Preparedness Paper for Octobers meeting

1. Patient Evacuation and Transfers
   1. Situation:
      1. Monday Sept 10: begin planning / command center
      2. Tuesday Sept 11: Mandatory Evac of Zone A
      3. Hampton VA was evacuated.
   2. Richmond VA reports:
      1. Received 86 pts
      2. Received 60 RNS
      3. Blocked out two hotels
      4. 1 of which was same CJW was planning to utilize and was unable to
      5. Shuttle for staff to and from hotel
      6. Sat 15th: sent patients back to Hampton (started at 0700 and last patient was at 1730 (only because was receiving 4hr dialysis… otherwise completed by 1400 all other returns)
      7. Buses were pre-identified, pre-stationed
      8. 35 ambulances at facility
      9. Kept 3 pts in RVA , 1 pt. expired (unrelated)
      10. 6-9 pts bused in each
      11. Great comms with buses
      12. 1 bus delayed 30 min due to road closure / no other incidents
      13. A RVA VA staff member staged at Hampton to close circuit on transfer notification
   3. Hampton VA reported:
      1. 215 patients moved out 4days before storm landfall
      2. Took 1.5 days
      3. Family notification via hotline set up in WV and Kansas Call Centers
      4. 176 staff volunteered to travel with patients
      5. Pre-planning
         1. Spinal – 10 patients to RVA
         2. DOM to Martinsville
         3. Behavioral Health to Salem / Salzburg – so had to change again
         4. One area they didn’t have a preset plan for was Hospice – 1 patient didn’t know where to send to, went to Tappahannock Mary Immaculate
      6. EMS resources used:
         1. 10 vehicles
         2. every VA has 2-5 of these conversional vehicles that you can configure to:
            1. Litter only
            2. WC only
            3. Litter & WC
            4. Ambulance