

# Public Health to the Rescue: *Emergency Response is Now a Core Function* Satellite Conference & Live Webcast

**Monday, April 3, 2006 • 12:00-1:30 p.m. (Central Time)**  
**1:00-2:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) • 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) • 10:00-11:30 a.m. (Pacific Time)**

This program will examine the roles played by four state public health agencies in the response and recovery phases of Hurricane Katrina, specifically with respect to the public health core functions. The State Health Officers from Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi will discuss how their agencies roles in assessment, policy development, and assurance were affected by this disaster. They will discuss as a group: what worked, and what didn't, and what should be modified for the future. Since each state and agency was affected by the Hurricane in a different way, the roles these organizations assumed was different as well. There are valuable lessons to be learned by not only reviewing the response by agencies directly involved in the disaster, but also from neighboring states who provided support and assistance.

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## Program Objectives:

1. Describe the role of a public health agency in a regional disaster response.
2. Recognize the complexity of emergency response in a public health agency.
3. Determine how a public health agency refines operations to allow a more effective response following a disaster.

## Conference Details:

Target Audience: Public health practitioners, healthcare providers, first responders and recovery workers, community planners, emergency managers and policy makers, governmental and non-governmental workers, leaders of volunteers and faith-based organizations that assist affected communities.

Registration: [www.adph.org/alphntn](http://www.adph.org/alphntn) Cost: There is no cost to view.

CEUs: None for this program.

Satellite Technical Information: This program will be a live satellite broadcast on both Ku & C bands.

Webcast Information: Register at [www.adph.org/alphntn](http://www.adph.org/alphntn) To view webcast, you need RealPlayer. Test your computer before the day of the program from the "test connection" link at [www.adph.org/alphntn](http://www.adph.org/alphntn). On the day of the program, go to [www.adph.org/alphntn](http://www.adph.org/alphntn) Click on the "view webcast" link.

Conference Materials: There are no handout materials for this program.

Questions For Faculty: If you have questions that you want addressed during the conference, you may fax or email those questions and a response will be given during the program. Email: [alphntnquestions@adph.state.al.us](mailto:alphntnquestions@adph.state.al.us) or Fax: 888-737-1972.

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