

## **Response to Orlando Tragedy – Talking Points**

We take our responsibility to the people of Hawaii very seriously, to be able to respond in the fastest most effective way possible to any event that might result in the injury of scores of people.

We believe in preparing for the worst, and praying that never happens here. There are two ways to prepare to face a similar situation here: training and emergency communications.

[Facility Name] is part of a network of emergency medical response coordinated by the Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH).

HAH Emergency Services is ready to coordinate with member facilities to best respond to a mass casualty event. We know that we are all here to stand together for one another and the people of our state in a coordinated medical response.

HAH Emergency Services is very prepared to coordinate communications and collaborative efforts and resources among all of the major healthcare facilities in the state.

The following are ways that HAH and its member facilities like [facility name] have been preparing for an active shooter event here.

- A full-scale active shooter exercise was held at Queens Medical Center West just prior to its opening. HAH Emergency Services collaborated with QMC and HPD in the planning process.
- HAH and its members have conducted several presentations and exercises at both post acute and acute facilities. Many of the hospitals have conducted drills.
- HAH works with hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and other members to prepare comprehensive active shooter plans and train staff.

[Or, replace any of these general statements with more specific information about how a training was conducted recently at your facility, or that staff have prepared by participating in training and/or coordinating with the statewide Emergency Services Coalition.]

Healthcare Association of Hawaii President & CEO George Greene and HAH Emergency Services Interim Director Chris Crabtree are both available for interview on this topic. Contact HAH at (808) 521-8961.