

Health department employee passes the test



Lynda Farquharson
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Lynda Farquharson, MMDHD's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (EPC), recently achieved something she's been working toward for several years: she became eligible to take and passed the Michigan State Professional Emergency Manager's Certification course.

She was required to take and pass 17 on-line classes and 13 on-site classes and passed the final exam with flying colors.

In her role as MMDHD's EPC, it is Farquharson's responsibility to:

- Develop and maintain response plans so the agency is prepared should a public health emergency arise
- Maintain partnerships with other agencies
- Coordinate public health's response in an emergency event

"I love my position as an EPC and wanted to take it to the next level," she said. I wanted to know and understand emergency management from all aspects, not just from a public health aspect. It's been a goal of mine for a long time to receive this certification and now that I have, I'm just thrilled!"