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**DisastersNet’s Web-based Hospital Emergency Management System Helping
Maryvale Hospital Handle an Influx of Emergency Room Patients
*New Program Means Hospital Staff Can Devote More Time to Patients –
Less to Logistics***

Phoenix, AZ – DisastersNet, which provides a web-based emergency management system with a Pandemic Flu Emergency Management Solution, is helping Maryvale Hospital handle a huge increase in emergency room patients that has ensued since swine flu began making news. Maryvale is seeing almost double the usual number of patients in its Emergency Department, which has triggered its new Disaster Incident Management System (DIMS) created by DisastersNet. DIMS is a fully automated, online disaster incident management program that replaces the bulky notebook operations manual that hospitals used to follow during emergencies.

Maryvale Hospital’s Director of Safety, Steve Howard, estimates the DIMS program is saving 50 percent in resources of personnel and time. “In the past, we were inundated with paperwork and forms,” says Howard. “Hospital staff had to cram into a control room and information was conveyed by individual conversations and walkie-talkies, which wasted a lot of time. With DIMS, all information is sent to staff on their mobile phones and/or computers - so communication is faster, easier and more efficient.”

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Maryvale Hospital normally sees 110 emergency room visits a day. Sunday they had 230 patients and have been averaging 170 a day since then. The DIMS program was tested last week and went online Tuesday. Hospital staff are thrilled with the new disaster management program because it allows them to provide better patient care in a safer environment.

“Our DIMS emergency platform was designed and developed by hospital safety officers, physicians and emergency management experts,” said Chris Riddle, President and Co-Founder of DisastersNet. “By minimizing confusion and streamlining communications, hospital staff have more time to focus on what’s really important – taking great care of their patients.”

About DisastersNet

DisastersNet’s Disaster Incident Management System (DIMS) is a fully automated, web-based emergency management system that allows hospitals or industries to conduct training exercises and manage real-time emergencies using Version IV Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) or a customized Incident Command System designed to meet the needs of any industry.

DIMS allows hospitals to design Incident Command Team Charts and Job Action Sheets and to use the Electronic HICS v4 forms or their own proprietary forms for any identified hazard vulnerability—providing the flexibility to meet the specific needs of a hospital’s organizational structure, regardless of size or available resources.

With DIMS engaged, the Incident Commander activates the appropriate incident scenario and deploys the Incident Command Team Members to manage the disaster—from a desktop computer or portable device.

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The IC Team is immediately notified of their assigned roles and provided with information to log into the Position Control Panel.

Once active, the IC Team has access to all the management controls needed to effectively and efficiently perform their mission, including:

- Interactive Job Action Sheets to stay on task and track assignments
- Automated HICS forms, quickly completed and saved in archive
- Real-time IC Team Chart to monitor, manage and communicate with Team Members
- Ability to send and receive messages, as well as to conduct meetings in a live chat room
- Log of all activities performed throughout the incident by every position
- Access to all emergency management plans and relevant documents

Franklin, Tennessee-based DisastersNet, Inc. develops and implements fully automated, web-based emergency management systems for hospital environments and other industries, for use in real-time emergencies or during training exercises.

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