

Clairmont to discuss healthcare emergency readiness

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LAHAINA – Toby Clairmont will speak on healthcare emergency preparedness in Hawaii before the Lahaina Sunrise Rotary Club on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Clairmont is team commander of the Hawaii Disaster Medical Assistance Team and director of Emergency Services for the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

He will focus on planning and state of preparedness for Maui and the Neighbor Islands.

Club member and West and South Maui Sen. Roz Baker noted, “I’ve seen his presentation on Oahu, and it’s very informative and provides insight into efforts taken to ensure the State of Hawaii and Maui have healthcare resources and plans in place in the event of an emergency like Hurricane Katrina.

“He also will outline some of our gaps in preparedness readiness, as well as initiatives and activities this year and next.”

Clairmont said he will discuss hazards and vulnerability, lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina, actual and perceived gaps in Maui and Hawaii preparedness, initiatives and activities this year and next, and points to consider in the future.

Visiting Rotarians and the general public are welcome to attend the meeting, to be held at the Pioneer Inn at 7 a.m.

A continental breakfast is served; cost is \$8.

Clairmont is a licensed Registered Nurse (RN) with 25 years of clinical and managerial emergency healthcare experience in pre-hospital, outpatient, hospital and military settings.

He is also an experienced and national board-certified emergency manager with more than 25 years of experience in program development and emergency response.

Clairmont has participated in more than 250 domestic and international disasters, ranging from multifamily structural fires to tropical cyclones, cholera outbreaks to nuclear power emergencies, and transportation accidents to multiple casualty trauma.

He served as team leader/unit commander of the Hawaii Disaster Medical Assistance Team (Hawaii DMAT) deployed in response to Hurricane Katrina during the first 14 days of the emergency.

Clairmont developed and managed a comprehensive and collaborative emergency management program for the Healthcare Association of Hawaii. The plan involved all hospitals in the state.

A Vietnam Era military veteran with combined 25 years of enlisted and commissioned (officer) service, Clairmont planned, coordinated and led more than 40 large (state, county) and small (city, organization) emergency field training exercises involving natural, technological and terrorism-related scenarios

He is the recipient of numerous civilian awards and military decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, five awards of the Army Commendation Medal and two awards of the Army Achievement Medal.

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