



North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

Buffalo Deployment

“Good Medicine in Bad Places”

Introduction

- October 12 & 13, 2006
- City of Buffalo, N.Y. and Erie County, N.Y. are hit with an unseasonable snowstorm
- Infrastructure damage and closings
- Hospital overcrowding
- Exhausted staff members



Alert Phase

- October 17, 2006, Request made by NYSDOH for Critical Care Registered Nurses to augment upstate facilities
- Telephone calls to members on DRT database regarding availability to deploy to Buffalo, N.Y.
- 7 Critical Care RN's available



Alert Phase

- NYSDOH notified of availability
- RN's instructed to enroll in NYS volunteer database for P.O.L #17 indemnification
- RN's given "Personal Equipment List" and document requirements for deployment
- NYSDOH to arrange flights, transportation and lodging



Activation Phase

- Departed Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 1040 hrs. from JFK to Buffalo, NY
- Escorted by NYSDOH to Buffalo General Hospital's Command Center
- Senior Leadership of Kaleida Health briefed team on current staffing needs
- RN's credentialed and In-serviced by Kaleida Health Nurse Educators.



Activation Phase

- Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 1900 hrs.
- RN's assigned;
 - Buffalo General Hospital (3)
 - Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital (2)
 - DeGraff Memorial Hospital
 - Women's & Children's Hospital



Demobilization Phase

- Saturday, October 21, 2006 at 0800 hrs., relieved and standing down
- Sunday , October 22, 2006 at 0855, departed for JFK

