

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday, July 29

7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration – Magnolia Foyer
Breakfast – Magnolia B, C, D

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Magnolia A

Color Guard Presentation

Gulfport High School ROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Led by Kim Rae Magee

Emergency Preparedness Grant

Coordinator

MS State Department of Health

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Peter Ginter, PhD, Principal Investigator

UAB South Central Center for Public

Health Preparedness

Plenary Sessions – Magnolia A

9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

Panel Discussion

Paul Gallo, Facilitator

Butch McMillan, Executive Director

Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation

Services

Jim Craig, CPM

Director, Health Protection

Mississippi State Department of Health

Connie Rockco, Supervisor

Harrison County

Candice Whitfield, Health Advisor

Office of the Governor of Mississippi

9:50 – 10:10 a.m.

Break

10:10 – 11:00 a.m.

**Stop, Drop, and Roll to Disability
Emergency Preparedness and Recovery**

Mary Troupe, Executive Director
MS Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities

11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

**“No Time Like the Present”—Disaster
Preparedness for the Disabled and
Elderly**

George Moore, Jr., MPM, Director
Overton Brooks VA Medical Center
Shreveport, LA

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Networking Lunch – Magnolia B, C, D

Special Session – Magnolia A

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Psychological First Aid Workshop

Joshua Klapow, PhD, Associate Professor
University of Alabama at Birmingham
South Central Center for Public Health
Preparedness

Concurrent Sessions

1:00 – 1:50 p.m.

Magnolia E

**Emergency Preparedness Issues and
People with Vision Loss**

Karen E. Brown, Director
Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center

Pshon Barrett, Esq.

Assistant U.S. Attorney

U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern
District of Mississippi

Magnolia F

**Techniques for Working with Persons
with Mobility Impairments in an
Emergency Situation**

Kris Geroux, Director
Assistive Technology
Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation
Services

Dawn Tregre, PT
Lead Physical Therapist
East Baton Rouge Parish School System

Magnolia G

**The Deaf Community: A Forgotten
Population**

Steve Hamerdinger, MA
Director, Office of Deaf Services
Alabama Department of Mental Health
and Mental Retardation

1:50 – 2:10 p.m.

Break

2:10 – 3:00 p.m.

Current Sessions Repeated

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Break

Networking Time at Booth Displays

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Magnolia A

**Day One Closing Session
Effective Response to People with
Disabilities**

Bobbie Singletary
Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE)
of Mississippi

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Networking Reception

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Day 2: Wednesday, July 30

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Registration – Magnolia Foyer**
Breakfast – Magnolia B, C, D

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. [Magnolia A](#)
Announcements

[Plenary Sessions – Magnolia A](#)

8:45 – 9: 35 am **Emergency Planning**
Kent Buckley, Deputy Director
Mississippi EMA

9:45 – 10:35 a.m. **Panel Discussion**
Planning for and Responding to People
with Disabilities

Brice Phillips, Moderator

Sheriff Steve Garber, Hancock County

Albert “Butch” Loper, Director
Jackson County EMA

Chief Pat Sullivan, Gulfport Fire
Department

Brian “Hooty” Adam, Director
Hancock County EMA

Rick Fayard, AMR Regional Director

10:35 – 10:55 a.m.

Break

11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

Public Health/ESF8 Resources and
Responsibilities

Jim Craig, CPM; Director, Health
Protection
Mississippi State Department of Health

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Networking Lunch – Magnolia B, C, D

Concurrent Sessions

1:00 – 1:50 p.m.

Magnolia E

**A Helping Hand in the Time of
Crisis**

Greg Goldman, State Coordinator of
Interpreters

Denee Smith, State Coordinator of Deaf
Services

Ben Wagenknecht, Director, Office on
Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation
Services

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**Preparedness Kit – What Should Be In
It: Special Considerations for People
with Disabilities**

Sondra Bell, Staff Officer

Mississippi Office of Homeland Security

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**DME (Durable Medical Equipment) –
Considerations during Crises and
Disaster Situations**

Kris Geroux, Director, Assistive
Technology

Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation
Services

1:50 – 2:10 p.m.

Break

2:10 – 3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions Repeated

3:00- 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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Closing Session - Are You Ready?

Joshua Klapow, PhD, UAB SCCPHP