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Agenda Released for CHA's Disaster Planning Conference

Plans are being finalized for CHA's upcoming "Disaster Planning for California Hospitals" conference set for Sept. 24-26 in Sacramento. Several highly experienced disaster coordinators from California, as well as national experts and state leaders, have been confirmed as speakers. The conference is collaborative effort of CHA and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

The theme for this second annual event, "Advance your Readiness" captures the goal that the program offers hospital disaster coordinators the tools and information they need to successfully manage a disaster. Program content will be relevant to both skilled disaster coordinators as well as those individuals who are new to disaster management and will include best practices.

Key topics include airborne infectious disease outbreaks, the new Federal Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, the role of the new Department of Public Health, organizing a mass casualty drill, lessons learned from the Angora fire, mass fatality management, security and terrorist early warning groups, preparing for a Joint Commission survey, homeland security update, new state initiatives and standards, Hospital Incident Command System training, and more.