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Agenda:

- Update of Ebola activity worldwide
 - Dr. Alex Garza
- Ebola Working Group timeline
- Quick survey
- Discussion of what we have learned in preparation for similar events in the future
 - Real-world EMS
 - Webinars & Information Sharing
- When would we re-activate the group?
- Resources for EMS Agencies



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Ebola Overview:



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EMS Ebola Working Group (EWG) Timeline...

1st North American Ebola patient: Sept. 30, 2014

October:

October 9, 2014

Chief Norman Seals, **Dallas Fire Department** experience transporting Thomas Duncan

October 16, 2014

Chief Lloyd Rupp & Dr. John Lowe, **Omaha Fire & Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center** (multiple patients)
Dr. Fivaz & Dr. Clawson, IAED

October 23, 2014

Wade Miles, Aaron Jamison & Dr. Alexander Isakov, **Grady EMS & Emory Hospital** (multiple patients)

October 30, 2014

Dr. Russell MacDonald, Ebola 101



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November:

November 6, 2014

Peter Simpson & Catherine Jackson-Cole, **Sierra Leone** Experience

November 20, 2014

Dr. Richard Alcorta, Maryland's statewide implementation of the IAED Emerging Infectious Disease Tool

December:

December 4, 2014

Chief Bergamini & Captain Miano, **FDNY's** experience transporting Dr. Craig Spencer

December 18, 2014

Dr. Edward Racht, **AMR's** approach to transporting Ebola patients in Dallas



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Survey Questions...



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Discussion

- What have we learned in preparation for similar events in the future?
 - Real-world EMS
- Webinars & Information Sharing
- Survey results



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When to re-activate these sessions?

1) More Ebola Activity

2) Next issue/infectious disease



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Emerging Infectious Disease (EID) Resources

- ▶ General information: www.paramedicchiefs.ca/eid
- ▶ For a complete list of Questions and Answers from these webinars, see: www.paramedicchiefs.ca/faqs-ebola
- ▶ Resources submitted by your peers are available at: www.paramedicchiefs.ca/category/public/eid-resources
- ▶ Other EMS-specific* resources:
 - www.firstwatch.net/hi
 - www.iaemsc.org
 - www.nemsma.org
 - www.emergencydispatch.org

* These sites link to other
EMS-specific information



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2015 Annual Conference
Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada
June 3rd – 5th

Thank You

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FirstWatch SitRep:



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- Ebola monitoring for EMS
- Overview / big picture
- Best practices
- Other information to share
- Q&A
- 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
- ▶ 27 ePCR/RMS-based
 - Combination of impressions, temp, custom questions/surveys, free-text
- ▶ 16 ProQA/Paramount (EMD)
 - Emerging Infectious Disease (EID) Form
 - Codes, free text for travel or contact w/traveler
- ▶ 36 CAD-based
 - Combination of chief complaint, user-fields & free-text
- ▶ 1 Hospital Emergency Dept-based



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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

- ▶ **Thursday, January 8, 2014**
 - 10am PDT, 11am MDT, 12pm CDT, 1pm EDT, 2pm ADT
- ▶ Online: <http://firstwatch.webex.com/training>
 - Password: **ebolaems**
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