



# Disaster Epidemiology Subcommittee 2015-2016 Strategic Plan

**Vision:** Using disaster epidemiology methods and tools to monitor and protect the public's health before, during and after a disaster.

**Mission Statement:** To strengthen partnerships between disaster epidemiology and other disciplines to support emergency preparedness and disaster response capacities and capabilities at local, state, regional, and national levels.

## **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.

**Objective 6:** Collaborate across disciplines and organizations to develop and implement improved disaster research approaches.

## **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 public health and mental health partners from local, state, and federal levels 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.

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