HIGHLIGHTS

- The DC Health and Medical Coalition (DC HMC) integrated with the State Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI)/Infection Control Advisory Groups to conduct eight Ebola Readiness Assessments with DC’s acute care facilities.
- The DC HMC hosted its second Healthcare Preparedness Summit with stakeholders across the capital region. Topics included cybersecurity threats, Ebola response, public health response to Hurricane Harvey, and mass casualty response to the Las Vegas Mass Shooting.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

DC HMC maintains a robust all-hazards response structure built through participation in HPP. This included maintaining a proactive posture during real-world incidents while responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. DC HMC shared a critical role in response to National Special Security Events (NSSEs) and unprecedented civil unrest/First Amendment activities in the District. These events tested the HMC’s communications and its newly developed data reporting platform through EMResource.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- The DC HMC developed a draft Infectious Disease Surge Annex that helped guide its response during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The DC HMC hosted an Interim After-Action Review to assess alignment of COVID-19 response activities to existing plans.
- The DC HMC developed a draft Emergency Cache of Ventilators Deployment Annex to support its response coordination.
- In coordination with the DC Hospital Association (DCHA), DC HMC supported the building and onboarding of a new data reporting system for health care stakeholders. DC HMC and DCHA worked closely to ensure that all DC hospitals had the infrastructure to report required local and federal COVID-19 data points in a streamlined process to reduce burden and increase transparency.