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## BRADFORD/UNION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS EARNS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RECOGNITION

Bradford/Union County Health Departments is Honored as “Public Health Ready”

Starke – As local health departments nationwide strive to protect the public from new and infectious diseases, bioterrorism, natural disasters, and other public health threats, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has recognized Bradford/Union County Health Departments for its ability to respond to public health emergencies.

Bradford/Union County Health Departments met the comprehensive preparedness benchmarks required by Project Public Health Ready (PPHR), a unique partnership between NACCHO and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“We are proud to have been recognized by Project Public Health Ready for our high level of preparedness,” said Winifred Holland, Administrator of Bradford/Union County Health Departments “We will continue to improve our ability to quickly and effectively respond to any public health crisis in Bradford/Union Counties.”

“I am especially proud of Dan Mann, Preparedness Planner, and the leaders and staff of the Bradford and Union County Health Departments because they worked hard to achieve this important tool in our ongoing efforts to be prepared for any type of disaster in these communities,” stated Holland.

“NACCHO commends Bradford/Union County Health Departments for being a model of public health emergency preparedness,” said Robert Pestronk, Executive Director of NACCHO. “The public health system is making great strides thanks to the good work of leaders in local public health preparedness such as Bradford/Union County Health Departments.”

Local health departments recognized by PPHR undergo a thorough evaluation process by peer review. PPHR required Bradford/Union County Health Departments to meet expectations in public health preparedness in three key areas: preparedness planning; workforce competency; and demonstration of all-hazards readiness through exercises or a response to a real event. The recognition confirms that Bradford/Union Counties have an emergency response plan in place, the plan is connected to other jurisdictional emergency response plans, agency staff members are trained, and the plan is exercised and used during public health emergencies.

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For more information on all Project Public Health Ready recognized sites and project tools and resources, go to <http://www.naccho.org/topics/emergency/pphr.cfm>.

For information on Bradford and Union County Health Departments services and updates on health matters, please visit our websites.

Bradford County: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdbradford/index.htm>

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