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UVMC HOSTS HAZARDOUS MATERIAL WORKSHOP

Ukiah Valley Medical Center (UVMC) hosted a hazardous material workshop on August 10, 2006. The workshop drew over 50 participants including representatives from Mendocino County Public Health, Howard Memorial Hospital, City of Ukiah Fire Department, and the Redwood Empire Hazardous Incident Team. Several UVMC departments also participated including Maintenance, BioMed, Housekeeping, Respiratory Therapy, Marketing and Development, and Nursing.

“It is important for the community to know that so many agencies and organizations in Mendocino County are working together for the safety of our friends and neighbors,” said Anne Dent, RN, UVMC Director of Employee Health, Safety and Accreditation.

The hands-on training educated staff on the proper use of decontamination equipment. Participants practiced unloading and loading the disaster trailer, made sure all equipment was functional, and put up and took down the decontamination and treatment tents. “The more we familiarize ourselves with the equipment, the better prepared we will be to respond to the community’s needs,” said Dent.

The decontamination equipment was purchased by the U.S. Homeland Security Department to be used for emergencies including hazardous material spills, disease outbreaks, and natural disasters. George Mallinckrodt, a representative from the TVI Corporation which manufactures the equipment, also provided training for the new equipment.

“We will continue to conduct drills and trainings to ensure preparedness for UVMC staff and our community partners,” said Dent.

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