



Hawaii Healthcare Emergency Management

Media Alert

**What: 27 Hawaii Hospitals from 6 Islands Join RIMPAC Live Training Exercises
Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response (HA/DR) Exercises**

When: Thursday, July 12, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
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More than 300 volunteers portraying patients from a catastrophic earthquake and tsunami will be triaged in mobile hospital units on Ford Island, and transported by helicopter, ambulance and ambulance bus to hospitals on six islands. For the first time, all of the acute care hospitals in the state are participating in the RIMPAC HA/DR exercises.

Visuals on site at Ford Island:

- Patient arrival and departure by hospital van and helicopter
- Realistic wound stage makeup “moulage” (protruding glass and rebar, broken limbs...)
- Triage of patients by 50 Kalawao Rescue medical professionals (nurses, physicians, pharmacists etc.)
- Portable disaster hospital system in tents equipped with procedure lighting, air conditioning, sanitary systems (shower, sink, toilet), and hospital field beds
- An infectious disease isolation area

Hawaii Healthcare Emergency Management (HHEM), a federally-funded program of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, is coordinating the participation of 27 Hawaii hospitals from six islands, as well as the American Medical Response ambulance company, and 92 post-acute care organizations in the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR) component of the U.S. Navy’s 2018 Rim of the Pacific Exercises (RIMPAC).

Members of the news media may observe and film or photograph the activity, but must be accompanied at all times while on Ford Island. Please call to arrange an escort.



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