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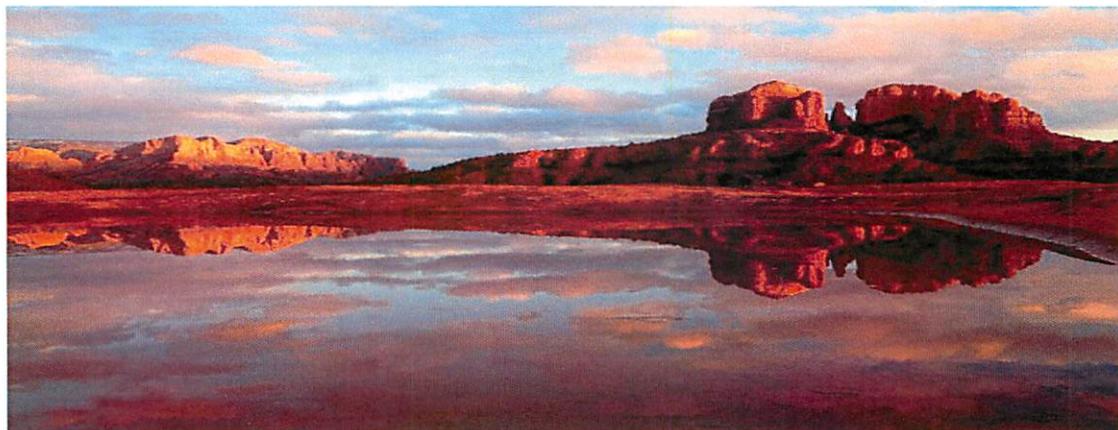
Arizona Local Public
Health Emergency
Response Association

Newsletter #25

June 2016

BP4 - ALPHERA Meeting Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 2, 2016	In-Person	ADHS Room 215 Phoenix



Committees

Nominations

Shelly Jacobs

AAR/IPs

Elizabeth Lueck

Shelly Jacobs

Michael Fila

Capability Workgroup

All Members

Mass Care Workgroup

Elizabeth Lueck

ALPHERA Meeting

June 2, 2016

Conference Call #

1-712-775-7031

Passcode 139394570#

1000 to 1400

ALPHERA AGENDA

Partner Agency Updates:

ADHS-Update

EPI

ALPHERA report to ALHOA

Regional Updates

Southern

Western

Central

Northern

Old Business:

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

New Business:

Selection of BP5 Officers

Educational:

Arizona Public Health Risk Assessment Tool – Antonio / Ashraf

ESAR-VHP – AJ

AZED – Denise Muller

Committee Reports:

A. Capability Workgroup (Elizabeth)

B. By-Laws / Nominating

C. ALPHERA Newsletter

D. Membership Updates

Recognition

Round Table:

Call to all members

Call to all non-member

Adjourn Meeting:

Disaster Drill

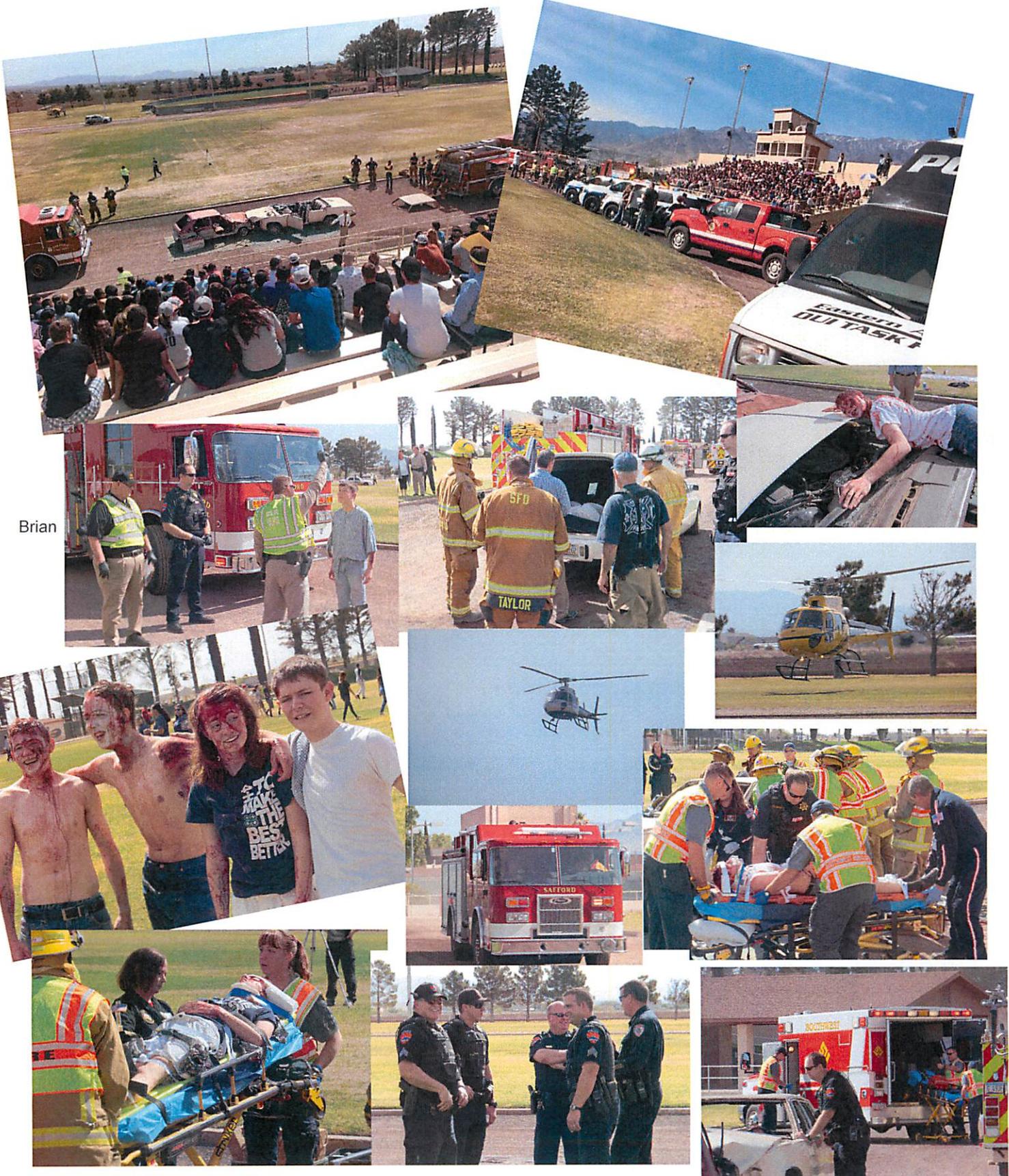
Graham County

April is 'Substance Abuse Awareness Month' and the spring brings Prom's and Graduation in high schools around the County. Since 1993, Graham County First Responders have gotten together to provide a program called 'Prom/Grad Assembly' to High School students. This is a depiction of an alcohol related crash involving students with death and serious injuries. First Responders from every County agency took part with students from every high school in the valley being bussed to Eastern Arizona College for the demonstration. It is a very realistic event that takes a lot of resources and manpower. It is also a great exercise getting all first responders working together.

This program is different from any other traffic safety program because students hear and see exactly what victims of a car crash would experience during and after the crash. This occurs in real time as it does in real situations.

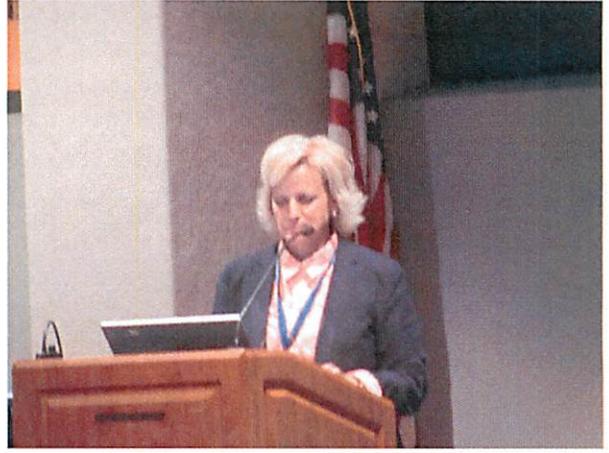
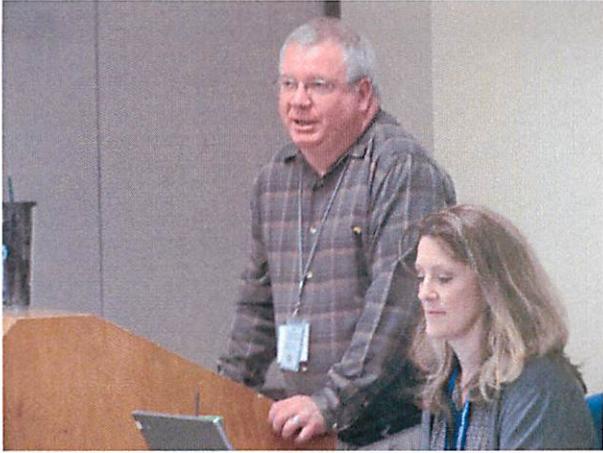


Disaster Drill



Brian

ADHS 2016 Training and Exercise Planning Workshop



ALPHERA GOALS 2015/2016

GOAL #1

Include any opportunity that identifies potential shared resources at every in-person meeting, and incorporate a report of those resources in the ALPHERA newsletter at least quarterly (i.e. MOU templates, policies, procedures)

GOAL #2

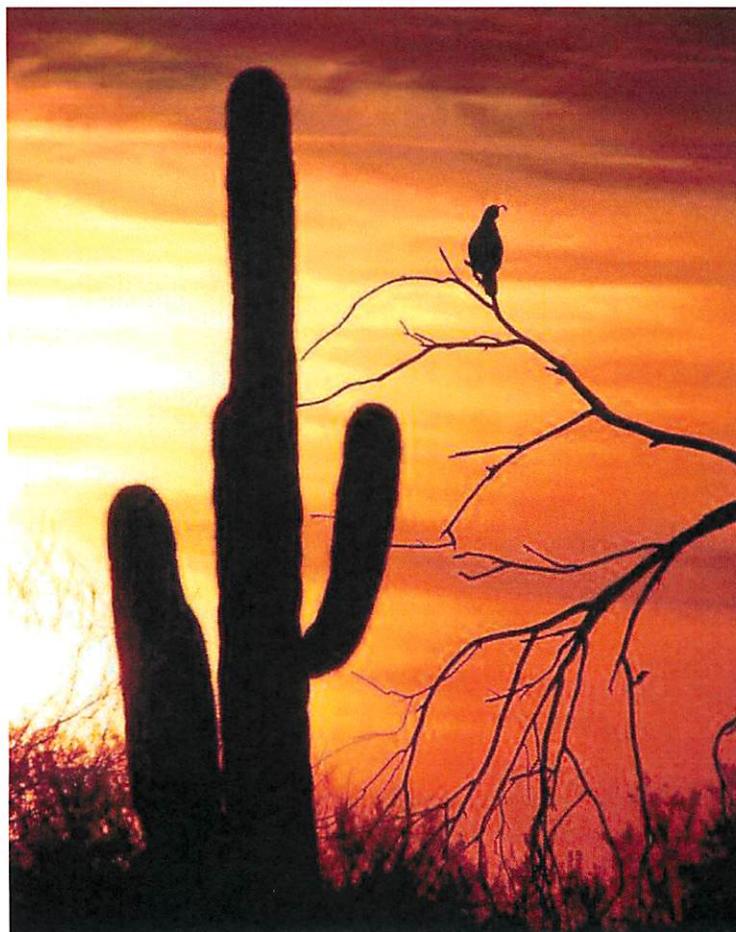
At least quarterly, the ALPHERA meeting agenda shall include the review of one of the capabilities by the counties and tribes. This year's focus to be Recovery, EOC Coordination and Responder Safety and Health. The review will include best practices, innovative solutions and identified barriers to the capability.

GOAL #3

Include a "best practice" presentation at each in-person meeting. Presentations should reflect this year's Deliverables (or next year's expected deliverables, if known.)

GOAL #4

Identify opportunities that support the alignment of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Deliverables and Healthcare Preparedness Deliverables.

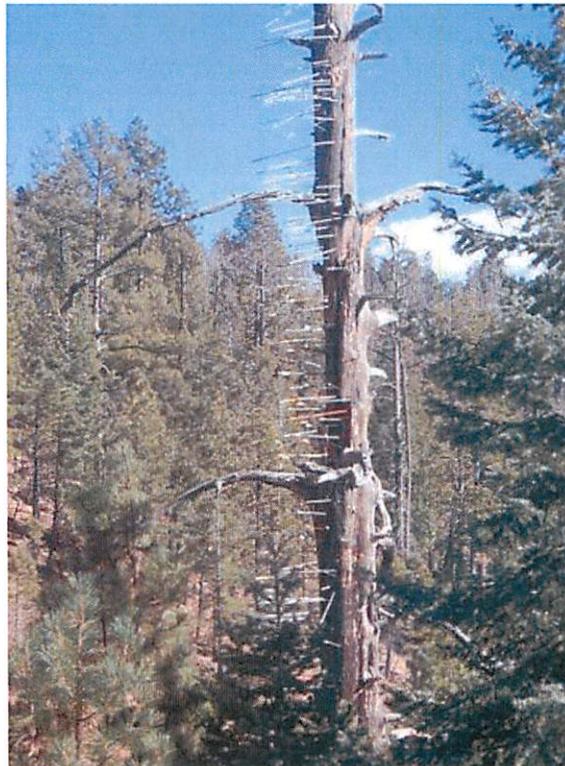


AzCHER-S

2015 Meeting Schedule

Call In #: (520)222-1111 Passcode: 8686

	Time	Host(s)
January 13	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S
February - TBD	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	AzCHER-S and ADHS
March 10	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S
April 14	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S
May 12	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	AzCHER-S and ADHS
June 9	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S
July 14	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S
August 11	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	AzCHER-S and ADHS
September 8	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S
October 13	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S
November 10	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	AzCHER-S and ADHS
December 8	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S



The Arrow Tree

Do you know where in Arizona it is?

Training

State Training Offering

MGT439: Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Planning

ERMA Event #1005379

Pima County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

3434 E. 22nd Street

Tucson, AZ 85713

June 20 - 21, 2016

8am - 5pm each day

* Register On-Line through ERMA at www.erma.az.gov

Arizona Infectious Disease Tabletop Exercise & Training

Black Canyon Conference Center

July 26-28, 2016

https://azdhs.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2nlckn3NiN4HSnP

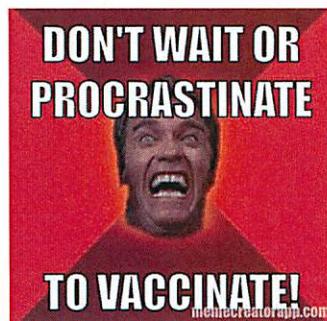
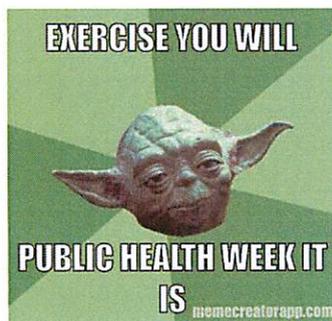
Contact Christine

Gila County News



Craig Humphrey

I am the Communicable Disease Specialist for Gila County. This is my first public health job since completing my MPH from The University of North Texas Health Science Center in May 2014, prior to that I was a pharmacy technician for 13 years. I am originally from Tucson, AZ where I lived until I was 11 when my family moved to the Phoenix area. In 2006, my wife moved to Texas but after living in Fort Worth, Texas for the last 9 years, my wife and I moved back to Arizona to be closer to our families. We have two children, a 5 year old daughter and a 2 year old son. My family likes watching and playing most sports, with baseball and hockey being our favorites.



Memes Dezirae Williams created for the Arizona Public Health Association (AzPHA) meme contest held on April 5th for National Public Health Week.

Gila County's 2015 Community Health Assessment



2015 COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY



GILA COUNTY STRENGTHS

- Close-knit communities
- Access to National Parks
- Lower health risk factors
- Improved air quality



LIFE EXPECTANCY

72 yrs

Life expectancy for males

79 yrs

Life expectancy for females



CONCERNING HEALTH TRENDS



32.5%

Adults in Gila County are obese.

4 of 5

Adults are NOT consuming the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables



Higher rates of mortality and chronic diseases

SOCIAL FACTORS IMPACTING HEALTH

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Adults report receiving inadequate social support



Higher rates in poverty, crime and school dropouts

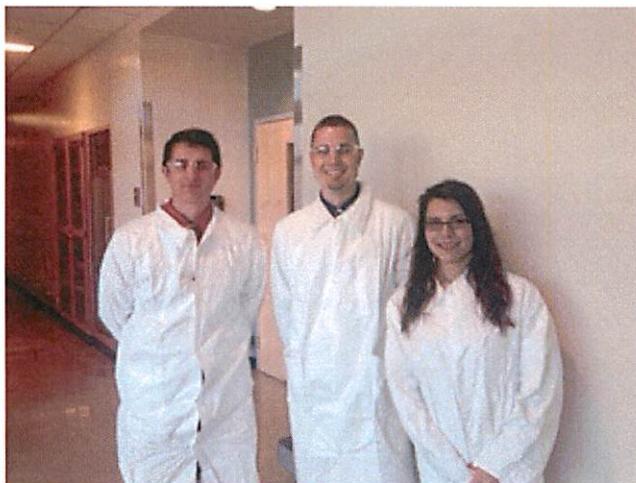
THE COMMUNITY WANTS

- Increased access to specialty health care services including mental health services
- Improved access to healthy foods
- Improved community infrastructure to increase social and recreational opportunities



To learn more visit: www.gilacountyaz.gov or www.cvrmc.org

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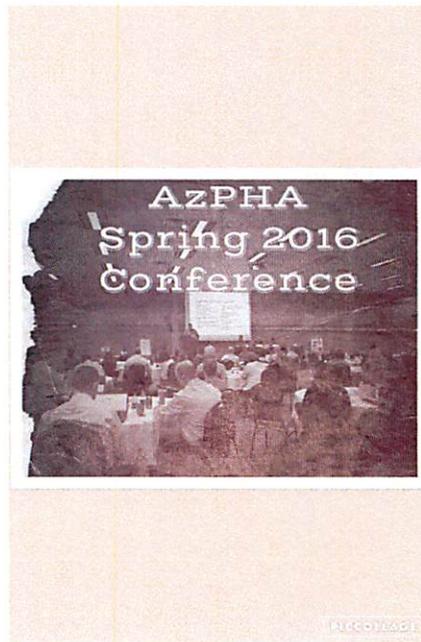


Manuel
Health Nurse, MEDSIS Trainee
(Communicable Disease Specialist) and
toured the state lab.

**Abeyta (Public
Craig Humphrey
Dezirae Williams**



**Carl
ford,
Coun-**



**Mel-
Gila
ty**

Emergency Management Executive Administrative Assistant entered these pictures in the AzPHA photo Contest

Yuma County Functional Needs Exercise

Yuma County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program sponsored a full scale exercise on March 23, 2016 to test local capabilities to respond to the access and functional needs population in a large scale disaster.

The scenario for this exercise was a long term power outage which necessitated the American Red Cross opening a shelter with power available to accommodate individuals with access and functional needs. This population includes individuals with sensory, physical and cognitive disabilities as well as the elderly and children. American Red Cross shelters are open to everyone including anyone who was previously at home receiving care from an outside agency.

This exercise provided participants the opportunity to practice disaster response plans, policies and procedures. It focused on coordination and integration with multiple agencies during a large scale disaster. The expected outcome of the exercise was to provide for the sheltering needs of the whole community. Participants met this outcome and everyone learned a great deal.

The Church of the Latter Day Saints on 8th Ave. offered their facility. The Salvation Army had a noon meal as part of the exercise. Yuma County Public Health Services District inspected the shelter for sanitation, initiated disease surveillance, provided the media information and ensured the safety of the participants with a designated safety officer. The Yuma County Community Emergency Response Team(CERT) along with Public Health District staff helped with shelter set up and registration, Medical Reserve Corps set up a first aid station, Yuma County Emergency Management simulated the opening of the Emergency Operations Center for additional support and resources, Yuma Auxiliary Communications Service provided back up communication, Cocopah Emergency Management evaluated the exercise and Haven of Yuma provided residents and staff to play guests and their caregivers. Observers included Border Patrol, Hospice of Yuma and Ironwood Assisted Living Facility.

The time to prepare and exercise together is before the disaster happens. We all have a much better understanding of our roles, how we interact, and what services we are able to provide. This will allow Yuma County to maximize resources and avoid gaps in response.

Yuma County Functional Needs Exercise



Briefing



MRC Team



Setup

Graham/Greenlee County Infectious Disease Workshop



Welcome Brian Douglas



Eliza Gregory Coll



Melissa Lunt—Zika Update

Graham/
Greenlee
Plan



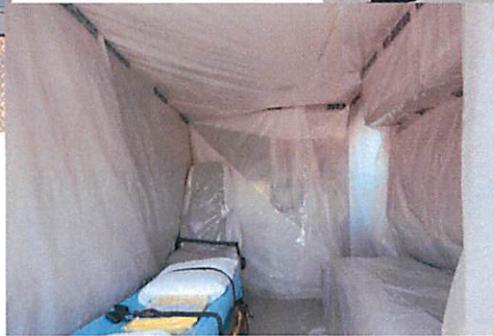
Amy Ollerton & Carolyn McCormies



GCHD
Director
of Nurs-
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Eastern
Arizona
College



Graham/Greenlee County Infectious Disease Workshop



Karen Paz, CEP Greenlee County Ambulance demonstrates dedicated Ambulance for Ebola or Highly Infectious patients



Burress

Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center



Lori

Elizabeth Lueck
Cochise County



Natalie Thompson, CEP - Rural Metro Ambulance

Graham/Greenlee County Infectious Disease Workshop



Eastern Arizona College Nursing School



Free, Online Packaging & Shipping Div. 6.2 Materials!!

- Sponsored by the CDC & NLTN.
- Supports Initial Certification & Renewal Training Requirements.
- Category A & B Exercises.
- Case Studies (including Ebola).
- Regulatory Requirements.
- Documentation Training.
- Numerous Job Aides.

Locate this course online at: www.cdc.gov/latraining to register



Humanitarian Health Response at Sea

While traveling in the Mediterranean Sea on a Cruise Ship May 12th heading from Italy to Greece an SOS was picked up by the Norwegian Spirit Ship. They responded with 2,300 passengers and hundreds of staff. Two Refugee boats were reported drifting in the sea. Upon arrival to the closest disabled vessel the ship waited for the Coast Guard to arrive before engaging. A commercial ship was in the area that called in the SOS and later left. We only saw one of the Refugee vessels as others responded to the second one. It was reported that two women each 36 weeks pregnant were on board. The doctor from the ship went with the Coast Guard to check on them. Original plans were to pick up the refugees and take them to Greece with the Cruise Ship. That plan changed when they found out that there were 280 passengers on that small boat. The doctor returned to the ship with a lady who delivered her baby (I do not know if it was already delivered or the doctor delivered it)

The Cruise Ship turned back toward Italy because a helicopter coming to pick up the mother and newborn didn't have the fuel capacity to reach the ship where it was. The Coast Guard ships were taking refugees off the boat a few at a time and loading them onto their ships. The mother and child were flown to a hospital in Italy along with the ship's doctor who accompanied them and then returned the doctor to the ship. After all was sorted out the Norwegian Spirit was one more day at sea missing a stop in Mykonos Greece but not one of the 2,300 passengers complained. Two lives were saved and probably more as the refugee vessel had been drifting for 15 days. In all the two disabled vessels had over 600 people aboard.

It is amazing that when the need arises different countries, agencies both government and private can come together and work to get the job done to save lives and rescue those in need. The crew on the ship said they had drilled for this very possibility and when they were needed they were prepared and everything worked like it was a daily routine. It is also tragic to see the challenges of people who risk everything including their lives to try to find a better place for their future. Each has their own story but things must be pretty bad to just head out to sea and hope for a better landing.

As we continue to exercise, plan, drill and work with our community partners for emergencies we hope will never happen, just keep in mind that when something does happen and you are prepared to respond everything will work smoother and you may even save a life or two.

Humanitarian Health Response at Sea



Refugee Camp in Athens Greece



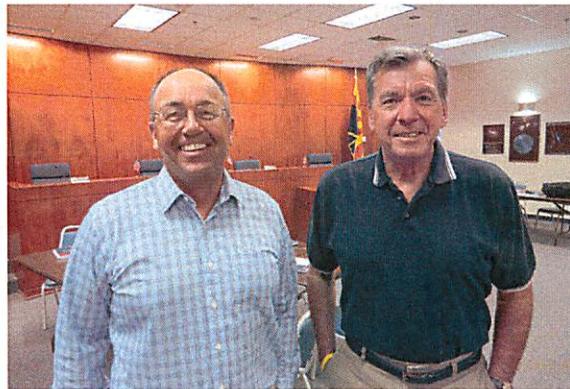
State Training in Graham County

MAL 960 All-Hazards Division/Group Supervisor

ERMA Event #1005624

May 31st through June 2nd 2016

0800 to 1700 each day



Dugger Hughes and Dan Oltrogge Instructors

