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Emergency Response, Responder Health and Safety

Public Health Officers Association Makes Contribution to Emergency Responder Health and Safety

Landover, MD., July 13, 2009 — The Commissioned Officers Association of the US Public Health Service (COA) is making their contribution to the ongoing discussion of emergency responder health and safety by facilitating the participation of Captain Robert J. Tosatto, Director, Medical Reserve Corps, Office of Force Readiness & Deployment, US Public Health Service, Office of the Surgeon General of the United States in a one hour online program, Responder Preparedness: Issues, Policies and Preparations to be presented on LEAPS.TV, a 100% Internet-based channel, on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 4:00 pm US ET. The live broadcast will be followed by four weeks of on-demand 24x7 reruns, all at no cost to the viewer.

Captain Tosatto will be a guest on the program which will be moderated by Judith Weshinsky-Price, Manager, Amarillo Emergency Communications. Other guests include Candace Burrell, Community Preparedness Program Manager, FEMA Region IV/CERT, Gary Niki, Senior Associate, Safety & Security, WMD/Terrorism Program, American Red Cross National Headquarters Disaster Services and Debbie Vance, Director, Gordon County (GA) E9-1-1. Captain Jerry Farrell, USN (Ret), Executive Director of COA points out “this program represents one of the great examples of collaboration. We contributed Captain Tosatto, who brings an unparalleled breadth and depth of knowledge to the program and we will all learn from Captain Tosatto and the experiences of the American Red Cross, FEMA and 911. This is a rare opportunity for these agencies to communicate directly on a very important, and rarely addressed issue: responder safety.”

Additional program details: http://www.leaps.tv/programdetail.php?program_code=200907221600

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