

Workshop Description

3/29/07 1:15 pm Workshop Block 2

13. Developing a health and safety plan for disaster response: A closer look at the ideal vs. the reality
(Dillard University/UMDNJ - Kim Dunn Chapital, Bruce McClue, III, Ebony Turner, Koshy Koshy, John Malool & Anthony Valente) Track: Emergency/Disaster Response and Preparedness

Providing responders with the necessary training to safely work at a natural or man-made disaster site is vital to their safety. It's very important to remember that what may look good on paper, may not work in the real-world. When a worker receives responder training, they must be given the tools to handle different scenarios including break-down of communication, inadequate resources, and other challenges.

This presentation will address lessons learned from the response to Katrina in 2005 and the Athos Oil Spill in the Delaware Bay in 2004. *40 minutes formal presentation followed by open forum discussion (20 UMDNJ/20 Dillard University)*