

# Disaster PREP

(PLAN, RESPOND, EXERCISE & PREPARE)

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June 1st
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June 5th - CO

## TRAINING ALWAYS AVAILABLE

- Trauma-Informed Care

<https://modmh.thinkific.com/>

- FEMA ICS 100 & 200 and 700 & 800 for Senior & Exec Leadership - National Incident Management System (NIMS)

<https://tinyurl.com/NIMS-100>

<https://tinyurl.com/NIMS-200>

<https://tinyurl.com/NIMS-700>

<https://tinyurl.com/FEMA-800>



In March, the Office of Disaster Services staff participated in a SEMA led tabletop exercise for repatriation. These exercises are held a few times a year to ensure best practices are used when assisting US citizens returning to the United States following an evacuation

from a country that has experienced a disaster or a form of international crisis. Many state and federal agencies, as well as non-profit organizations, participate in repatriation. Some include: Dept of Defense, Dept of Social Services, American Red Cross, Transportation Security Administration, Customs & Boarder Patrol, SEMA and DMH. (This is not an exhaustive list of agencies and organizations that participate.)

Deputy Director for the Office of Disaster Services, Alyssa Backes, led Central Office in **STOP THE BLEED** Training in March. During training, participants were taught how to recognize life-threatening bleeding and how to control that bleeding effectively, through a combination of classroom and hands-on instruction.



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STRIKE TEAM** training was held on April 11th. This training will be held again June 1st. During this training, Frank Zenere a school psychologist and District Coordinator of Student Services/Crisis Program from

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, discussed his response to numerous state and national crises that have occurred with the main focus on school shootings.



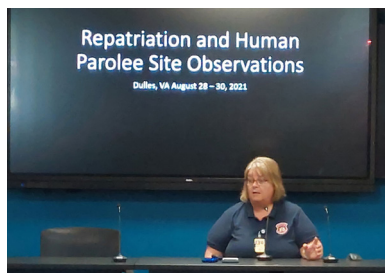
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A panel from the St. Louis School Shooting Response Team discussed their experience from within their agencies. A question and answer session followed their discussion.

Melissa Friel, Preparedness Division Manager from SEMA discussed the repatriation process that she observed in Virginia during the August 2021 Afghanistan evacuation. Melissa showed videos of the command center as well as discussed how aide was given and the challenges that they faced during the process.



Melissa Friel, SEMA

If you are interested in joining our BHST training on June 1st, please visit this link to register:

<https://officeofdisasterservices.wufoo.com/forms/m1fad3dc0eydlir/>

## VIC FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE



Photo: <https://aspr.hhs.gov/NDMS/Pages/VIC.aspx>

In May, ODS will be participating in a two-day Mass Fatality Exercise for Victims Information Center (VIC) team members, as we partner with SEMA, MO State Highway Patrol, Missouri Mortuary Operations Response Team (MO MORT-1), Missouri Disaster

Chaplaincy Program (MDCP) and Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) for this exercise.

After a mass casualty incident, members of the VIC team help communities and families reunify with their loved ones. VIC teams support local authorities in the aftermath of a natural or man-made disaster or public health emergency by helping to identify the victims and serving as a liaison to the victims' families or other responsible parties in support of other teams.

## WELCOME OUR NEW ODS TEAM MEMBERS

Deb Hendricks joined our team in April as the DD Preparedness Coordinator. Deb comes to the DMH with a wealth of experience in disaster work and working in the developmental disability community. Deb's work will focus on the Division of DD to help prepare individuals, staff and providers for various types of disasters.

Tamara Fish joined our team in May as the Disaster & Crisis Response Liaison. In her role at DMH, Tamara will be splitting her time between the DBH Prevention team and the Office of Disaster Services, assisting with the implementation of crisis services in both areas. She will focus her time in Disaster Services in assisting with the development of the BHST and VIC team.



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<https://tinyurl.com/appfema>

Missouri Show-Me Hope

<https://www.moshowmehope.org/>