



The Fulcrum

Note from DHPAG Chair

CDR Kari Pinsonneault

2019 Spring Issue I



Happy spring to all!

Our PAG is off to a great start this year with many projects underway. This year, the focus of the Dental Hygiene Professional Advisory Group (DHPAG) is to increase our officers' overall awareness of the resources and opportunities available to help them throughout their career. We want our officers to feel comfortable becoming more involved in leadership opportunities. To achieve this goal, we are creating a welcome package for our newer officers, providing them with a

one-stop guide with links to the various websites they can help them as they begin their career in the Corps. This guide will also provide tips on managing and balancing Corps responsibilities with their daily jobs. We are also establishing a schedule for regular communication between the Recruiting officers.

By the end of the year, each chair will have created a charter for their subgroup. This charter will assist new chairs and committee members as they transition into their new role. We encourage our officers to take on more leadership roles within the Corps. Starting with the PAG is a great segue into other leadership roles at your duty station and in the Corps. We realize that taking that first step can be intimidating and are committed to help our members discover what subgroup is a good fit for them.

Finally, we are going to focus on opportunities for deployments for dental hygienists. We want to increase the awareness of our officers about the deployment roles they can serve in, the trainings available, and the differences between the deployment teams. We are preparing a presentation for our DHPAG later this summer, so keep your eyes open for that!

We have had such a great start and I anticipate our team is going to continue to be very productive and successful this year. Please reach out to any of the chairs if you would like to participate in whatever capacity you are able! Cheers to a warm spring and a safe hurricane season!

CDR Pinsonneault

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Deployment Refresher

CDR Amy Strain

Howdy everyone,

Thought that I might share a bit of deployment refresher knowledge with everyone.

We (officers) are assigned to a deployment response team. Now these teams get broken down to Tier -1, -2, -3. They are all important tiers, but Tier-1 and -2 teams are activated at different times and have additional requirements than just being basic ready. I've copied the list of the teams from the [Readiness site](#). You can also find fact sheets at this link.

Tier-1 teams include:

1. Five Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) teams
2. Ten Regional Incident Support teams (RIST)
3. Five National Incident Support teams (NIST)
4. Five Capital Area Provider teams (CAP)

Tier-2 teams include:

1. Five Applied Public Health Teams (APHT)
2. Five Mental Health Teams (MHT)
3. Five Services Access Teams (SAT)

Now these teams have additional requirements, supervisory approval, and commitment to deploy within 12 or 36 hours, respectively, of activation. You may also have to attend monthly meetings, perform outside activities/response training, or prepare trainings for your team. Each team is assigned a deployment month and number that corresponds to the roster found on the Readiness site [here](#) (See Figure 1). Notice the 5-month rotation. These teams used to be regionally based (RIST still is), but that is not the case now. So for the month of May, all Tier-1 and Tier-2 teams with the #1 are first in line to be called to activation. The RIST team only deploys if needed within their region so they are basically "on call" all year.

Tier-3 teams are a bit different. If you aren't on a Tier-1 or -2, then you are on this roster, but you are still very important to the mission. You are assigned a letter Roster (A, B, C, D, E) which can be found under the Readiness Tab in RedDOG. Your letter corresponds with the same Tier -1 and -2 roster found at the same previous link (Figure 1). Again, notice the 5 month rotation. All Tier-3 officers with the Letter A are on call during the month of May. Tier-3 officers augment the deployment based upon skillset, readiness and other factors RedDog may use. There is no per se leadership of Tier-3 teams but that doesn't mean that you won't deploy in a leadership role.

So, what should you do if you are on a Tier-3 team?

- Ensure that you are ready to be deployed on your monthly rotation. Sometimes if the mission overlaps to the next month, you may actually deploy a month ahead of your assigned month or sneak a bit into the next month.
- Have your to-go bag ready and family care plan ready.
- Let your supervisor know what months your Roster Team could be called upon first to deploy. (FYI—high deployments activations have historically occurred August, September and October due to hurricane season).

If you have further questions, the Readiness committee can be contacted.

Response Team On-Call Schedule

MONTH	RDF	APHT	MHT	SAT	CAP	NIST	TIER 3
Jul-2017	4	4	4	4	4	Roster D	Roster D
Aug-2017	5	5	5	5	5	Roster E	Roster E
Sep-2017	1	1	1	1	1	Roster A	Roster A
Oct-2017	2	2	2	2	2	Roster B	Roster B
Nov-2017	3	3	3	3	3	Roster C	Roster C
Dec-2017	4	4	4	4	4	Roster D	Roster D
Jan-2018	5	5	5	5	5	Roster E	Roster E
Feb-2018	1	1	1	1	1	Roster A	Roster A
Mar-2018	2	2	2	2	2	Roster B	Roster B
Apr-2018	3	3	3	3	3	Roster C	Roster C
May-2018	4	4	4	4	4	Roster D	Roster D
Jun-2018	5	5	5	5	5	Roster E	Roster E
Jul-2018	1	1	1	1	1	Roster A	Roster A
Aug-2018	2	2	2	2	2	Roster B	Roster B
Sep-2018	3	3	3	3	3	Roster C	Roster C
Oct-2018	4	4	4	4	4	Roster D	Roster D
Nov-2018	5	5	5	5	5	Roster E	Roster E
Dec-2018	1	1	1	1	1	Roster A	Roster A
Jan-2019	2	2	2	2	2	Roster B	Roster B
Feb-2019	3	3	3	3	3	Roster C	Roster C
Mar-2019	4	4	4	4	4	Roster D	Roster D
Apr-2019	5	5	5	5	5	Roster E	Roster E
May-2019	1	1	1	1	1	Roster A	Roster A
Jun-2019	2	2	2	2	2	Roster B	Roster B
Jul-2019	3	3	3	3	3	Roster C	Roster C
Aug-2019	4	4	4	4	4	Roster D	Roster D
Sep-2019	5	5	5	5	5	Roster E	Roster E
Oct-2019	1	1	1	1	1	Roster A	Roster A
Nov-2019	2	2	2	2	2	Roster B	Roster B
Dec-2019	3	3	3	3	3	Roster C	Roster C

Figure 1. Readiness PDF Response Team On-Call Schedule.

Subgroup Corner

COMMUNICATIONS SUBGROUP

WANTED: Articles for newsletters

A day in the life of a RDH
Alternative Career Paths
Upcoming Conferences
Volunteer Opportunities and Engagement
Community Events
Tips for Successful PCS
Deployment Experience
Kudos for promotions and awards

What do you want to see in the Newsletter?

Newsletter Submission Deadlines:

Issue II August 30th

AWARDS SUBGROUP

Nothing to report at this time

STAKEHOLDER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUBGROUP

The ADHA 2019 Annual Conference is in Louisville, KY June 21-23, 2019. Anyone attending and interested in presenting, please contact LCDR Nicolette Bennett at nbennett@hrsa.gov or LT Latasha Turner at Latasha.Turner@hhs.gov

TRAINING, EDUCATION & MENTORSHIP SUBGROUP

- Directory-will be updated quarterly: send new rank and any changes to maintain the directory updated to Andrew.Felix@ice.dhs.gov
- Thank you to the Officers who participated on the DH-HSO Officer Feedback Survey of HSPAC Mentor Program
- Dental Continuing Education Courses:
CE Credits: Available CE Credits: 297
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<https://www.dentalacademyofce.com/dace/courses.aspx?s=Dental%20Hygienist&c=Hygiene>
National Board of Public Health Examiners
<https://www.nbphe.org/> CPH - Certified Public Health

National Commission on Correctional Health Care

<https://www.ncchc.org/CCHP-exam> - Certified Correctional Health Professional

TECHNICAL READINESS SUBGROUP

See Deployment Refresher information included in this newsletter. Any questions contact CDR Amy Strain at astrain@hrsa.gov or LCDR Doretha Tonkins at Doretha.tonkins@fda.hhs.gov

ADMINISTRATION SUBGROUP

DHPAG Meeting Date: *June 11th*

DATA & EVALUATION SUBGROUP

Nothing to report at this time

RECRUITMENT SUBGROUP

Nothing to report at this time

POLICY SUBGROUP

Nothing to report at this time

Awards

Congratulations to:

LCDR Sean McMahan for Candace Jones Award

LCDR Jamie Martinez for Junior Hygienist of the Year

LT Latasha Turner for U.S. Army Medical Service Corps Award of Excellence





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