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**AMMC NURSE AND LOCAL RESPONDER ATTENDS HOMELAND  
SECURITY TRAINING**

*Receives Pandemic Flu Preparedness*

**PARAGOULD, AR-** AMMC Infection Prevention and Control Coordinator Lisa Bridges, RN, recently completed Homeland Security training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP), located in Anniston, Alabama. The CDP is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and is the only federally-chartered Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training facility in the nation.

Bridges attended the Pandemic Influenza Planning and Preparedness Course to learn about the H1N1 (swine) flu and to review preparations and response techniques for a potential flu pandemic.

The CDP provides federally-funded, interdisciplinary training for emergency responders from across the United States and U.S. Territories, for ten responder disciplines: Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Service, Governmental Administrative, Hazardous Materials, **Healthcare**, Law Enforcement, **Public Health**, Public Safety Communications and Public Works.

Healthcare and Public Health training is conducted at the CDP's Noble Training Facility, the nations' only hospital facility dedicated to training hospital and healthcare professionals in disaster preparedness and response.

Many training courses culminate at the CDP's Chemical, Ordnance, Biological and

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Radiological Training Facility, the nation's only facility featuring civilian training exercises in a true toxic environment, using chemical agents. The advanced hands-on training enables responders to effectively prevent, respond to, and recover from real-world incidents involving acts of terrorism and other hazardous materials.

Responders attending CDP training are selected from the nation's 11 million emergency responders. Training at the CDP ensures that responders gain critical skills and confidence to be better prepared to effectively respond to local incidents or potential WMD incidents.

Additional information about CDP training programs can be found at <http://cdp.dhs.gov>. *FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.*

A recognized leader, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould provides progressive, compassionate healthcare to residents throughout Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri. Additional information about AMMC is available at: [www.arkansasmethodist.org](http://www.arkansasmethodist.org).