

# **Virginia Healthcare Emergency Management Program & Response System**

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## **Building of Public/Private Partnership**

- *Representatives from VHHA, VDH, VDEM, The Reciprocal Group began meeting in 1999.*
- *First Hospital Emergency Management Forum was June 2000.*
- *6 Regional Hospital Emergency Management Workshops presented immediately following September 11, 2001.*



## ***Building of Public/Private Partnership***

- *VHHA established and initiated working group of hospital leaders in late 2001.*
- *VHHA/VDH jointly developed applications for HRSA grant (received 4/2001).*

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## ***HEMC Established***







- *Hospital representatives (by regions)*
- *VDH*
- *EMS*
- *VNA*
- *MSV*
- *VHHA*
- *Mental Health*
- *VHCA*

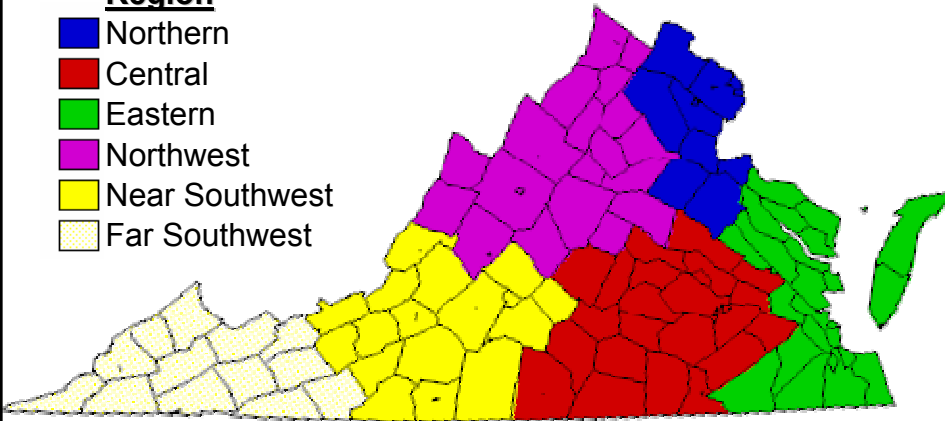
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# Regions

## Region

-  Northern
-  Central
-  Eastern
-  Northwest
-  Near Southwest
-  Far Southwest



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# HRSA Funding

## HRSA Funding for Hospital Preparedness

- *FY 02 (yr. 1): \$2.98 million (17 months)*
- *FY 03 (yr. 2): \$11.9 million*
- *FY 04 (yr. 3): \$11.9 million*
- *FY 05 (yr. 4): \$11.7 million*  
*(1.7% reduction from FY04)*
- *FY 06 (yr. 5): \$11.2 million*
- *FY 07 (yr. 1 - OASPR): To Be Determined*

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# ***Culture of Cooperation***

- *Surge Capabilities*
- *Regional Healthcare Response Systems*
- *Regional Hospital Coordinating Centers*
- *Cross Regional/ Statewide Coordination*

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# ***Culture of Cooperation***

- *Training/ Drills*
- *Resource Building*
- *Online Status System*
- *VHHA/ VDH Partnership*

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# ***Planning Process***

- *Although the equipment, supplies, and communication systems are important, the relationships built between responders during the planning process is the most important element to the success of the Virginia Tech response.*

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# ***Challenges***

- *HIPAA*
- *EMTALA*
- *Liability Issues*
- *Community Surge Capabilities*
- *Staffing*
- *Limitations on use of Federal Funding*

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# **Online Status System**

- *Virginia Healthcare Alerting and Status System (VHASS)*
- *Began development late 2002*
- *Started as grant administrative page*
- *Secure site for healthcare providers*
- *Combination of homegrown and vendor products*
- *Virginia Hospital dataset was the basis of the national HAvBED*  
(Hospital Available Beds for Emergencies and Disasters)

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**Demo**  
**Virginia Healthcare**  
**Alerting and**  
**Status System**  
**[www.vhha-mci.org](http://www.vhha-mci.org)**

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