



# Disaster Recovery Training

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, the Tuscola County Medical Care Community conducted a full scale disaster training exercise. The simulated event was a tornado touch down with destruction of Baldwin House, subsequent fire, downed power lines, personal injury victims and eventual evacuation of the structure.

This training is required by CMS, the federal agency responsible for oversight of all nursing homes in America. We are all aware that natural and man-made disasters can and do happen more frequently than any of us can imagine. Being prepared is essential to minimizing loss of life and mitigation of the disaster.

By establishing a deep base of support and understanding of resources available, we are now able to critique our plan, make changes where weaknesses were identified and celebrate successes.

Many thanks to the agencies and other healthcare providers for being part of this practice: Region 3 Healthcare Coalition, Mobile Medical Response, Caro Fire Department, Caro Police Department, Tuscola County Emergency Manager, Tuscola County Health Department Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, MI State Police, Tuscola County Dispatch, Tuscola County All Hazards Group, Fresenius Dialysis Center, Tuscola Emergency Response Team, Tuscola County Dispatch and Caro Community Hospital.

Volunteers served as our residents, we are grateful beyond words for their time and feedback. You were all amazing!

The Tuscola County Medical Care Community will continue to work hard to meet the needs of our residents every day even if disaster strikes.