IN THIS ISSUE: Following the extensive damage to infrastructure and disruption of services caused by Hurricane Sandy, this month we feature several practices emphasizing recovery following a severe storm.

**New practices added this month**

**K-12 Disaster Skills (MI)**
Michigan integrated a disaster preparedness curriculum into schools’ health programs. [Details here.]

**Social Media Training (NH)**
JSI, Inc. and New Hampshire trained first responders to use Facebook, Twitter for emergency communication. [Details here.]

More new practices

**HEALTH DISPARITIES + DISASTER**

IN THIS PRACTICE: Texas looked at Hurricane Ike's effects on poverty, public infrastructure, and social health determinants to develop a workbook and workshops for resilience and recovery. [Details here.]

DISABILITY TRAINING FOR RESPONDERS

Photo: Galveston.com
If you missed the session or are otherwise interested in seeing our results please let us know (PHTools@umn.edu), and we'll send you a copy of the slides.

It's Winter!

Browse our collection of practices on winter preparedness themes, including:

- Winter transportation of medications
- Prevention of carbon monoxide poisoning
- Winter safety for new immigrants

Don't forget to submit your own winter preparedness and response tools!

Connect with us!

Want to learn about new practices?

Have a question?

Need help finding something?

Follow us on Twitter (@PHPractices) or Facebook for Web site updates and disaster preparedness news.

IN THIS PRACTICE: A pocket guide developed by the University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability provides a quick reference for first responders helping people with many different disabilities during a disaster. Details here.

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The Web site is a one-stop shop for concrete tools and strategies to respond to the health consequences of disasters and emergencies. Learn more about us here.

UPDATE is prepared and published monthly by the project staff at CIDRAP, and past issues are available on the site.

PUBLIC EDUCATION + OUTREACH

IN THIS PRACTICE: Following the recovery from Tropical Storm Irene, Connecticut revised its emergency communication materials to focus on East Coast hazards and highlight the relationship between public health and the public during a disaster. Details here.

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