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# EMS Ebola Working Group International Teleconference

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# Agenda:

- ▶ Purpose & Rules of Engagement
- ▶ Ebola Overview
- ▶ FirstWatch Situation Report
- ▶ Invited Guests:
  - Dr. Jeff Clawson & Dr. Conrad Fivaz, IAED
  - Dr. John Lowe, University of Nebraska Medical Center
  - EMS Battalion Chief Lloyd Rupp, Omaha Fire Dept.
- ▶ International Situation Report
- ▶ Q&A (as time allows)



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# Purpose:

- Overview/update of Ebola Activity worldwide
- Participate in International SitRep describing significant Ebola activities of the previous week and concerns upcoming for the next week.
- Share solutions regarding specific challenges posed by Ebola
- Receive FirstWatch SitRep on Ebola surveillance activity
- Listen to guest speakers on select issues



# Rules of Engagement

- ▶ Session will conclude after 60 minutes
- ▶ The session will concentrate on harvesting and sharing different Ebola experiences and innovations, not assessing the degree of readiness of each service.
- ▶ Session materials can be sent to [eid@ParamedicChiefs.ca](mailto:eid@ParamedicChiefs.ca) for posting on Paramedic Chiefs of Canada website
- ▶ Please keep your comments brief



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# FirstWatch SitRep:



## Todd Stout

- Ebola monitoring for EMS
- Overview / big picture
- Best practices
- Other information to share
- Q&A
- [www.firstwatch.net/hi](http://www.firstwatch.net/hi)

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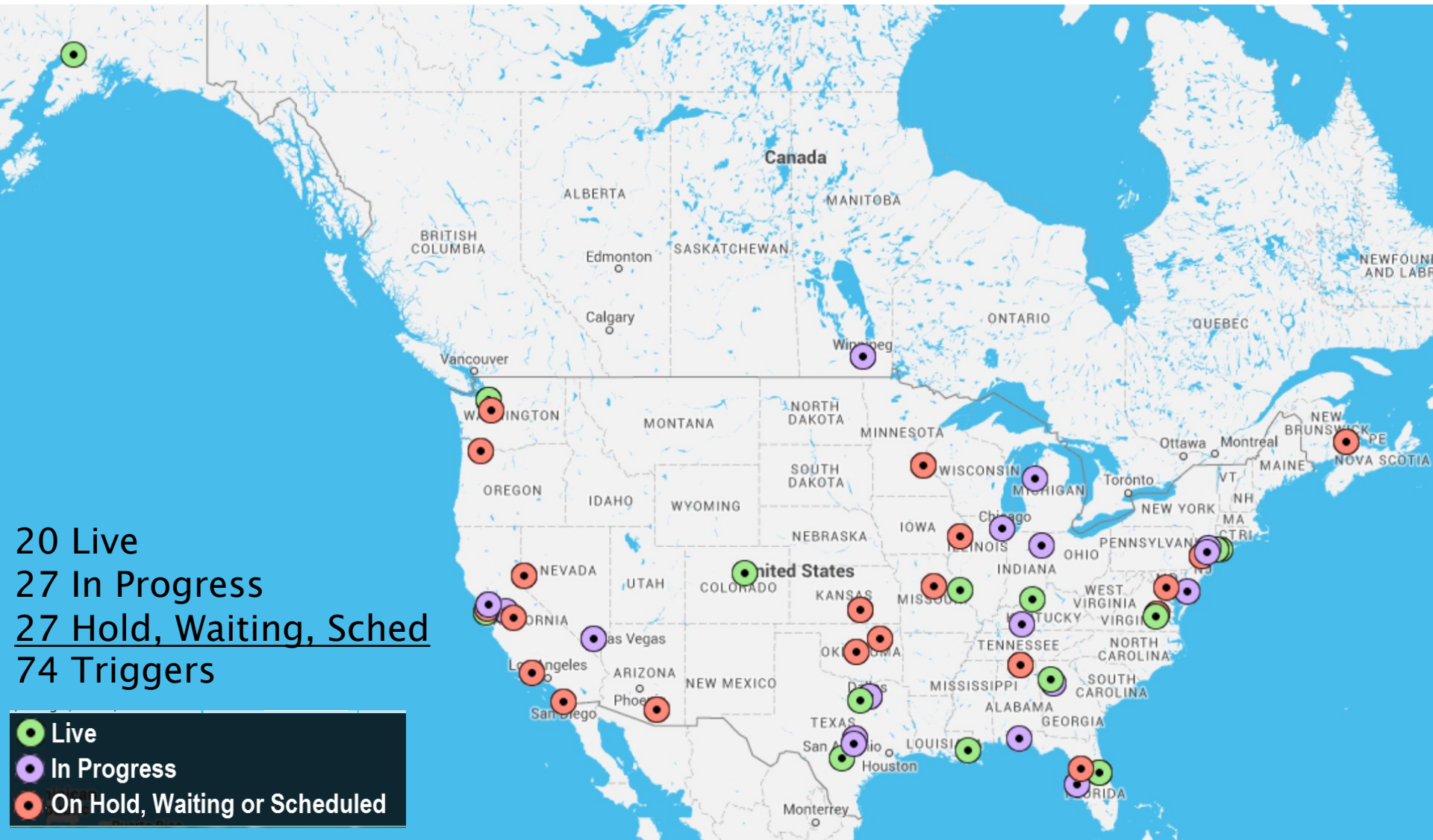
# FirstWatch Ebola Monitors

(we call them 'triggers')



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# Surveillance Best Practices (so far):

- ▶ If symptoms, ask travel/contact, fever
  - Avoid similar positive & negative documentation
- ▶ 26 ePCR/RMS-based
  - Combination of impressions, temp, custom questions/surveys, free-text
- ▶ 18 ProQA/Paramount (EMD)
  - Emerging Infectious Disease (EID) Form
    - To be released this week
    - Codes, free text for travel or contact w/traveler
- ▶ 29 CAD-based
  - Combination of chief complaint, user-fields & free-text
- ▶ 1 Hospital Emergency Dept-based

# Guest Speakers:

## IAED EID Tool



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Jeff Clawson, MD

**Co-founder**

International Academy of  
Emergency Dispatch  
Salt Lake City, UT USA



Conrad Fivaz, MD

**Consultant**

Priority Solutions, Inc.  
Salt Lake City, UT USA





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# Ebola Overview:



## Alex Garza, MD, MPH

Medical Director & Homeland Security  
Advisor, FirstWatch

Associate Dean for Public Health  
Practice, Associate Professor  
Epidemiology, St. Louis University

Former Assistant Secretary for Health  
Affairs & Chief Medical Officer for the  
US Department of Homeland Security

*Former EMT, Paramedic, Flight Medic,  
Medical Director, Army Batt. Surgeon*

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# Guest Speaker:

## Omaha experience

John Lowe, PhD  
Director for Public Health  
Training and Exercise  
Programs for the Center  
for Bio Preparedness  
Education

Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center  
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# Guest Speaker:

## Omaha experience

Lloyd Rupp  
Battalion Chief, EMS  
Omaha Fire Department  
Omaha, Nebraska USA





# Omaha Ebola Experience

## Omaha Fire EMS

EMS Chief Lloyd Rupp Jr.

P.J. Schenarts M.D.

## Nebraska Biocontainment Unit

Shawn Gibbs Ph.D. CIH

John Lowe Ph.D.



University of Nebraska  
Medical Center

# Coordination

U.S. Department of State  
Nebraska State Patrol  
Omaha Police Department  
U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Nebraska Division of Public Health  
County Emergency Management  
Nebraska Medical Center Security



# Ambulance





# Protective Equipment



# Protective Equipment





# Decontamination



# Decontamination



# Omaha Fire EMS

EMS Chief Lloyd Rupp Jr.

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# Nebraska Biocontainment Unit

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# Situation Report (SitRep) Format:

- ▶ Your Name & Organization
- ▶ Impact of Ebola on:
  - Call Volumes
  - Staffing/Performance
  - Health Facility Services
- ▶ Innovation of the week (big or small) for:
  - Your service
  - Your staff
  - Your healthcare facilities
- ▶ Most important lesson learned this week
- ▶ Topics / Issues for today's roundtable or for future discussion.



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## Next call information

### ▶ Thursdays

- 10am PDT, 11am MDT, 12pm CDT, 1pm EDT, 2pm ADT

### ▶ Online: <http://firstwatch.webex.com/training>

- Password: **ebolaems**

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# Thank You

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