



**2010 Mid-Year Survey Results
March 2011**

Dear Hospital Partners,

The Florida Department of Health Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) has been providing funds to hospital partners since 2002. Over that period the all hazards preparedness of Florida's hospitals has matured. As we continue our efforts to assist with the ongoing and continuous development of capabilities and capacity with our hospital partners, it is important to examine our progress and the current status of all hazards preparedness in the hospital setting.

In 2004 the Florida Department of Health, in partnership with the Florida Hospital Association, began collecting information from hospitals focused on the enhancement of hospital disaster preparedness capacity and capability. As a part of this effort, twice a year, Florida hospitals are asked to complete a survey designed to assess selected elements of hospital preparedness.

Survey questions are designed to assist with planning and evaluation. Results can be used at the local, state, and national level to identify unmet needs critical for increasing hospital preparedness, response, and surge capacities.

Included in this document is a summary of the findings of the 2010-2011 Mid-Year Survey. One hundred thirty seven of the hospitals in Florida participate in the HPP and completed the survey. The results of this survey verify that, as a whole, Hospital Preparedness Program Partners are making steady progress in their all hazards preparedness. On average, 98% of the hospitals responding reported they either achieved, or are making progress in achieving; the activities listed in the priority areas below:

BED REPORTING

- 97.8% have the ability to report available beds within 4 hours or less of a State request during an exercise or event.

NIMS COMPLIANCE

- 58.5% (79 of 137) hospitals had participated in a statewide or regional exercise;
- 99% have achieved or are in the process of achieving the NIMS requirements.

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (ICS)

- 74.3% (101) have identified the appropriate personnel to complete ICS-100, ICS-200, and IS-700, or equivalent courses;
- 67.9% (91) have identified the appropriate personnel to complete IS-800 or an equivalent course.
- 65.9% (89) have ICS implementation which includes the consistent application of Incident Action Planning (IAP) and common communications plans, as appropriate.

MUTUAL AID

- 100% report being in the process or participating in interagency mutual aid and/or assistance agreements.

INCORPORATION INTO ACQUISITION PROGRAMS

- 70.8% (97 Hospitals) ensure that equipment, communication, and data interoperability are incorporated into the healthcare organization's acquisition programs.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

- 76.5% (104) utilize systems, tools, and processes that facilitate the collection and distribution of consistent and accurate information during an incident or event.
- 67.4% (91) have adopted the principle of Public Information, facilitated by the use of the Joint Information System (JIS) and Joint Information Center (JIC) during an incident or event.
- 72.8% (99) ensure that Public Information procedures and processes gather, verify, coordinate, and disseminate information during an incident or event.

REPORTED PRIORITIES

- Of 29 options, the top 5 priorities are: 1) Personnel Training, 2) Hospital Evacuation, 3) Mass Casualty Incidents, 4) Interoperable Communications, and 5) Decontamination.

Thank you for having generously taken your time to complete the Mid-Year Survey. For questions, please contact [John Wilgis](#), Director/Emergency Management Services at (407) 841-6230.

Need assistance on hospital preparedness? Check out the information and resources now available on the DOH Hospital Preparedness webpage: <http://www.floridashealth.com/prepare/hospprepared.html>

Complete survey results are available - contact Sandra Parry at Sandra_Parry@doh.state.fl.us.