resiliency plans, including business continuity and employee assistance/wellness programs.
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- Emergency Preparedness/Management
 - Clinical Staff (Nursing, Physicians)
 - Operations
 - Security
 - Facilities/Engineering
 - Environmental Services
 - Information Technology
 - Administration/Senior Leadership
 - Communications/Media Relations
 - Risk Management/Legal

Keneatha Johnson, MPH

Assistant Vice President, Safety and Emergency Preparedness, IHA

Johnson has extensive experience over more than 15 years in public and private health and compliance environments. Her responsibilities at IHA include supervising preparedness activities at the state level. Johnson played a crucial role in co-leading IHA's pandemic response while managing over \$10 million in federal grant funding through the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response. She excels at leading small teams that support healthcare preparedness efforts at the local, state, regional and national levels.

Stephen Weiler, IPEM, MEP, CPP, CPD

Manager of Resiliency Services, Tarian

Weiler leads the Active Shooter/Threat and Techniques for Effective Aggression Management (TEAM®) programs, conducts security risk assessments, designs and delivers exercises compliant with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation

Program, and advises clients on business continuity. Prior to working with Tarian, Weiler spent over 28 years as a law enforcement professional. He was integral in coordinating his organization's response activities to the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, preparation for NATO 2012, and numerous regional incident management activities. In addition to these law enforcement duties, Weiler served on the Cook County Community Health Advisory Council, led a multi-jurisdictional public health prophylaxis dispensing program, was a member of a multi-jurisdictional task force preparing communities for active shooter incidents, and trained thousands of public and private sector personnel on the Incident Command System used by public agencies to manage emergencies.

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