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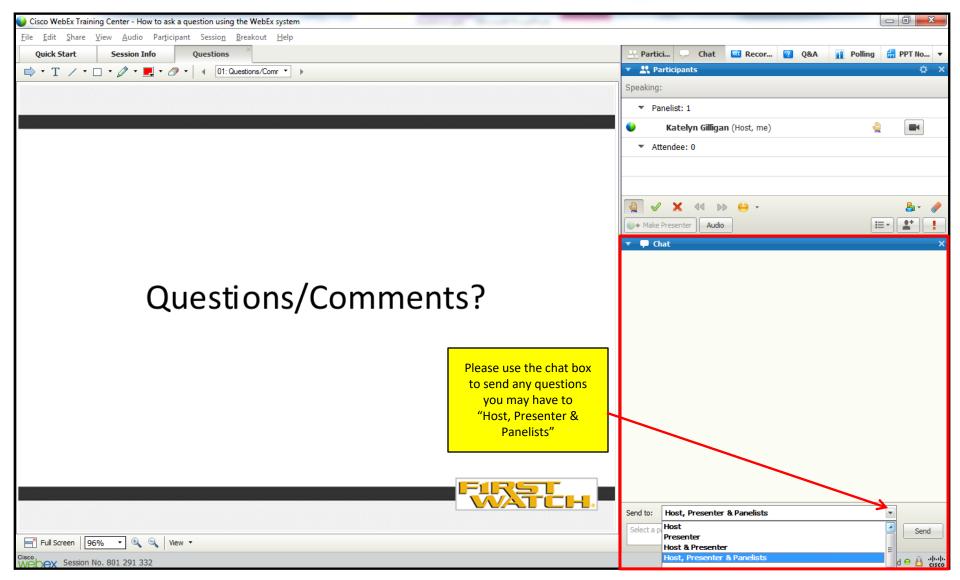






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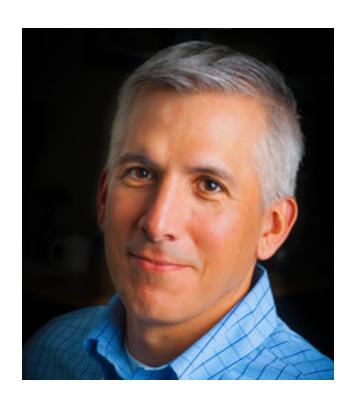


Agenda:

- 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



Ebola Overview:



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EMS Ebola Working Group (EWG) Timeline...

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

Paramedic Chiefs of Canada Chefs Paramédics du Canada

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

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



Survey Questions...



Discussion

- What have we learned in preparation for similar events in the future?
 - Real-world EMS

Webinars & Information Sharing

Survey results



When to re-activate these sessions?

- 1) More Ebola Activity
- 2) Next issue/infectious disease



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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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

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(we call them 'triggers')





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



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.



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
- Same Conference Call Info:
 - Dial: +1 (877) 668-4490 or +1 (408) 792-6300
 - Conference / Session Code: 806 421 582#
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