

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

# Health Department Emergency Preparedness Team

Annual Report To Council  
February 2, 2015

*“Public health will be judged in every disaster  
by how we care for the most vulnerable.”*

*Dr. Ali Khan, former CDC Director,  
Public Health Preparedness and Response*



# Report Agenda

- Introductions-Who and What
- Community Engagement
- Assistance Center Planning
- Exercises
- Responses
- What's Next in 2015



# Public Health Preparedness Capabilities

1. Community Preparedness
2. Community Recovery
3. Emergency Operations Coordination
4. Emergency Public Information & Warning
5. Fatality Management
6. Information Sharing
7. Mass Care
8. Medical Countermeasure Dispensing
9. Medical Materiel Management & Distribution
10. Medical Surge
11. Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions
12. Public Health Laboratory Testing
13. Public Health Surveillance & Epidemiological Investigation
14. Responder Safety & Health
15. Volunteer Management

# Health Department Preparedness

- 98% Federally Funded
- Department staff trained and ready to respond 24/7
- Significant Partnerships
  - Hennepin County
  - City Departments (Communications, 311, 911, Fire, PW, Police, OEM)
  - Other Public Health Departments
  - Community Groups



# Health Department Role in Emergencies

- Lead in Disease or Food Born Illness Outbreaks
- Lead in Extreme Heat or Cold Event
- Manage Assistance Centers
  - Reunification for Survivors—35W Bridge
  - Friends & Relatives Support— 35W Bridge
  - Assistance and Recovery—North Side Tornado
- Assist with Hazardous Materials or Radiation Recovery
- Provide Shelter Support as needed



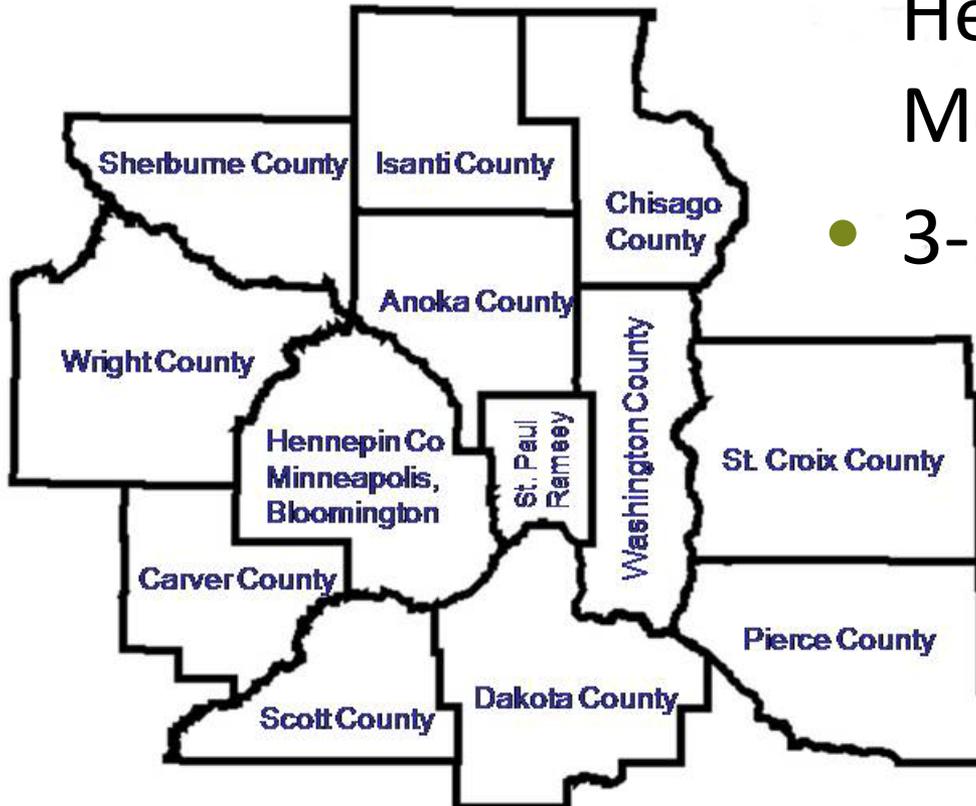
# Community Engagement

- Cultural Services Unit
- Medical Reserve Corps
- Local Leaders –10 MOUs
- Community Services Data Base
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)



# Assistance Center Planning

- Regional template
- Coordinated collaboration with Dakota, Scott, and Hennepin under one Medical Examiner office
- 3-1-1



# Team Introduction

- Dr. Clarence Yaskey: MPH Intern
- Christine Ganim: CDC Associate
- Nick Yates: Program Aide - .5 FTE
- Pam Blixt: Preparedness Manager
- Toni Hauser: Preparedness Specialist



Get Ready Be Safe Stay Healthy

# Exercises and Responses

- Operation Water Woes
- Operation Raging River
- MLB All-Star Game
- Ebola



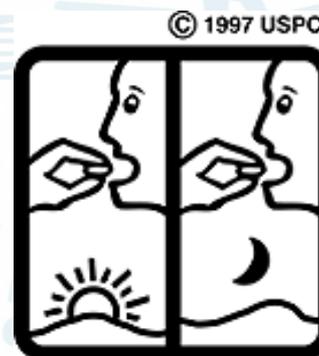
Take in the morning



Call your doctor



Wash hands



Take 2 times a day

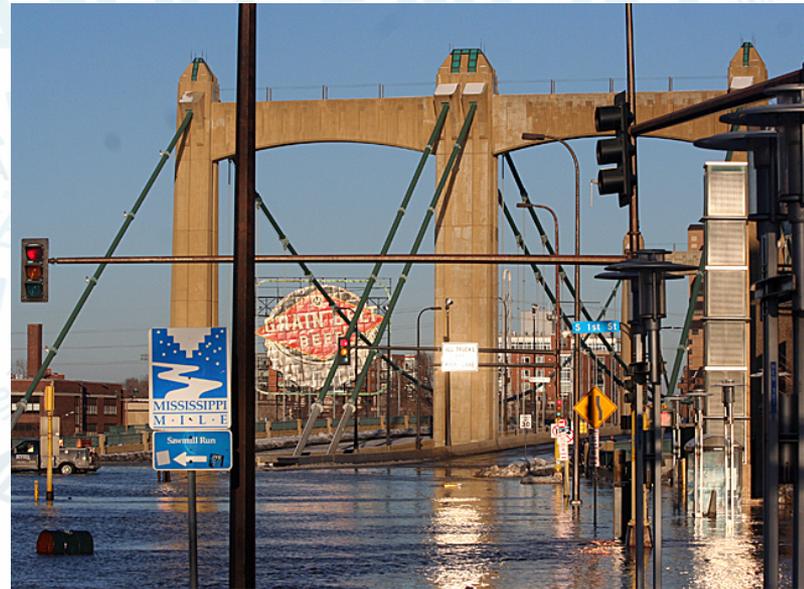


Take by mouth

These pictograms are to be used as universal signage for medication distribution

# Exercise: Operation Water Woes

- Scenario
  - Drinking water contamination
- Participants
  - City of Minneapolis, MN Department of Health, Target Center, Minneapolis Convention Center, FBI
- Highlights
  - 'Do Not Use' order
  - Public information
  - Information sharing between responders



# Exercise: Operation Raging River

- Scenario
  - Radiological dispersal device (RDD)
- Participants
  - FBI, Coast Guard, State of Minnesota, American Red Cross, Metropolitan Environmental Services, MN Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, Mississippi Watershed Organization, Salvation Army, Hennepin County, City of Minneapolis
- Public Health Highlights
  - Regional capabilities
  - Determine responsibilities and develop response plan



# MLB All-Star Game: July 13-15, 2014

- Participants

- National Weather Service, Homeland Security Information Network, MN Department of Health, MN All-Hazard Incident Management Team, City of Minneapolis, Metro counties

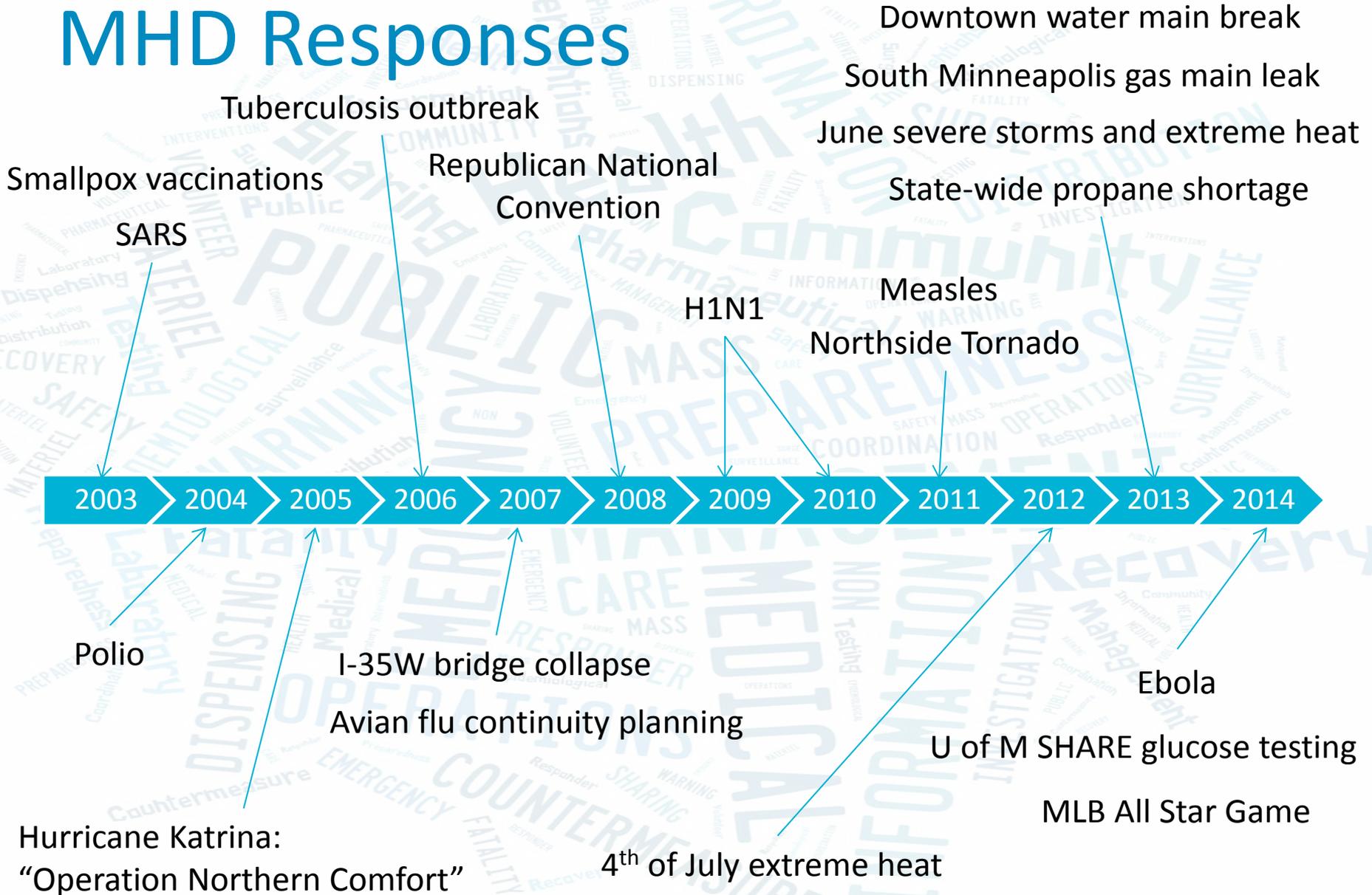
- Highlights

- Interagency coordination
- Resource tracking tool
- Environmental Health inspections



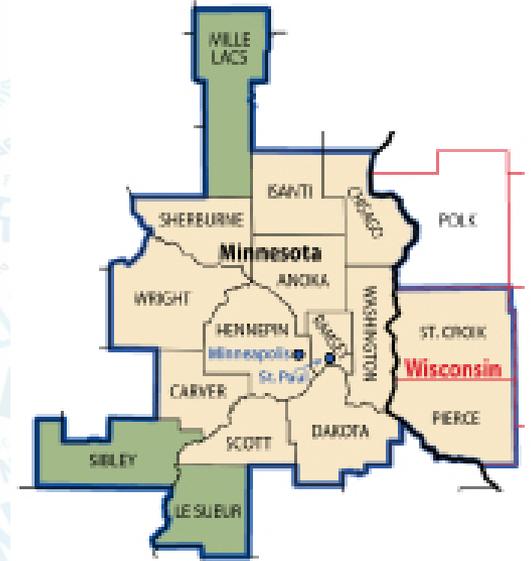


# MHD Responses



# What's Next

- Cities Readiness Initiative Regional Medical Counter-Measures Exercise in June—18 Community Health Boards in 2 states
- Radiological response planning and exercise
- Shelter planning and exercise
- Maternal child health planning
- Ebola Funding – Recovery and Planning



# Upcoming Community Event



North Side Tornado May 2011

## FEBRUARY 24, 2015

10:30 AM- 12:00 PM

### CLIMATE CHANGE & SEVERE WEATHER IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

**Presented by Dr. Mark Seeley, University of  
Minnesota Extension Climatologist**

Dr. Mark Seeley serves as extension climatologist/meteorologist, coordinating weather and climate educational programs with the National Weather Service, the Minnesota State Climatology Office, and various state agencies. He has been a professor at the University of Minnesota in the Department of Soil, Water, and Climate since 1978.

Come listen to a presentation by Dr. Mark Seeley as he shares with us:

- Our climate history and previous severe weather events such as the North Side Tornado and storm related extended power outages
- Likely severe weather events caused by climate change in Minneapolis such as extreme heat and flooding caused by rain
- The potential impact that severe weather events may have on you, your organization, and the community you serve.

By attending, you will be better informed about the potential for severe weather to help you assess your organizational readiness and identify how you will be able to serve your clients in a disaster.

Please Join Us For  
**The Annual  
Emergency Preparedness  
Training!**

Event to be held at  
**The Center for Changing  
Lives**

2400 Park Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Free parking available in lot  
accessible from Oakland Ave.  
Street parking also available.

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By February 17, 2015



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# Questions or Comments Appreciated!



**KEEP CALM AND BE PREPARED**

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**IN CASE OF FIRE**

**EXIT BUILDING  
BEFORE TWEETING  
ABOUT IT**