Alabama Northeastern Healthcare Coalition

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Event Spotlight



August 10th, 2026

Stop the Bleed (Etowah County)

The Coalition sponsored Stop the Bleed training in partnership with Etowah County EMA to teach participants how to recognize and respond to life-threatening bleeding before first responders arrive.

August 19th, 2026

Southside Community Outreach Health Fair (Etowah County)

The Coalition joined local organizations at the Southside Community Outreach Health Fair to connect with community members and share information about healthcare resources and services available in the area.





September 24th, 2026

Medical Needs Shelter Tabletop Exercise (Blount County)

The Coalition helped facilitate a Medical Needs Shelter Tabletop Exercise with local healthcare and emergency management partners. The exercise focused on planning and coordination to support individuals with medical needs during an emergency.

Other Events

July 7th, 2026	**MGT 332 Tornado Hazards: Science and Preparedness (Etowah County)**
July 21st, 2026	**Etowah County VOAD Meeting**
August 11th, 2026	**AEMA Division F Hurricane Tabletop Exercise and Quarterly Meeting**
August 13th, 2026	**Etowah County EMA Active Shooter Tabletop Exercise**
August 25th, 2026	**United Way Annual Community Celebration (Calhoun County)**
August 27th, 2026	**Community Resource Orientation (Etowah County Community Corrections)**
October 7th, 2026	**Blount County VOAD Meeting**
October 27th -28th, 2026	**MGT 319 Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing, Planning, & Response (Cherokee County)**





September 2026 Quarterly Meeting



September 2nd, 2026
Calhoun County EMA

The Coalition held its quarterly meeting on September 2 at Calhoun County EMA. The meeting included introductions of the Executive Committee and subcommittees, a presentation on military support to Emergency Support Function 8 (Public Health and Medical Services), and a presentation from Panorama Antennas. Members also discussed upcoming training opportunities, events, and agency updates.

New Coalition Members →

Attalla City Schools
Etowah County Coroner
Voice & Value Health Advocacy Foundation



Executive Committee Meeting

The first Executive Committee Meeting with our new Executive Committee was held on August 12th, 2026. The Committee discussed several things including: The Executive Committee's duties, responsibilities, and expectations, Budget Period Three (BP3) plans and exercises, and the MRSE improvement plan. The Executive Committee also formed three new subcommittes that will meet monthly.

Training and Exercise Subcommittee

This subcommittee develops and conducts required trainings and exercises.

Members:
Keshawn Long (Etowah County EMA)
Baylee Pope (Calhoun County EMA)
John Hall (Baptist Health Shelby Hospital)
Jason Rice (DeKalb Regional Medical Center)
Kristie Reed (Riverview Regional Medical Center)
Lindsey Laminack (ADPH)

Budget Subcommittee

This subcommittee monitors spending and grant fund usage.

Members:
Leighann Butler (Talladega County EMA)
Amanda Ponder (ADPH)
Roxanne Nelson (Cherokee County Health & Rehab)

Planning Subcommittee

This subcommittee develops, reviews, and maintains all Coalition plans.

Members:
Kimberly Heath (ADPH)
Maria Rigby (Riverview Regional Medical Center)
David Horton (Blount County EMA)
Celeste Smith (Clay County Hospital)
Angie Loveless (Tanner Medical Center)
Meg Gray (Citizens Baptist Medical Center)
Deborah Gaither (Riverview Regional Medical Center)
Sonya Skinner (UAB/St. Vincent's St. Clair & Blount)

Upcoming Training & Exercises

November 5th, 2026	**AWR 331 Winter Weather Hazards: Science & Preparedness (Etowah County)**
November 5th, 2026	**Extended Downtime TTX in Partnership with Alabama EMA**
November 17th – 18th, 2026	**MGT 439 Pediatric Disaster Response & Emergency Preparedness (Shelby Baptist Hospital)**

Southern Linc Call Down Drills 2026

Hospitals and Nursing Homes/Long Term Care Facilities

November 4 18
December 2 16

Community Health Centers/Quality of Life

November N/A
December 8 9 22 23

Please email Kimberly.Heath@adph.state.al.us with the name, phone number, and email address of the person that will be responding to the call down drills for your facility.

About Us

Healthcare Coalitions are multiagency coordinating systems that involve diverse organizations including emergency management, emergency medical services, healthcare, public health and first responding agencies that work together to improve the health and safety of our community. Involvement in the Healthcare Coalition is an effective means for communities to share scarce resources, strengthen information sharing, access healthcare expertise, and build healthcare capability during times of disaster. Effective community partnerships help support the mission of the healthcare coalition by playing a critical role in preparedness & response.

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