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## The Collective

A Monthly Newsletter

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### Important Dates

- ~~November 8, 9, & 10, 2023 – TEEK: ICS Forms Review / Advanced ICS Forms Exercise~~
  - ~~\*\*Course cancelled – not enough registrants\*\*~~
- November 17, 2023 – MRSE Exercise
- December 10 & 11 – Mass Casualty Course
- January 18, 2024 – Coalition Meeting
- February 21, 2024 – Chemical TTX
- April 18, 2024 – Coalition Meeting
- July 11, 2024 – Coalition Meeting

For more information, contact [Michael.Cooper@tn.gov](mailto:Michael.Cooper@tn.gov)

### Winter Weather Resources

Winter is around the corner. These resources can help you prepare early:

- [Extreme Temperatures \(tn.gov\)](#)
- [Winter Weather | CDC](#)
- [Winter Storm \(fema.gov\)](#)
- [Winter Weather | Ready.gov](#)
- [Cold Weather Safety](#)

### Education & Training Links

- [UCH Coalition Calendar](#)
- [VU Disaster Recovery](#)
- [Infection Control](#)
- [Homeland Security Training](#)
- [CDC Learning Connection](#)
- [HHS.GOV / ASPR TRACIE](#)
- [CMS.GOV Outreach & Education](#)
- [FEMA Training](#)
- [NACCHO Training](#)
- [Alliant Health Solutions Events](#)

# Healthcare Resource Tracking System (HRTS) V.3

Questions / Need Assistance?

Please reach out to [Michael.Cooper@tn.gov](mailto:Michael.Cooper@tn.gov)

## Vulnerable Populations Coordinator (VPC)

Kyle Gamache has stepped down from the Upper Cumberland Region's Vulnerable Populations Coordinator (VPC) position as of November 1, 2023. Please direct all related questions to [Michael.Cooper@tn.gov](mailto:Michael.Cooper@tn.gov) until further notice.

*"It has been a great pleasure working with all of you the past couple years. Thank you for all you do for this magnificent Region and the State of Tennessee."*

*-Kyle Gamache*

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### Mission:

The Upper Cumberland Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (UCHPC) exists to assist the health care community and other emergency response agencies to jointly prepare for, respond to, and recover from disaster events. The coalition supports collaborative planning and information sharing among a broad range of healthcare partners in order to protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of people in the Upper Cumberland community and Tennessee.