



MHPC
METROLINA HEALTHCARE
PREPAREDNESS COALITION





The mission of the Metrolina Healthcare Preparedness Coalition is to facilitate coordination and cooperation throughout the Metrolina region to ensure partners have the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergent health and medical events.

The MHPC facilitates a regional healthcare preparedness program that enables Local, Regional, and State partners to collectively improve response to and recovery from major emergencies.

Vision

- Build a sustainable coalition to support the development of a resilient healthcare system that has a strengthened medical surge capacity and capability
- Demonstrate value to Coalition partners through the facilitation of preparedness, communication, and resource sharing





The Metrolina Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (MHPC) is comprised of regional healthcare partners such as hospitals, EMS, public health, emergency management, public safety and other healthcare entities with the purpose of enhancing the ability of the region to be more resilient in a disaster. The coalition provides a forum for all partners who have a role in healthcare disaster planning, response, or mitigation to plan together and facilitate the planning initiatives as determined by the Steering Committee.

The activities of the Coalition are based upon the regional needs, the Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities developed by ASPR, and the North Carolina Office of EMS guidance. All initiatives are funded through the ASPR Hospital Preparedness Grant and through in kind support from regional partners.

Metrolina SMAT Highlights

- Provide monthly continuing education and training opportunities for SMAT Team members
- Established online initial training for SMAT team members available statewide
- 2015: Provided staff to support Cabarrus EMS at the NASCAR Coca-Cola 600

MHPC Highlights:

2015

- Initiated Long Term Care Engagement program
- Continued Hospital Decontamination Standardization work group

2014

- Coordinated and implemented Coalition Partner driven exercise
- Initiated Hospital Decontamination Standardization work group

2013

- Assisted in development of Mecklenburg County Office of Medical Examiner Fatality Management plan

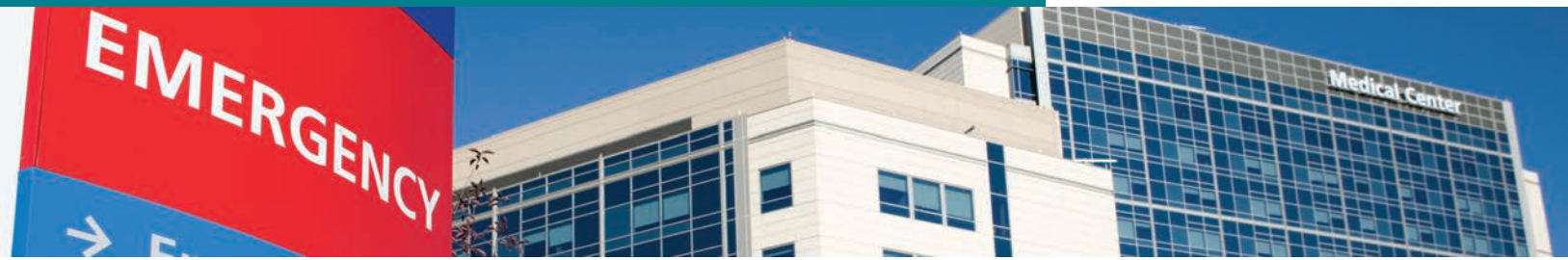
2012

- Played a key role in the regional planning and response to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte Management plan

Metrolina SMAT

The MHPC manages the Metrolina State Medical Assistance Team, which is a multidisciplinary volunteer team of medical and non-medical professionals established to provide medical support for short and long term disasters or catastrophic events. Roles in which the Metrolina SMAT can provide support include set up and provision of a mobile treatment facility, regional and state logistics support, and community alternate care site support.





The success of the Metrolina Healthcare Preparedness Coalition and its response during a disaster is reliant upon 3 key components: collaboration, planning, and training/ exercise. Your agency is encouraged to join us as we prepare our region for a medical disaster response. The MHPC is committed to broadening and strengthening the members of the Coalition.

Benefits of membership in the MHPC include access to training opportunities such as disaster preparedness symposiums, opportunities to collaborate with other medical disaster planners, and involvement in exercises that are Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) consistent and meet most credentialing requirements. As a Coalition member, you will be included in regional planning and mutual aid agreements. You will have opportunities to collaborate with your peers and enable a more cohesive response during disasters. A strong Coalition increases visibility and advocacy for medical disaster preparedness and response.

Benefits of Membership include:

- Eligibility to participate in regional planning initiatives like healthcare hazardous materials decontamination or evacuation planning.
- Eligibility to participate in the regional disaster exercise
- Access to subject matter experts in emergency preparedness
- Access to a wide array of important planning and response information
- Additional knowledge regarding available resources across the region and state
- Participation in an information sharing and situational awareness network
- Peer support and networking
- Opportunities to share your expertise, experience, and knowledge regarding your discipline with other planners with the goal of a holistic, inclusive regional emergency operations plan.



**What is the purpose of the Coalition?**

The coalition provides a forum for all partners who have a role in healthcare disaster planning, response, or mitigation to plan together and facilitate the initiatives as determined by the Steering Committee.

What is the Metrolina Healthcare Coalition's role in a disaster and emergency response?

When a disaster or emergency occurs, the MHPC shifts from preparedness to response mode. The MHPC can assist partners within the Coalition in partnership with County Emergency Management and may assist state wide under the guidance of the North Carolina Office of EMS. Information sharing, situational awareness, resource request fulfillment, and supplemental staffing are the primary forms of assistance provided. Coalition members are requested to participate in the response as needed.

Who is eligible to be a member?

MHPC membership is voluntary and open to organizations that provide healthcare and healthcare related services. Our members include executive, clinical, and operational representatives from hospitals, EMS, EM, community healthcare, long term care, in-home service, behavioral health, ambulatory care, pediatrics, ancillary services, and partners with a stake in disaster preparedness and response.

How do I become a member?

Contact the MHPC at MetrolinaHPC@carolinashealthcare.org

Is there a cost for membership?

There is no cost for membership.

Who from my organization should attend?

The leader of your emergency preparedness activities, senior leaders, and others involved in emergency preparedness and response. You are welcome to bring multiple persons to meetings.

What are my responsibilities as a member?

Your responsibilities are to actively participate in the preparedness activities of the region. This may involve attending meetings, participating in work groups, or serving as a subject matter expert in your field. We understand that schedules are extremely busy so we offer many options for participation.

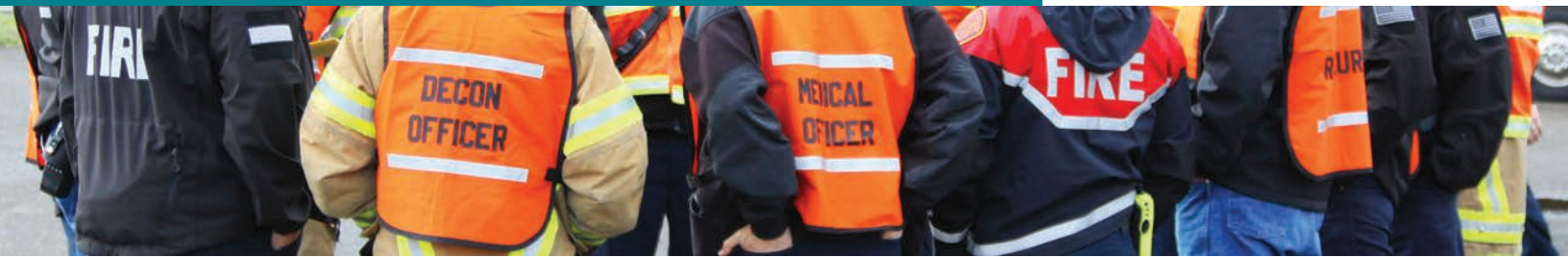
How often do you meet?

A quarterly planning meeting is conducted to provide an opportunity to share best practices, information and develop initiatives. Periodic meetings for special projects occur as needed.

What is the leadership structure for the Coalition?

The MHPC is guided by the elected Steering Committee with additional input from the regional partners. Additional guidance is received from the North Carolina Office of EMS and the U.S. Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR). There are 3 full time staff members who are responsible for the daily activities, grant management, and ensuring initiatives are maintained.





This is a brief overview of the types of resources that are available through the MHPC and the State Medical Response System and is not all-inclusive.

Response Trailers	
Medical Support Unit	Two 3-bed patient treatment trailers
Decontamination Trailer	Field decontamination tent, equipment, and PPE
SMSS Trailer	Special Medical Support Shelter supplies
Magnum Generator	25,000 kw 3 phase generator, 500 gal NP water, 31ft 4 lamp light tower
Genie Light Tower	28ft 4 lamp light tower 6,000 kw single phase generator
Shelter and Sheltering Support	
Western Shelter Tents	7 – 19ft x 35ft tents and 2 – 20ft x 20ft in MHPC
HVAC Units	9 available. Designed for WS tents
Cots	90 cots
Hand Washing Stations	4 Portable pump sinks
Medical Supplies and Equipment	
Phillips MRX Monitors	4 – Cardiac Monitor, Defibrillator, Pacer, 12-Lead, NIBP, SpO2, and EtCO2
Phillips MP-2 Monitors	Can be used as part of a telemetry system
Ventilators	LTV 1200s; Eagle Transport vents with BiPap
Portable Suction	23 units
Oxygen Delivery System	Supports 36 beds
Long Backboards	Adult, pediatric, and infant
Communications	
Satellite Communications	Supports VOIP phone system and WiFi internet
Fatality Management	
BioSeal System	Remains containment system for 250 persons
Refrigerated trailer	53 foot trailer. There are several across the state
Cadaver Bags	Approximately 400 available
Educational Supplies	
Inflatable manikins	Adult and Pediatric
SMART Triage System	With 200 tags

