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EMS Ebola Working Group International Teleconference

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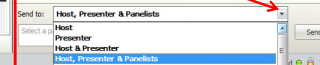
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Agenda:

- ▶ Purpose & Rules of Engagement
- ▶ Ebola Overview
- ▶ FirstWatch Situation Report
- ▶ Invited Guest: Chief Seals, Dallas Fire
- ▶ 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



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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 for posting on Paramedic Chiefs of Canada website
- ▶ Please keep your comments brief



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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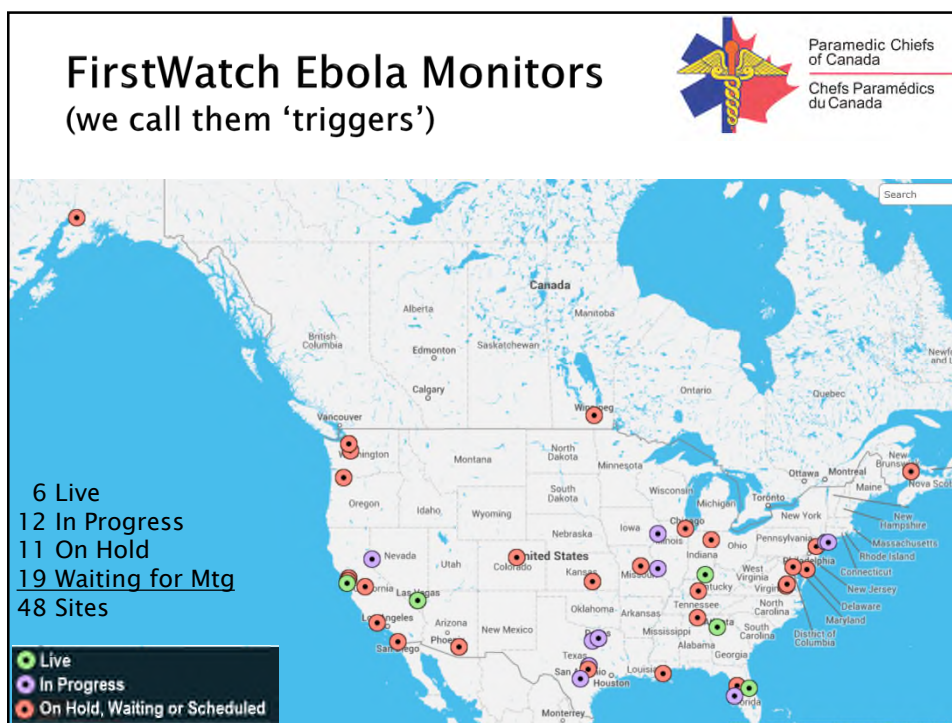
FirstWatch SitRep:



Todd Stout

- Ebola monitoring for EMS
- Overview / big picture
- Best practices
- Other information to share
- Q&A
- www.firstwatch.net/hi

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Surveillance Best Practices (so far):

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

Free-text trigger example (heavily edited for HIPAA)



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Free Text

I: EMS UNIT 42 DISPATCHED TO A MALE WITH FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS. N/V/D. BODY ACHES. FEVER. TRAVEL TO GHANA AND MONROVIA IN THE LAST 2 1/2 WEEKS. UPON EMS ARRIVAL STAGED WHILE CREW AND AMBULANCE PREPARED FOR TRANSPORT. PERSONEL GOWNED AND TRUCK SEALED. UPON MAKING PT CONTACT PT IS SITTING ON THE BENCH. PT C/O NOT FEELING WELL. C: POSSIBLE EBOLA. H: THE PT WENT TO GHANA TO VISIT A FRIEND. HE SPENT 3 DAYS IN ONE COUNTRY AND 2 DAYS IN THE OTHER. HE IS UNSURE OF HIS RETURN DATE. HE SAYS HE CAME BACK 2 TO 2 1/2 WEEKS AGO. 2 DAYS AGO HE BEGAN HAVING N/V/D. HE REPORTS POSSIBLY HAVING BLOOD IN HIS VOMIT. HE ACHES ALL OVER AND IS WARM TO THE TOUCH. A: 35 Y/O MALE PRESENTS WITH FEVER, NAUSEA, VOMITING AND DIARRHEA. PT MEETS THE

▶ This patient was tested and did not have Ebola

Guest Speaker:

Dallas experience

Norman Seals
EMS Chief
Dallas Fire Department
Dallas, Texas USA



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