



ARAPAHOE COUNTY



Story Time!

Developing a metric for Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) is a tricky business. After much discussion, the team leaned on the purpose of our program - to ensure that ACPH staff can handle whatever comes at us above routine operations - to develop our metric.

EPR staff have heard in countless discussions after incidents and exercises that our colleagues across the department want support in formalizing how to respond when things go sideways, want an understanding of what they might be asked to do during an incident, and want to practice what it might look like.

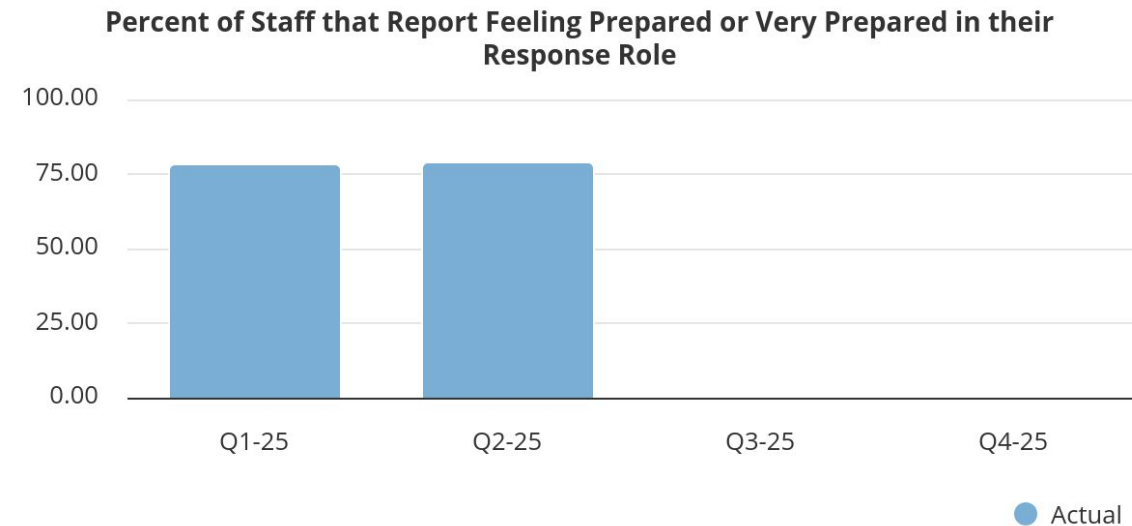
The staff at ACPH is some of the most experienced and well-trained in the state. They have the skills to respond to almost anything that may impact our communities. EPR is working to create a culture of preparedness to not only practice and hone those skills, but to increase the confidence our experts have in themselves when times are challenging.





Metric Overview

- Percent of staff that report feeling prepared or very prepared in their response role
- As incidents continue to increase in frequency and complexity, public health staff are required to maintain a state of readiness to ensure the mitigation of health and medical consequences. Having staff that are trained and able to transition between incident response operations and routine efforts with a measure of familiarity and comfort allows for more efficiency, effectiveness, and a more resilient health and medical system.





Learning Opportunities

Identify Challenges & Actions

- Challenge: Identifying and Developing Public Health Specific Trainings
 - Tailoring training to staff needs – not just general preparedness
 - Being creative with what is already out there and adapting it
 - Challenge: Integrating Preparedness Training into Routine Work for All staff
 - Taking advantage of existing opportunities
 - Utilizing a variety of platforms
 - Being available
 - It takes time!
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Path Forward

- What's Coming
 - Roll out of new trainings
 - EPR 201 - LMS
 - ICS 800 – LMS
 - Offerings of ongoing trainings
 - EPR101
 - ICS 100 and 700
 - Coming Exercise Opportunities
 - PHIRST
 - Program Specific
 - Let us know how we can partner with your division/program!