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Previous Sessions


- ▶ **October 9, 2014**
 - **Norman Seals**, Assistant Chief, EMS, Dallas (Texas) Fire Department
- ▶ **October 16, 2014**
 - **Dr. Jeff Clawson**, International Academies of Emergency Dispatch
 - **Dr. Conrad Fivaz**, International Academies of Emergency Dispatch
 - **Dr. John Lowe**, Director of Public Health Training and Exercise Programs for the Bio Preparedness University of Nebraska Medical Center
 - **Lloyd Rupp**, Battalion Chief, Omaha Fire Department
- ▶ **October 23, 2014**
 - **Wade Miles** Interim Director of EMS Operations Grady EMS
 - **Aaron Jamison** Special Operations Team Captain Grady EMS
 - **Alexander P. Isakov, MD, MPH** Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine Emory University School of Medicine and Director, Section of Prehospital Disaster Medicine
- ▶ **October 30, 2014**
 - **Dr. Russell MacDonald**, Medical Advisor for Toronto Paramedic Services and the Medical Director at Ornge Transport Medicine



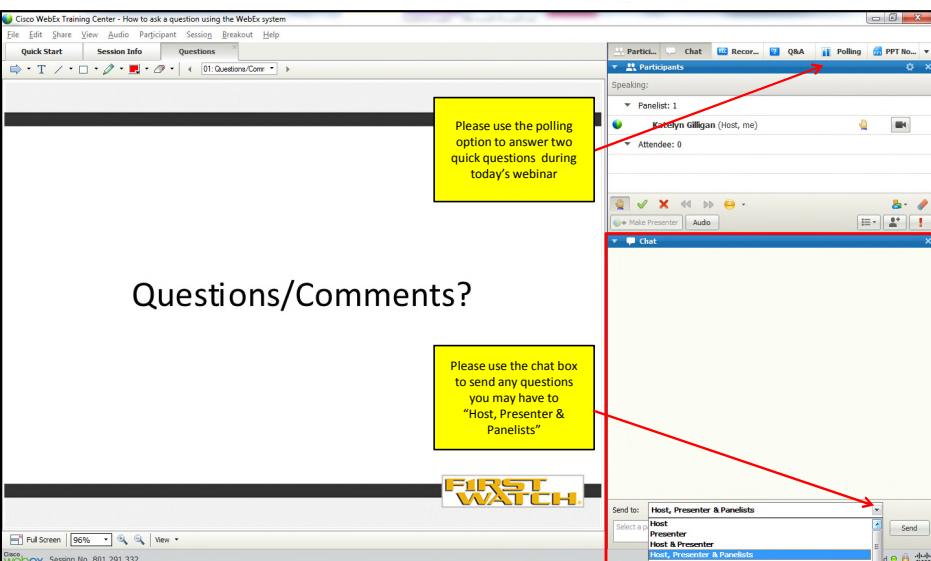
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Questions/Comments?

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Agenda:

- Overview/update of Ebola Activity worldwide
 - Dr. Alex Garza
- Receive FirstWatch SitRep on Ebola surveillance activity
 - Mr. Todd Stout
- Listen to guest speakers on select issues
 - Peter Simpson
- Participate in an electronic Q&A session with the speaker
- Share solutions regarding specific challenges posed by Ebola

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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:

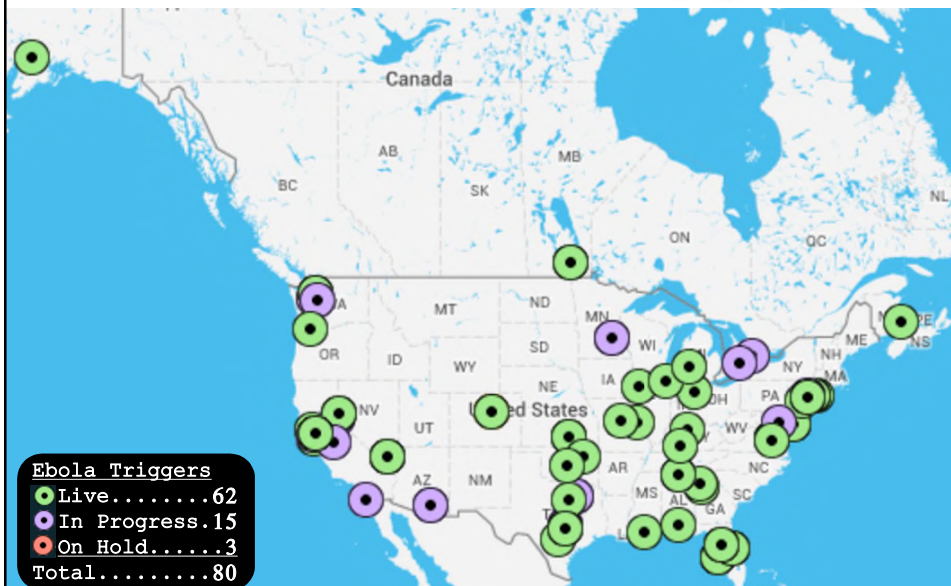


Todd Stout

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

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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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Guest Speakers:

Sierra Leone Experience

Peter Simpson

Clinical Operations Manager
East of England Ambulance Trust
Norwich, United Kingdom

Catherine Jackson-Cole

Ambulance Coordinator
Pharmacist, Medical Student
Sierra Leone, West Africa



Sierra Leone Nov 2014

PJ Simpson
Clinical Operations Manager
East of England Ambulance Service

What is your first
thought when I say the
word, Sierra Leone?



Or this?



**Funny isn't it how one
word changes your view
on an entire country**

Before you judge
an entire Nation
please learn the
facts about Ebola

Feel free to pass this on to your
Government



The Ambulance Service of Sierra Leone
The "Ebola Warriors"

To beat Ebola
Sierra Leone needs
your help now.

"Running away from the problem only
increases the distance to the solution."

Peter Simpson



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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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Emerging Infectious Disease (EID) Resource Page

- ▶ If you have information you'd like us to include on the EID Resources page, please send your email to: eid@paramedicchiefs.ca
- ▶ Please also include (for example):
 - **Document Submission Date:** October 16, 2014
 - **Document Title:** CDC Key Messages – Ebola Virus Disease
 - **Document Description:** The Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) continues to work with other U.S. government agencies, the World Health Organization (WHO), and other domestic and international partners in an international response to the current Ebola outbreak in West Africa. The attached document summarizes key messages about the outbreak and the response and *is current through October 16, 2014*. It will be updated as new information becomes available and distributed regularly.



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Thank You

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