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ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES PERFECT SCORE FOR STRATEGIC PLAN

ORANGE COUNTY, NC (May 14, 2013)—The Orange County Health Department is proud to announce its 2013 Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Plan received a perfect score of 100, during this year's annual review.

The review is based on more than 90 points of criteria set by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and State Division of Public Health. This plan is updated and maintained by the County's public health preparedness coordinator.

"Receiving this score speaks to the hard work and dedication required to develop the SNS Plan. Achieving this would not be possible without the support and participation of several County departments and inter-government agencies," said Pat Gentry Orange County's public health preparedness coordinator.

The process involves a collaborative effort between the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Chapel Hill Police Department, Carrboro Police Department, Orange County Schools, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Orange County Emergency Services.

"Working together we have been successful in building a stronger more prepared community," said Dr. Colleen Bridger, director of the Orange County Health Department.

For more information about the Strategic National Stockpile Plan, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/stockpile/stockpile.htm>

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