

**Call for Abstracts**  
**First Annual Indiana ESF-8 Conference**  
**June 13-14, 2011**  
**Sheraton at Keystone Crossing**  
**Indianapolis, Indiana**

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Indiana State Department of Health invite the submission of abstracts for presentation(s) and poster(s) at the First Annual Indiana ESF-8 Conference to be held June 13-14, 2011 in Indianapolis, Indiana. This conference is part of a state-wide effort to promote communication and collaboration among ESF-8 partners.

The purpose of this educational conference is to promote evidence-based approaches to the integration of emergency management, public health, emergency medical services and medical service functions through ESF-8 during all phases of emergency management. Anticipated attendees include healthcare providers, pre-hospital emergency medical professionals, public health professionals, funeral directors, coroners, emergency management professionals and other public safety professionals.

**Subject Focus Areas**

The Conference Committee invites the submission of abstracts for a wide range of topics that may be of interest to our attendees. The following subject focus areas are encouraged and submissions in these areas will be given priority:

- Best practices in the integration of emergency management with health and medical service providers.
- The effective medical management of mass casualty events.
- Effective morgue operations and integration with state and federal fatality management teams.
- Legal and ethical issues related to public health, medical or fatality management.
- Management of personnel and volunteers during an emergency event.
- How to effectively address mental health issues among victims and responders.
- Integrating primary care venues into emergency response plans.
- The special needs of children and their parents during an emergency event.

**Format**

Oral presentations should describe novel programs or approaches or report on timely and significant research developments. Oral presentations will be limited to 45 minutes with 15 minutes dedicated to questions from participants.

Posters should describe best-practices and lessons-learned, report on timely and significant research developments or describe research in progress.

**Guidelines for Submission:**

1. Include title of abstract on the first line.
2. List the presenting author first (first name, last name, and credentials) and all additional authors (please be sure to list all authors and submit biographies for all authors).

3. List institution/agency/and contact information (phone, fax, email).
4. Type the abstract, single-spaced, using Times New Roman or Arial font size 12, with one-inch margins on all sides. The abstract is limited to one, 8 X 11 page (no exceptions) written in Microsoft Word. Please be specific and tell us about the content of your presentation.
5. List the goal of your presentation, along with three learning objectives.
6. Submit abstract as an email attachment no later than **February 14, 2011** to [cvanjelg@meshcoalition.org](mailto:cvanjelg@meshcoalition.org), along with completed biographical data for all listed authors. Confirmation of receipt of abstract will be sent to the first author via email.
7. Notice of acceptance of abstracts will be sent no later than **March 18, 2011**. Upon acceptance of your abstract, you will be sent detailed information about presentation time or poster set up time. **All speakers and poster presenters must register to attend the conference.**
8. Please call Courtney VanJelgerhuis, MESH Project Manager at 317-630-7888 or e-mail at [cvanjelg@meshcoalition.org](mailto:cvanjelg@meshcoalition.org) with any additional questions regarding the conference and guidelines for submission.