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LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR TEAM MEMBERS

ANDREW M. BAKER, M.D.



Dr. Andrew Baker is a Mason City, Iowa native, a 1988 graduate of the University of Iowa, and a 1992 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Medicine. He completed his residency in pathology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and completed a year of specialized training in forensic pathology in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is board-certified in anatomic and clinical pathology, with subspecialty certification in forensic pathology. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and has previously served as the Chair of the Academy's Pathology/Biology section. He is a fellow of the National Association of Medical Examiners and currently serves on the Board of Directors of that organization.

In 1998, Andy went on active duty in the medical corps of the U.S. Air Force. Events that shaped his military career included work in Kosovo for the International Criminal

Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, investigation of alleged graves along the U.S.-Mexican border, and identification and autopsy of victims of the terrorist attack on the *USS Cole*. He also served as a consulting pathologist to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service's Cold Case Homicide unit. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, his unit was given responsibility for the identification and autopsy of the American Airlines Flight 77 crash into the Pentagon. Andy's military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. He was a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force's Commissioned Officer Training program in 1998.

Andy's publications range from analysis of combat casualties of U.S. forces in Somalia to drug intoxications in infants and abusive injuries of children. He has served as guest faculty at the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's School, the Naval Justice School, the University of Minnesota Law School, Hamline Law School, and Harvard Law School. He was formerly course director for the Forensic Pathology graduate course in the Masters of Forensic Sciences (MFS) program at George Washington University.

Andy began practicing as a full-time forensic pathologist with the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2002. He was appointed to the position of Chief Medical Examiner for Hennepin County in 2004, and was reappointed in 2008. He holds appointments at the Hennepin County Medical Center and the University of Minnesota. He serves as the Treasurer for the Minnesota Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association and is on the Board of Directors of the Innocence Project of Minnesota.

Andy joined DMORT Region V in 2003. He was deployed to Louisiana in 2005 in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. His forensic interests include management of mass fatalities, the investigation of fatal child abuse, and investigation of sudden deaths in children and young adults. His less morbid interests include public school science education, reading, scouting, music, theater, and marathon running. He is the proud father of three above average children.

Region V is happy that Andy is "running" with our team!

IMMUNIZATION CLARIFICATION

Jim Adams

DMORT Region V Logistics Officer

There have been many questions regarding the NDMS Immunization protocol. Here are the answers as best as I understand them as of today:

Tuberculosis (TB) Screen:

CDR Tim Davis said that NDMS will mirror CDC Disaster Responder Guidelines/OSHA requirements. He recently submitted interim requirements to CAPT Dobbs. They reflect

the CDC guidelines 7.2. The requirements will require annual Flu and TB screening for deployment.

Tetanus:

In the past, the requirements for tetanus have ranged from 5 to 10 years. At the time the article was written, the recommendation was 7 years. Currently, the requirement is 10 years.

'CDC Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders (23 June 2008)
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/disease/responderimmun.asp>

Required immunizations:

Tetanus: In accordance with the current CDC guidelines, responders should receive a tetanus booster if they have not been vaccinated for tetanus **during the past 10 years**. Td (tetanus/diphtheria) or Tdap (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) can be used; getting the Tdap formula for one tetanus booster during adulthood is recommended to maintain protection against pertussis.'

It seems as though we will be getting written notification regarding all of the immunization requirements some time in the future.

**DMORT REGION V LEADERSHIP TEAM ATTENDS CENTER FOR
DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS**

Jan Simons
DMORT Region V Training Officer



The DMORT Region V leadership team recently completed the ICS 300 and 400 courses at the **Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP)**, located in Anniston, Alabama. The

team arrived in Anniston the day before and departed the day following the training. All transportation, lodging, and food expenses were covered by the CDP with federal funds. To receive these funds, as they are not available to federal entities, the team received individual approval through their respective states as local emergency responders.

The courses spanned a four day period with the focus on ICS 300 the first two days and ICS 400 the final two days. The instructors were well prepared and easily applied appropriate scenarios to the course material to assist in the learning process. These courses combined instruction and breakout sessions for students to apply the concepts learned.

The CDP provides federally-funded, interdisciplinary training for emergency responders from across the United States and U.S. Territories, for ten responder disciplines: Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Service, Governmental Administrative, Hazardous Materials, Healthcare, Law Enforcement, Public Health, Public Safety Communications, and Public Works.

Additional information about CDP training programs can be found at <http://cdp.dhs.gov>.

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Region V Leadership Team at the Center for Domestic Preparedness

CONGRATULATIONS
NEW ARRIVAL



*Bob Nicola, Jr. and his wife, Melissa, are the proud parents of **Sophia Rose**.
She was born on July 30, 2008, weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces.
Congratulations to the new parents!*



Picture submitted by Mary Fischer

EDITORS' NOTE:

The staff of the "Voice of V" needs your help in developing articles of interest and relevance to Region V. Please submit anything that you think would be appropriate to our editors at:

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