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Presentation Title:	Equal Pillars of Readiness: Integrating Healthcare Surge and Decontamination for Complex Incidents
Type of Presentation	Single Presenter
Intended Audience	All First Responders (Fire Rescue, Paramedics & Police) Emergency Management Public Health Professionals
Presentation Abstract	<p>Healthcare systems play a critical role in community response to complex incidents, including mass casualty events, hazardous materials exposures, and coordinated attacks. While healthcare coalitions have significantly strengthened regional coordination and preparedness planning, many regions continue to face challenges translating those efforts into operational healthcare response capabilities.</p> <p>This session examines how the Tampa Bay Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition (TBHMPC) worked with regional partners to strengthen operational healthcare readiness by treating healthcare surge and healthcare decontamination as equal pillars of preparedness. Through coalition leadership, targeted training initiatives, and integrated regional exercises, TBHMPC collaborated with hospitals, EMS agencies, public health, emergency management, and federal partners to address critical capability gaps affecting healthcare response to complex incidents.</p> <p>Examples include the regional implementation of the “15 ‘til 50” medical surge planning methodology, expansion of healthcare decontamination training and equipment coordination programs, and development of deployable coalition support capabilities designed to assist healthcare facilities during emergencies.</p> <p>Participants will gain practical insights into how coalition leaders can identify preparedness gaps, align multidisciplinary partners, and build operational healthcare capabilities that strengthen healthcare system resilience during high-consequence incidents.</p>
3 learning objectives that will be presented:	<p>1.) Describe how healthcare coalitions can identify regional preparedness gaps and strengthen healthcare system readiness through coordinated planning, training, and exercises.</p> <p>2.) Explain how healthcare surge and healthcare decontamination capabilities can be integrated as complementary components of regional preparedness for complex incidents.</p> <p>3.) Identify practical strategies coalition leaders can use to build operational healthcare response capabilities through cross-sector collaboration and capability-based initiatives.</p>
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