



**Summary Report of the Emergency Preparedness and Planning
Committee to the Medical Staff
of the Executive Committee
2010 Annual Report**

The Emergency Preparedness and Planning Committee evaluated the Emergency Preparedness Program's objectives, goals, scope, and performance and determined it to be effective in 2010. Several opportunities to utilize the Multi-Hazard, ICS-based Emergency Operations Plan were available with both planned events and unplanned incidents. Specific event and incident responses of note include

- Winter Storm on January 31st
- Air-lift of 5 Haitian patients to UNC Hospitals following the January earthquake
- Table-top emergency exercise at Kenan Stadium with UNC, Chapel Hill, and Orange County response partners
- Winter Storm on December 25th

All exercises and unplanned incidents were evaluated to ascertain opportunities for improvement. The results from each evaluation were reviewed by the committee or subcommittees therein for inclusion into the overall operations plan or to be used to revise the various operational policies and procedures affecting emergency preparedness and business continuity.

The Emergency Operations Plan continued to have a mitigating effect and UNC Health Care experienced fewer adverse impacts from emergencies during CY2010. Additionally, the emergency operations plan and framework reduced the level of escalation of several events and incidents during CY 2010.

A series of updates to the Emergency Operations Plan and Hazard Vulnerability Analysis were accomplished under the oversight of the committee. These updates helped the committee have a more accurate and quantitative understanding regarding UNC Health Care's capabilities and vulnerabilities. Specifically the updates to the Emergency Operations Plan resulted in a relative risk reduction for Active Shooter Emergencies (47% to 25%) and Tornados (38% to 31%). In December UNC Hospitals was invited to share components of its Emergency Operations and Business Continuity Plan at the National Hurricane Conference in April of 2011.

The committee has set the following goals and objectives for 2011:

- Reduce the financial impact of emergencies and disasters through comprehensive mitigation and continuity of operations planning
- Revise and implement Emergency Preparedness Program Management Policies and Procedures
- Enhance the ability of UNC Hospitals to mass casualty decontamination through the inclusion of the Environmental Services Department as a response partner
- Improve the Emergency Preparedness and Business Continuity infrastructure of UNC Health Care using grant opportunities from ASPR and other funding sources
- Continue to provide support to the Orange County, Chapel Hill, and UNC communities through continued participation in planning committees and workgroups
- Continue to refine and improve continuity planning and coordination across the UNC Health Care System
- Continue to develop the Incident Management Team concept and competency-based training for its members and support personnel
- Work to improve information coordination and sharing with UNC-CH during emergency and crisis situations
- Improve employee personal preparedness through a series of educational offerings targeting personal and family preparedness