



# Disaster Epidemiology Subcommittee 2015-2016 Strategic Plan

**Mission Statement:** To bring together various disciplines of epidemiology to collaborate towards improving emergency preparedness and disaster response capacities and capabilities at local, state, regional, and national levels following natural disasters and other emergencies.

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## Priority Area 1:

Build networking opportunities and enhance the knowledge of disaster epidemiology

**Objective 1:** Host an annual DE workshop.

**Objective 2:** Present at regional or national conferences on the work, programs and initiatives of the subcommittee twice a year.

**Objective 3:** Host 6 webinars, learning moments or training opportunities yearly.

**Objective 4:** Gather and share tools, methodologies and evaluation information among jurisdictions

**Objective 5:** Develop marketing tools that promote the partnership and use of disaster epidemiologists and DE.

## Vision

**Using the power of disaster epidemiology (DE) to improve the public's health before, during and after a disaster.**

## Priority Area 2:

Continue to define disaster epidemiology capabilities and its role in the disaster management framework

**Objective 1:** Submit 1 position statement on the use of Electronic Deaths Records Systems for public health purposes for the CSTE Annual Conference by March 2016.

**Objective 2:** Connect and engage mental health partners to promote surveillance for behavioral health needs during and following disasters.

**Objective 3:** The Shelter Surveillance work group will work towards publishing a guidance document by June 2016.

**Objective 4:** Collaborate across disciplines and organizations to develop and implement improved disaster research approaches.

**Cultivate continuous quality improvement.  
Leverage relationships and expertise among members and partners.**