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## Memorial Medical Center Ensures Emergency Preparedness

On May 18, an earthquake will strike Arkansas. However, Wisconsin will feel the effects of the catastrophe too. The Mississippi River will rise above its banks, causing flooding and minor infrastructure damage in the state.

This 'earthquake' of course is not real. But it could be. This scenario will be part of a multi-state exercise linked to a national drill. Jefferson and Racine counties will have hazmat exercises in conjunction with this event.

In addition, the Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program will test the Wisconsin Trac (WI Trac) system for inter-hospital communications in support of four hospitals in the "flood zones" of southwestern Wisconsin. WI Trac is an electronic resource and bed-reporting system that was implemented by the Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program.

The National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) will be activated to transport earthquake victims to the NDMS receiving center at General Mitchell Field in Milwaukee as part of this drill.

Memorial Medical Center-Neillsville will participate in this statewide exercise. The medical facility will test its ability to accept a surge of medical patients and the hospital emergency operations center.

"Exercises like these give us a chance to pull all the emergency response pieces together for a large incident," said Chris Smith, RN, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

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