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{Kansas City Nurse} to Attend National Conference on Public Health

{Kansas City Nurse, Cindy Smith} will join more than 3,000 U.S. Public Health Officers in San Diego next week at the Commissioned Officers Foundation Annual Meeting to discuss issues ranging from the prevention and treatment of H1N1 to creating a health care system in Afghanistan.

The focus of the conference is a scientific and training symposium that will review progress that has been made on numerous public health frontiers over the last decade as well as challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

{Smith will be attending in-depth training sessions that will help in her work at the _____ in Kansas City. Smith does WHAT _____, working with WHO _____. In YEAR, Smith did WHAT _____ in SITUATION _____. Smith is one of ## local officers who will be attending the conference.}

{“I look forward to sharing my experiences and learning from colleagues around the country,” Smith said. “This kind of professional collaboration is a critical part of being prepared for potential deployment in case of an emergency.”}

The US Public Health Service, commanded by the U.S. Surgeon General, cares for American Indians on reservations, research for cures at the National Institutes of Health, identify epidemics at the Centers for Disease Control, and oversee food and drug regulation at the Food and Drug Administration. Over 6,500 of the unique group of officers work not only at these and other Health and Human Services Agencies, but go wherever medical emergencies call them.

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