

# Quarterly Newsletter

WINTER 2019



## Butler County MRC

### Upcoming POD Exercise

Butler County Public Health is asking for MRC support for their POD full scale exercise on 2/21/19 9am-11am at Butler Tech. For more information visit: [Butler County POD Exercise](#).

## National MRC

### Monthly Webinars

The MRC Network conducts monthly educational webinars. To listen to archived webinars visit the [MRC Network Well Check Webinars](#) page. February's webinar on the 5<sup>th</sup> is about At-Risk Population Best Practices.

## Coalition Exercise

### Save the Date

On September 19, 2019, the Greater Cincinnati Disaster Preparedness Coalition is collaborating with area responders to conduct a mass casualty full scale exercise. Volunteers will be needed. Mark your calendars!



## WINTER PREPAREDNESS

Stay safe during winter weather. Monitor weather alerts and have a preparedness kit ready. Check on neighbors, charge cell phones, follow local official's warnings. Learn more at [www.ready.gov/winter](http://www.ready.gov/winter).

# Hepatitis A Outbreak Update

The Southwest Ohio region's occurrence of new hepatitis A cases have seen a steady decline over the last few months. Most people who get hepatitis A feel sick for several months, but they usually recover completely and do not have lasting liver damage. For more information about hepatitis A please review the CDC Fact Sheet at the link below.

<https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/pdfs/HepAGeneralFactSheet.pdf>



## Training Update

*"TURNING PTSD INTO PTG: IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE"*

Hebron KY Fire Protection District and NKU Department of Nursing have collaborated to bring PTSD training to the region. Target audience members include emergency service providers including disaster volunteers. Purpose is to learn more about signs/symptoms, treatments, and Post-Traumatic Growth (PTG). Nurses can receive 6.6 contact hours of continuing education. See our Facebook page for the flyer and link to register.

[www.facebook.com/TristateMRC](http://www.facebook.com/TristateMRC)

*"Every morning when we wake up, we have a choice".*

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## Adams County MRC

CHALLENGE AWARD UPDATE

In 2018, the Adams County MRC Unit received a NACCHO Challenge Award in the amount of \$7,500 for their "Community Lifesaving" initiative. This award provides funding for Hands-Only CPR and Stop the Bleed training for the community. Training programs have been offered throughout Adams County. In addition to training the community at a variety of venues, the training is also incorporated in the health department's Rural Health Opioid Program. It is evident that the program has been well-received by the county due to the continued requests to provide the training.



*"The NACCHO Challenge Award is empowering our community to become prepared to make a difference" - Dr. William Hablitzel, MD, Health Commissioner*

## New Butler County MRC Coordinator

JENNY PILECKI-BUTLER COUNTY MRC

Jenny started her career in emergency management with AmeriCorps' St. Louis Emergency Response Team after graduating from UC Berkeley with a degree in Public Health. Formerly the Cincinnati/Hamilton County MRC Coordinator, Jenny returns to the region as the Butler County Emergency Response Coordinator. She gained valuable experience as UCLA Health's Emergency Management Specialist. We welcome Jenny back to the region!

<http://www.swoph.org/coordinators.htm>



## Active Shooter Mass Casualty Exercise

NORTHERN KENTUCKY

Almost 50 different agencies, led by Kenton County Emergency Management, participated in a MCI Full Scale exercise on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at Beechwood Schools. The purpose of the exercise was to test the regional response to an active shooter. Over 100 volunteers, many of whom were Tristate MRC volunteers, were moulaged for their roles as "victims". The exercise demonstrated the incredible ability of the region's first responder agencies to work together to enhance capabilities. Thanks to all the volunteers for making this exercise possible!



## Hamilton County Public Health Presenting at National Conference

HAMILTON COUNTY POD PROGRAM

This March, at NACCHO's Annual Public Health Preparedness Summit in St. Louis, MO, Hamilton County Public Health's Emergency Preparedness (EP) division will be conducting a workshop sharing the tools they use to run their POD program. They will be speaking about how they have identified "natural fit" partners for their Closed PODs and the tools they use to get them in the program and keep them involved.

HCPH's EP division is tasked with maintaining a large number of POD locations and POD personnel. They will be sharing their practices on how they are able to maintain up-to-date information, keep in contact with their POD Managers and engage their volunteers to continue participating in exercises and training. Hamilton County Public Health is looking forward to the opportunity to share their practices with other professionals tasked with protecting their community in a public health emergency.