



**Summary Report of the Emergency Preparedness and Planning
Committee to the Medical Staff
of the Executive Committee
2009 Annual Report**

The committee evaluated the Emergency Preparedness Program's objectives, goals, scope, and performance and determined it to be effective in 2009. 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 a Winter Storm on January 19th, the Men's NCAA National Semi-Final and Championship Games on April 4th and 6th, the ConAgra Explosion on June 9th, and an OR Evacuation Drill on October 14th. 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/disaster preparedness. The committee also played a key role in the institutional response to the H1N1 pandemic.

The Emergency Operation Plan continues to have a mitigating effect and UNC Health Care experienced fewer adverse impacts from emergencies during CY2009. Additionally, the emergency operations plan and framework reduced the level of escalation of several events and incidents during CY 2009.

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.

The committee has set the following goals and objectives for 2010:

- Maintain the Emergency Preparedness website
- 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
- Continue to increase decontamination and PPE training
- Complete a review of the HVA (Hazard Vulnerability Analysis) annually
- Improve the Emergency Preparedness infrastructure of UNC Health Care using grant opportunities from ASPR and others
- Continue to provide support to the Orange County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Council) and other local planning bodies
- Continue to refine and improve the Emergency Operations Plan
- Continue to develop the Incident Management Team concept and competency-based training for its members and support personnel
- Provide NIMS/HICS training to key ancillary staff and departments
- Work to improve patient tracking for Mass Casualty Events
- Improve coordination and support with our local partners for special events, disasters, and/or emergencies
- Improve internal evacuation plans and procedures