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Fire and Emergency Management for Healthcare Facilities

Critical Incidents & Events: Are You Ready?

This is a sampling of disasters that have impacted single facilities, multiple healthcare facilities or entire regions and states. Could Russell Phillips & Associates have made a difference in your preparation and actions during these incidents?

2005 - 2009

- Flooding in Iowa, North Dakota, Missouri, Illinois and other Midwest areas forcing the evacuation of multiple healthcare facilities and surge capacity plan activation at other facilities to handle the influx
- Boiler explosion at a Washington State nursing home
- Bomb threat evacuation at a Connecticut assisted living facility
- Freon leak at a Vermont healthcare facility
- Fire at a Massachusetts nursing home
- Helicopter crashes on Massachusetts and Michigan hospitals
- Wildfires in California force evacuation of multiple healthcare facilities
- Tornadoes in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Midwest states damage or destroy healthcare facilities
- Heat wave in California causes loss of life for multiple residents of a nursing home
- Fire forces the evacuation of a Kansas healthcare facility
- Hurricanes Ike, Katrina and Rita impact facilities ability to operate with one of the largest healthcare evacuations on record as well as many facilities being forced to stand-alone with existing supplies and resources
- Flooding in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey force the evacuation of multiple healthcare facilities (hospitals and nursing homes)
- Loss of water/water pressure at a Connecticut medical center for four (4) days causes disruption in operations (boilers, chillers, sprinkler system, bathing, drinking, etc.)

1998 – 2004

- Fire causes the death of more than 32 patients in two separate incidents
- East Coast blackout forces the evacuation of multiple nursing homes and demonstrates generator failures at multiple hospitals
- Power grid loss at hospital and generator failure causes the death of multiple patients
- Loss of IT systems at a major academic medical center forces the facility to operate for greater than three (3) days without support systems (downtime plans for a typical 8 hour period)
- 9/11 and Anthrax situations tax the medical preparation of hospitals throughout the Northeast and the nation
- Tropical Storm Allison devastates Houston with hundreds of millions of dollars in losses for building infrastructure and research animals
- Hurricanes Charles, Francis, Ivan and Jeanne roll through Florida causing destruction to healthcare facilities, evacuation of facilities and the community. This forces many institutions to stand alone with limited supplies and resources for extended periods of times
- Northeast Ice Storm isolates areas of New York, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine for up to 3 weeks with limited access to and capabilities at the healthcare facilities

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