

Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium



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RDPC Background



- 2004** – EKU participates in competitive grants process for funding to develop and deliver training for rural emergency responders. EKU is awarded funding by DHS to establish the Rural Domestic Preparedness Training Center

- 2005** – Congress recognizes the need to establish a consortium tailored for the needs of small and rural emergency responders. RDPC is established and funded to serve as a mirror to the NDPC to address all-hazards incident preparedness training needs for rural America

... "Training for rural first responders poses unique challenges when compared to their urban counterparts. This new consortium will provide rural first responders with awareness level training, develop emerging training, and provide technical assistance in support of rural homeland security requirements..." Conference Report (H.Rept. 108-774) accompanying the Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act (Public Law 108-334)

- 2006/07** – Proposal submitted for funding to continue RDPC mission

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Vision

Rural communities across America will have the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to enhance the safety, security and quality of life for their citizens.

Mission

The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC or the Consortium) will facilitate relevant information sharing and coordinate the development as well as the delivery of preparedness training in support of rural homeland security requirements.

RDPC Strategic Goals

- Maintain a current list of preparedness training needs for rural America
- Develop new courses or adapt existing courses to meet rural homeland security training needs
- Apply multi-faceted delivery solutions that maximize the potential for rural access to blocks of training
- Advocate the use of training methods that are designed to enable the retention of information and facilitate follow-on applications
- Position itself as a leading national resource for rural homeland security training



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- The RDPC, through the Rural Domestic Preparedness Training Center (RDPTC or the Training Center) will conduct an annual requirements survey that is modeled after the Target Capabilities List to ensure it is aligned with the National Preparedness Goal.
- The survey will be circulated across a wide array of community profiles in rural America to capture input from the various stakeholders.
- Additional focus groups will be conducted to ensure that training initiatives are appropriately aligned with the overarching goals of the states' homeland security strategies and cognizant of the evolving needs of particular regions of the nation.

Strategy

In developing its course content and selecting delivery platforms, the Training Center intends to focus on the following four fundamental concepts:

- Optimize retention by integrating advances in course design
- Facilitate follow-on applications of course material by producing job aids when applicable
- Ensure the accessibility of training for rural communities will be equal to that of their urban counterparts; achieved by employing emergent technologies and teaching techniques consistent with blended learning principles
- Tailor training for the unique needs of rural communities; focused on tasks associated with preparing for, protecting against, responding to and recovering from the entire spectrum of all-hazard events



Conclusion

Consortium products and services will play a critical role in helping rural America better prepare for all hazards across the entire spectrum of pre and post-incident capabilities. It will do so through the skilled application of distance learning technologies and the latest in teaching techniques.