



Medical Services Team Training

Washington's Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT-WA-1) Deployment to Hurricane Katrina

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DMAT Logistics Officer**

Kris will discuss the deployment to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans last August, and discuss what it was like to practice almost "third-world" medicine in the United States.

This is an extremely interesting presentation and food for thought. Are we ready here in the Northwest?

Saturday, February 25 2006

0900 - 1200 hours

Group Health Administration—Tukwila

12400 E. Marginal Way S, Seattle

(See driving instructions on the back)

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Medical Services Team TRAINING PROGRAM

Kris Benvenuto is the Manager of the Urgent Care and Extended Observation Departments at Group Health Central Hospital. She also chairs the hospital's Disaster Preparedness Committee.

She is a member of the WA-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team, and serves as their Logistics Officer. The team deployed to Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina, and again to Texas for Hurricane Rita. The team experienced horrendous operating conditions, and did some wonderful medical care under almost third-world conditions. The team's story is very interesting.

HEAD'S UP—March 18th training meeting will include a CPR refresher, a Blood-borne Pathogen refresher which are both required courses for the team. Immediately following that will be a First Aid refresher for those who need to recertify. The instructor needs to know in advance how many cards to order, so please indicate to N7LSL, at the meeting, or in an E-mail, whether you plan to attend this class, and whether you need just CPR, or CPR and First Aid.

*The meeting location: **Group Health Administration Main Building (formerly Riverton Operations Center)***

DIRECTIONS:

From I-5 Southbound Take exit 158, Pacific Highway South/East Marginal Way. At light at the end of the exit, turn right onto Boeing Access Road, then merge to the far left lane. At next light at 5-way intersection, make a hard left onto East Marginal Way South. Travel approximately .5 mile, then turn right at next light on East Marginal Way South. Travel approximately .5 mile more. Main building is on the left (east).

From I-5 Northbound Take exit 156, SR 599 Tukwila West Marginal Way. Turn left on Interurban Avenue, heading north. Follow Interurban Avenue to East Marginal Way South, then turn left. Travel approximately .5 mile. Main building is on the left (east).

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