

THE COORDINATOR

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Letter from the Chair, Regional Multi-Agency Coordination System Development Project Task Force

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Welcome to the first issue of “The Coordinator”, newsletter of the Regional Multi-Agency Coordination System (RMACS) Development Project. The newsletter is intended to update and inform RMACS stakeholders about the Phase III activities and achievements.

RMACS stakeholders include members of the RMACS Task Force, the RMAC Group and its Support Organization, the Health-Medical MAC Group and its Support Organization, the Joint Information System, the Regional Logistics Support Team (RLST), staff in an EOC or ECC in the region, and others interested in this project and its outcomes.

Some highlights of the RMACS Development Project – Phase III:

- The third phase of the project commenced this past summer and will conclude in February 2018. This phase is funded by \$88,000 in grants from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) FY’15 grant program and Metro Regional Government through the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO).
- The RMACS Task Force oversees the project (click here to see who’s on the Task Force: [RMACS Contact Lists](#)).
- Following an open competitive procurement process, the City of Portland hired [Organizational Quality Associates, LLC.](#), to provide technical support to the task force and design and implement a training and exercise series for you, the RMACS Stakeholders.
- During Phase III, we aim to:
 - Continue to recruit for, train and exercise the RMAC Group, the Health and Medical MAC Group and their support organizations;
 - Show proof of concept – i.e., demonstrate the usefulness of the RMACS to those still unsure of its use and effectiveness;
 - Provide RMACS orientation workshops to county EOC staff, to ensure their understanding of the RMACS and its tools, as well as to know how to plug into the system when it needs RMAC and/or Health-Medical MAC Group services during disasters.
 - Refine RMACS tools, such as the Regional Prioritization Worksheet;
 - Revise/update the Regional MACS Concept of Operations Plan;
 - Resolve resource ordering issues that have challenged the region for years;
 - Strengthen the linkages between the various parts of the RMACS, including the RMAC Group / Support Organization, Health-Medical MAC Group / Support Organization, the Regional Logistics Support Team, and the Regional Joint Information Coordination Group: and
 - Expand membership of the RMACS Task Force to include additional regional infrastructure representatives.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this important project, which is intended to help improve post-disaster incident prioritization, scarce resource allocation, public message coordination, cross-jurisdiction information sharing, policy alignment, and resolution of common issues.

Call to Action: Sign up for Training Now!

The RMACS Training season has begun. Please look below for upcoming training sessions available to RMACS stakeholders. If you are a member of one of the components of the RMACS and are unsure of which trainings you need to take, please contact OQA Training Coordinator, Mike Edrington at Msedrington@aol.com. You can also refer to the back of the [RMAC Group and Support Organization Handbook](#) for more information.

All RMAC Group and Health Medical MAC Group Members, as well as all RMACS Support Organization staff, are highly encouraged to attend the **January 25, 2017 Tabletop Exercise (TTX)**, facilitated by OQA. The TTX aims to build teamwork and practice skills.

Upcoming Trainings and Events:

Click here to access the complete [RMACS Training and Exercise Calendar](#) [embedded within the RDPO Training Calendar] – November 2016 – February 2017. Select trainings coming up over the next few months are listed below.

Event	When	Where	Who should attend?
M-480 Multi-Agency Coordination Group Training	11/9/16	Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, 9911 SE Bush St., Portland, OR	All RMAC Group, Health- Medical MAC Group members and Support Organization staff who have not already taken the course. <i>Note: if you miss this one, you can still sign up for the 6/13/17 session.</i>
ICS Planning P and IAP Development and Workshop Exercise	11/14/16	Providence Portland Medical Center, NE 47 th and NE Gleason, Portland [Cancer Center Conference Room D]	Hospital and other IMTs' Command and General Staff; MACG members
Regional MACS Orientation Workshop	12/6/16	Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, 9911 SE Bush St., Portland, OR	County EOC/ECC staff (RDPO Region)

Event	When	Where	Who should attend?
Joint RMAC Group – Health-Medical MAC Group TTX	1/25/17	Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, 9911 SE Bush St., Portland, OR	All RMAC Group, Health- Medical MAC Group members and Support Organization staff
Advanced ICS-400	2/8 – 2/9/17	Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, 9911 SE Bush St., Portland, OR	Hospital/Health Dept. IMTs, AREPS, MAC Group Coordinators & Support Org. Staff, Fire, Law Enforcement and Public Works IMTs

Next Issue: Will feature a spotlight on a topic of interest.

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