

2010 USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium Pre-Conference Critical Needs Training Workshops

Sunday, May 23, 2010

Full Day Session Descriptions

- **Fundamentals of Leadership:** This popular session will be offered for the third year. Participants will assess their own leadership style using the DISC inventory, learn to understand the styles of others, explore leadership in the real world through breakout sessions and finally discover ways to improve their own leadership competencies. **Cost:\$75 (includes lunch)**
- **Risk Communication:** This session, conducted by experienced CDC/ATSDR instructors, will look at the keys to effective communication organizationally and with the public during difficult times/situations. Participants will leave the session with a basic understanding of essential elements of risk communication and through role-playing will gain a real-world understanding of how to communicate with the press, the public and other target audiences. **Cost: \$75 (includes lunch).**
- **Public Health Infrastructure Technologies for Humanitarian Assistance Deployments:** This course will provide participants with the skills to effectively design and repair public health infrastructure, utilizing appropriate technologies (Water Treatment by Sand Filtration Methods, Medical Waste Incinerators, Rain Water Catchment Systems, Rope Pump Wells and Wastewater Separation and Reuse), encountered in the regions visited by the humanitarian assistance missions. In addition to the technologies themselves, the participants will be introduced to culturally sensitive considerations regarding how the technologies are employed. **Cost: \$75 (includes lunch).**
- **A Day with OCCO, OCCFM and Transformation:** Join PHS Headquarters staff for an informational session that will directly impact your career in the Corps! A diverse panel of subject matter experts (SME's) representing OCCO, OCCFM and Transformation; will teach you about the processes that directly affect your career while providing an overview of policy activities and recent developments as part of Transformation activities. Topics include but are not limited to: Career Assignment updates; Demonstration of the 2010 COER; Direct Access/Billeting updates; Policy Development and Legislative Agenda; Commissioned Corps Pay and Benefits; Current Recruitment and Assignment strategies and other officer support activities/updates.