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Emergency Numbers:

Dial 911 or 632-3333 (cell phone)

Non-Fire Emergencies 911
(Major Chemical Spill/HazMat)

All Codes 321

Fire (Code Red) 321

OR Fire Drill a Success!



OR fire drills continue to evolve. This past May a full evacuation drill was conducted in the main operating rooms. The scenario was an electrical fire occurring while approximately 18 active operations were being performed. The staff's ability to relocate patients to a safe area of refuge was assessed. The drill began when a smoke machine began discharging a safe "fog" smoke into the OR corridors. Staff upon observing this, set the RACE process in motion, activating the fire alarm

and calling 321. The staff in each of the ORs had to discuss among themselves and demonstrate to an evaluator how to safely relocate their patients prior to actually moving them in their beds to a designated area of refuge. Chief officers from the Setauket Fire Department were on scene as observers, conducting their own pre-incident planning. A debriefing was conducted after the drill which brought up valuable lessons learned that will be incorporated into the program. A great deal of time and effort went into the planning of this drill and was truly a team effort.

Jill Kavoukian
Associate Director, EH&S

Evening Fire Marshal—Anthony Todaro

Contributed by David Roy



Recently the fire safety office reassigned hospital fire marshal, Anthony Todaro to the evening shift, a move designed to

extend the hours that Environmental Health and Safety provides fire marshal coverage.

The Fire Safety Office has a staff of three people which includes a manager, David Roy and two fire marshals, Michael Seymour and Anthony. Their operational hours are now Monday through Friday, 6:30 am to 11:30 pm. This change will enhance the safety of patients, staff, and visitors by having a professional fire safety specialist on-site during late evening hours.

Fire Wardens Needed - To Volunteer Call 4-6752



“You Got Caught Being Safe” 2007 Recipients

Congratulations to the following employees who received our “You Got Caught Being Safe” Recognition:

March winners:

Raymond Callahan, ASC
Jerry Edwards, HSC Physical Plant
Gerry Sheehan, HSC Physical Plant
Ning Lin, Electron Microscopy
Edna Giffen, AICU
Aleksy Shikhov, HSC Physical Plant

April winners:

Michael Sessa, HCS
Steve Hurley, Clinical Education
Steve Roggemann, Nursing Office

Aron Persaud, Food Service

May winners:

Joe Sawyers, PMO
Jackie Weber, PMO
Tamara Weiss, Radiation Oncology
Barbara Ryan, Immunology
Mark Basquit, Property Control
Hubert Nixon, Physical Plant
Stephen Reilly, Pharmacy
John Soranno, Receiving
Patrick Paez, Construction
Robert Healy, Construction
Roy Clarkson, Construction
Sergio Cardenas, Construction
Sal Genua, Construction
Eddy Sloup, Construction

Joseph Kelly, Grounds
David Hendrickson, Cabinet Shop
Yolanda Brown, Tissue Type Lab
Larry Usher, Tissue Type Lab
Eugene Hellin, Media Services
Phyllis Bianchet, Media Services
Rich Tulipan, Media Services
Jirina Vasek, Chemistry
Sue Digiovanna, Respiratory Care
Mauricia Mesa, HSC Custodial
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***Continue being safe
and we will continue
to “catch” you.***

EPA Environmental Quality Award

Contributed by Carol Malley



This year, Stony Brook University Hospital was awarded the EPA Environmental Quality Award.

The award was presented to Jill Kavoukian, Associate Director, EH&S on April 26th at the EPA NYC offices by Regional Administrator, Alan J. Steinberg .

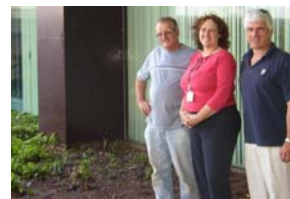
Jill said that this achievement was truly a team effort. Hospital Custodial Services, Food and Nutritional Services, Nursing, Facilities, Hospital

Laboratories, Materials Management, Pharmacy and Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) staff all worked together to achieve the goals of environmental quality at Stony Brook University Hospital. Once we set the environmental goals for the organization, everyone was willing to do what needed to be done.

EPA recognized Stony Brook University Hospital for significantly reducing its use of mercury; paper, cardboard and wood pallet recycling; green product use; promoting sustainability; and its integrated pest management program.

EH&S Galleria Garden

Contributed by Carol Malley



Pictured: Theo VanKoolwijk (friend), Yvonne Walsh, Bill Kempner

Look for the EH&S Garden on Level 3 of the HSC outside the Galleria. Thanks to Joe Kelly

and Grounds for supplying topsoil, tools, and advice. The EH&S Healthcare group donated and planted the flowers and shrubs. If you are interested in starting your own garden, Physical Plant has offered to be of assistance and if you are interested in adopting an area and planting a garden, contact Michael.cullen@stonybrook.edu.

Fire Warden Program

Contributed by David Roy



The Hospital fire safety program, specifically fire

evacuation of patients, depends to a large part on the area fire warden program. Health care occupancies by the very nature of the business, do not have the luxury of simply directing everyone to evacuate to the outside during fires. There is a concept we use called evacuate-in-place whereas non-ambulatory persons stay inside the building

and are moved to safe areas of refuge protected by fire barriers. Should the fire be serious enough, only then would they be evacuated to the outside. The coordination of all these actions can be difficult which explains the need for fire wardens. Fire Wardens have been specially trained on the fire plan and will organize the movement of patients to adjacent compartments should that become necessary. Area supervisors need to determine whether they first have

designated fire wardens, then ensure they have enough. There should always be at least one Fire Warden for each shift. Sometimes this means having several on each shift to cover days off, meal breaks, or other lapses in coverage. The next fire warden classes are: August 28th, 9:00 am; August 29th, 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.. There is no need to pre-register. These classes are for new fire wardens and will be held at the Atkins Center (HSC, Level 3). For more information, contact the fire marshals' office at 4-6752.



New Environmental/Safety Initiatives

Contributed by Carol Malley

The Cabinet Shop has now begun ordering medium density fiberboard (MDF) and plywood that is formaldehyde free. Formaldehyde is a carcinogen and can cause respiratory problems at elevated levels. Thanks to the cabinet shop, we will be breathing

cleaner air.

Construction is working with campus in recycling construction debris including metal, sheet rock and ceiling tiles.

Thanks to Construction in helping us reduce our solid waste and increase recycling.



This year we would like to apply for the H2E Environmental Leadership Award. In 2005 we received the Hospital received the H2E "Making Medicine Mercury Free" Award. The criteria for the award are:

- Reducing solid waste by 25% (recycling, reducing or reusing waste);
- Implementing a pollution prevention program;
- initiating an "environmentally preferable purchasing program; and
- any other environmental initiatives.

If you have any programs that may apply or have any ideas to initiate new programs, email carol.malley@stonybrook.edu.

Storm Drain Markers Installed

Contributed by Carol Malley



Look down and take notice of our new storm drain markers.

Many thanks to Anthony Depaolo and Jack Milillo from Physical Plant for assisting with the installation. The markers read either "No Dumping—Drains to Sound" or "Only Rain

Down the Drain". When water or pollutants enter the storm drains, they drain to the recharge basin or sump and then to the groundwater. The groundwater at Stony Brook flows north to the Long Island Sound. Our actions have an effect on our health, resources and community.

Emergency Management Update

Contributed by Connie Kraft, RN, MSN, CEN

The Stony Brook University Medical Center Emergency Management Department is continuing to accomplish a set of preparedness goals for this year with the help and dedication of the hospital staff. Drills and exercises including vertical evacuation, triage and isolation screening, and Point of Distribution have all been successfully completed. Additionally, several staff members from both clinical and non-clinical areas have completed training in patient decontamination, increasing our capacity to respond to a HAZMAT incident. Emergency Management provides on-going training in the National Incident Management System and Incident Command System, and is available to in-service staff in the

use of Parasyde evacuation sleds.

Two major initiatives that Emergency Management is currently working on are surge capacity and pandemic flu planning. The ability to rapidly expand hospital services in order to treat and manage a sudden surge of patients, requires effective systems and adequate resources. Managing patient surge could be an extended operation over time in the case of a pandemic flu. Ensuring our preparedness level for such an incident begins with each individual staff member establishing a personal/family emergency plan. More information and sample plans



Vertical Evacuation Drill 3/07

can be found at ready.gov or contact the Emergency Management Department at 4-1594. Participation by hospital staff members in trainings, drills and exercises is another way to increase preparedness by testing our plans for effectiveness.

By collaborating with other hospital departments and community partners, Emergency Management is continuing to assess hazards, improve planning and develop effective incident management at Stony Brook University Medical Center.



Point Dispensing of Drill 3/07

How to Properly Wear Your N95 Respirator (3M1860)

Contributed by Annette Falcetta

1. Cup the respirator in your hand with the nosepiece at fingertips, allowing the head straps to hang freely below hand.
2. Position the respirator under your chin with the nosepiece up.
3. While holding the respirator in place, pull the top strap over your head so it rests high on the back of your head.
4. While continuing to hold the respirator firmly in place, pull the bottom strap over your head and position it around your neck, below your ears. Untwist the straps. Position the respirator low on your

5. Using both hands, mold the nosepiece to the shape of your nose by pushing inward while moving your fingertips down both sides of the nosepiece.
6. Perform the user seal check. Place both hands completely over the respirator, being careful not to disturb the position, and exhale sharply. If air leaks around your



3M 1860 N95 respirator

nose, adjust the nosepiece as described in step 5. If air leaks at respirator edges, adjust the straps back along the sides of your head. Perform fit check again if an adjustment is made. If you cannot achieve a proper fit, see your supervisor. Do not enter area requiring respirator use.

Note: If you need to be fit tested, come to EH&S Open Fit Testing every 3rd Thursday, 2-3 p.m. in the UH Physical Plant Conference Room (HSC, LI-0056).