08:00 - 08:30
Welcome to EHO Category Day
LCDR Kelly Henshaw

Welcome attendees, do housekeeping, agenda for the day, group photo, etc

08:30 - 09:30
State of the Category and the PAC
CAPT Timothy Jiggens; CDR Steven Galvez
Moderator: LCDR Erin Kincaid

The goal of this session is to provide an update on the Environmental Health Officer (EHO) category and the Environmental Health Officer Professional Advisory Committee (EHOPAC). Participants will hear from the Chief Professional Officer (CPO) on matters impacting EHOs and the EHOPAC Chair on the framework, operations, and accomplishments of the EHOPAC.

After attending this session, participants will be able to:
1. Describe force management principles implemented under the Modernization Initiative.
2. Describe one way an Environmental Health Officer can plan a successful career.
3. Describe the benefits of serving on the EHOPAC.

09:30 - 09:40
BREAK

09:40 - 10:10
Developing a Respiratory Protection Program on Deployments: How to Meet the OSHA Respiratory Standards
CDR William Bird; LCDR Krista Ferry; LCDR Andrew Todd
Moderator: LT Christina Waters

A 30 minute presentation on how to create a Respiratory Protection Program and how to consult and advise third party contractors during a deployment on conducting fit testing, as well as how to conduct fit testing to PHS officers when approved. A hands-on will be available for those interested in receiving on-the-job training.

After attending this session, participants will be able to:
1. List the 3 steps to receive a medical clearance to be fit tested.
2. State the frequency at which fit testing needs to occur to meet the requirements of Respiratory Protection Program 1910.134.
3. List the 7 steps of how to conduct a fit test and maintain records.
10:10 - 11:05

**Interesting Duty Stations**

**CAPT Danielle Mills; LT Jeremy Garcia; LT Sung Jik "Andrew" Park; LT Seneca Toms**

**Moderator: LCDR Kelly Henshaw**

The purpose of this session is to hear from fellow EHOs and learn more about the interesting and unique duty stations where they work, which may not otherwise be well known. It will consist of multiple short presentations given back-to-back by individual officers.

After attending this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify a new-to-you EHO duty station
2. Describe the breadth of position types EHOs can fill in USPHS
3. 

11:00 - 13:00

**Exclusive Exhibit Hall Time**

Please join us in the Exhibit Hall to meet with our event Sponsors and Exhibitors.

13:00 - 14:30

**Lunch with Awards Presentation**

14:30 - 15:00

**Sample Collection of Baby Food Products is Critical for Public Health & Ensure Babies are Safe**

**LT Samuel Aboagye**

**Moderator: LCDR Erin Kincaid**

This session will provide attendees with strategies to ensure that they are effectively prepared for collecting surveillance samples (gather information about potential safety issues) of domestic and imported baby food products. Although surveillance sampling is my focus of discussion, I will take a minute to discuss other types of sampling such as official and investigational. A set of 7 questions that are structured with examples of correct/incorrect samples and best/incorrect sampling collection approaches that will engage audience.

After attending this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the guidance and regulations required for sampling baby food products
2. List the process steps of sample collection of baby food products
3. Identify the tips for sample collection of baby food products
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15:00 - 15:30  
**Career Development Updates for EHOs**  
*CDR Candis Hunter; LCDR Laura Annetta*  
*Moderator: LT Christina Waters*

This session will cover pertinent Professional Development updates for Environmental Health Officers. Members of the Mentoring and Career Development Committee will provide updates on the promotion process, the common CV format for all officers, and other topics relevant to EHOs.

After attending this session, participants will be able to:

1. List three recommendations for CV Cover Page formatting
2. Identify “EHO Jargon” that EHOs should avoid when preparing a promotion packet for a cross-category APH board
3. List one thing that changed in the new benchmarks that impacts EHOsthree actions EHOs can take today to strengthen their CVs/promotion packets

15:30 - 15:45  
**BREAK**

15:45 - 17:15  
**EHOs in Response and Recovery Missions**  
*CDR Katie Bante; CDR James Gooch; CDR Ronan King; CDR Michelle Dittrich; LCDR Sandra Carpio*  
*Moderator: LT Christina Waters*

2-part Session on 1) What is ASPR and how does an EHO get to lead a Public Health and Medical Response, and 2) EHOs Lead the Way: Reflections from 2023 Maui Wildfire Recovery Missions.

1. This presentation will help EHOs understand ASPR and how ASPR coordinates with other HHS agencies, FEMA, Veteran’s Affairs and CCHQ for all federally led Public Health and Medical Response missions. The intent of the presentation is to refresh basic response principles (ICS, NRF, NIMS, NDMS, etc.) while getting deeper in knowledge on how EHOs can lead these response missions. For the presentation, the room will be divided in teams and teams will be challenged to answer a series of questions to gain pints. The team with greater points will win final prize.
2. Disasters are one of the most unfortunate and traumatic experiences for any community. Recovery can take months and years for many communities. Since 2016, FEMA has led an all of government approach to recovery at the request of disaster-impacted states, tribes, territorial and local jurisdictions under the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF). Increasingly, USPHS officers are being deployed in support of ASPR led recovery missions. This presentation will provide a brief background on federal recovery and outline three missions led by EHOs during the Maui Wildfires Recovery in 2023.
After attending this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe at least 2 roles in which an EHO can lead a Public Health and Medical Response Mission.
2. Identify two differences between response and recovery missions.
3. Identify three best practices for deployments to recovery missions.

17:15 - 17:30

**EHO Category Day Closeout**

*LCDR Kelly Henshaw*

Closing Remarks and Evaluations