HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

DELAWARE

HPP FUNDING

21% decrease in funding since FY 2013

HIGHLIGHTS

• Delaware (DE) uses HPP funding to build a robust medical surge capacity and response capability for the state’s population of nearly 1 million residents.
• Nine hospitals are core members of DE's health care coalitions (HCCs), including the Wilmington Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center.
• Yearly No-Notice Drills (NNDs) with DE’s assessment hospital and special transport team improved response preparedness and coordination.

SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

Previous work completed with HPP funding included a workshop and subsequent planning activities for first responder and other emergency medical services (EMS) organizations to identify an agency point of contact for infectious disease exposure. This included bidirectional information sharing with public health and local hospitals to ensure the safety and health of the responders. Although many of these organizations were challenged with the COVID-19 response, they knew the process and who to reach out to for assistance.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

• Funding and training for Ebola Preparedness and Response activities allowed DE hospitals to quickly ramp up operations for COVID-19 patients.
• The use of the state’s DE-Trac program enabled quick, accurate, actionable, and secure bidirectional exchange of information, including hospital surveillance assessments.
• The state maintained the stockpile of PPE purchased with HPP funding and provided supplies to the health care system based on identified need.

FY19 end-of-year data, HCC count, and map as of 6/30/2020. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in DE.

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