



Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children to Unveil Hi-Fidelity Pediatric Simulator at East Tennessee Children's Hospital

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Knoxville, TN – Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children (TN EMSC) is pleased to announce the Knox/East Tennessee Healthcare Coalition has granted disaster preparedness funding to purchase a pediatric hi-fidelity simulator that is the size of a one-year-old infant to East Tennessee Children's Hospital for their educational outreach as a Comprehensive Regional Pediatric Center (CRPC). These simulators will offer hospitals and EMS agencies hands-on trainings in an effort to educate these emergency providers about the unique needs of children.

What: East Tennessee Children's Hospital Pediatric Simulator Training

Where: East Tennessee Children's Hospital
2018 Clinch Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37916

When: Monday, February 1, 2016 at 10:00 AM/EST

"When seconds count in a disaster to save a child, we need Tennessee's prehospital and hospital providers to be trained and ready," said Rhonda Phillippi, TN EMSC Executive Director. "These simulators are an investment in our communities, our healthcare professionals and our children."

"Utilizing a pediatric simulator will only enhance the outreach done in our community by East Tennessee Children's Hospital," said Angie Bowen, Children's Hospital EMSC Regional Coordinator and Trauma Coordinator. "Simulations are an innovative way of ensuring our region's providers are ready to meet the needs of children."

A recent report released from the American Academy of Pediatrics found that children are particularly susceptible to illness and injury during disasters and pandemics. The report states, "Children represent nearly a quarter of the U.S. population, but they are affected disproportionately by most disasters and public health emergencies." Simulations are an effective and realistic way to address gaps in training ensuring Tennessee's responders are prepared in the event of a disaster and in the everyday care of children.

TN EMSC is a statewide program that works with a network of partners including children's hospitals, nonprofits, EMS and policymakers, to ensure every child in Tennessee receives the best pediatric emergency care in order to eliminate the effects of severe illness and injury.

Media interested in covering the training session at East Tennessee Children's Hospital should contact Public Relations Manager Erica Estep at 865-541-8276.