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VORTTX: Virtual Online Tabletop Exercises for Healthcare Facilities.

OKLAHOMA CITY (November 15, 2016) – The Golding Group announces the public release of VORTTX Training and Testing for long-term health care facilities. Developed in partnership with one the top facility managers in the Midwest, the VORTTX system provides variable emergency response scenarios for facility staff training exercises. This type of training is part of compliance requirements for local, state and federal licensing. VORTTX is now available online at vorttx.com.

According to a 2014 report by the U.S. Department of Human Services

- Most nursing homes nationwide met Federal requirements for written emergency plans and preparedness training. However, gaps in nursing home preparedness and response were found. Emergency plans lacked relevant information—including only about half of the tasks on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services checklist.
- Federal regulations state that facilities must “train all employees in emergency procedures when they begin to work in the facility, periodically review the procedures with existing staff, and carry out unannounced staff drills using those procedures.”

Gamification of the training process is more captivating than traditional tabletop exercises and less expensive than 3rd party facilitators. The VORTTX scenario training changes situations and outcome variables based on the answers of staff for an evolving experience. Facility staff can train and test in groups, teams or on an individual basis with 3,000+ potential scenario combinations.

VORTTX training utilizes shift, time-of-day and real world complications to present robust training and testing opportunities. Facility management receive a summary report of each training exercise for licensing compliance as well as seeing areas of needed improvement in staff training. VORTTX provides robust staff preparation while reducing the time and cost of planning, executing and documentation.

"I've been lucky enough to have been involved in disaster/emergency preparedness response and training for over 35 years. As manager of the Medical Emergency Operations Center (MERC) for 10 years, it was my job to work with all facets of planning, exercises and preparedness for those were involved with and worked the medical system of Tulsa County. My current position, in one of the largest volunteer organizations in the world, I am over disaster preparedness, response, training, exercises, planning for 17 counties in Oklahoma. I've been able to see and use countless training tools and systems. VORTTX is one of the most useful tools I have ever used. It's user-friendly, pertinent, intuitive and the feedback is instantaneous."

Johnnie Munn, Disaster Program Manager, Tulsa Oklahoma

VORTTX Training and Testing was developed by Tadd Weese, Director of Facilities Management at Saint Simeon's Episcopal Home in Tulsa, OK and Kyle Golding, CEO of The Golding Group in Oklahoma City, OK.

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