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Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Planning

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First Responders Use Mobile Electronic Communication with Barcode Capability for Disaster Response (January 2006). In Seattle-Tacoma, Washington, about 20 first-responder groups are now using a mobile, electronic communication system to track patients and communicate during a disaster. All the information goes into a computer system, which generates wristbands with barcodes for patients that can be scanned to provide demographic and vitals data at a hospital or other treatment point. Read the full article in Health IT World.com:

<http://www.health-itworld.com/newsletters/2006/01/10/17489>

Video Games Used to Train Emergency and Public Health Workers (December 2005). Several cities nationwide have begun using video games that simulate disaster scenarios to help train emergency and public health workers. Read the iHealthBeat summary:

<http://www.ihealthbeat.org/index.cfm?Action=dspItem&itemID=117698>

Connecticut Public Health Department Acquires New Emergency Communications System (May 2004). Connecticut's Public Health Department will acquire a new emergency communications system that would be secure, reliable and self-sufficient. Connecticut health officials thoroughly surveyed all the available technologies, including multimillion-dollar microwave systems, radios, secure scrambled systems, and finally chose a satellite-based emergency radio dispatch network. Read the full article in Government Computing News:

http://www.gcn.com/23_11/statelocal/25864-1.html

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