

OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ANTI-TERRORISM PROGRAMS & TRAINING

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Federal Domestic Preparedness Program (DPP)

This program has several names associated with it (i.e., the Nunn-Lugar program, or the Nunn-Lugar-Domenici program). The program began with the Department of Defense (DOD) and later was picked up by the Department of Justice (DOJ), identifying the 120 most populous cities in the United States and concentrating resources to make sure those cities began preparations in the event of a terrorist attack. In Ohio, six cities are designated "Nunn-Lugar cities." These cities are Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Toledo. These metropolitan areas represent 43% of Ohio's population. All cities, except Dayton, which is scheduled for September 2000, have completed the required training and most of the exercises. Once the training is completed, the cities are given funding for equipment to support the anti-terrorism efforts in their area.

DOJ has a County and Municipal Agency Domestic Preparedness Equipment Support Program that provides funding for equipment to enhance the capabilities of emergency response agencies from county or municipal jurisdictions to respond to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction. One hundred fifty seven jurisdictions were selected from a combined list including the federal DPP list of 120 cities and the Bureau of Census County and City Data Book, 1994 CD-ROM. In Ohio, four of the six Nunn-Lugar cities and all six of the counties received equipment funding from DOJ.

Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is charged with assisting and funding local governments to develop plans, purchase special pharmaceuticals, provide the training and equipment requirements for an MMRS. The MMRS will become the principal resource in responding to the health and medical consequences of a nuclear, biological or chemical (NBC) terrorist incident. In each location, core planning may involve surrounding jurisdictions at the discretion of the government of the listed cities. The six MMRS locations in Ohio are the Nunn-Lugar cities.

Ohio Domestic Preparedness Program (ODPP)

Recognizing the importance of the federal DPP program, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency decided to take the program a step further. Ohio EMA identified the 25 counties with the next largest population and worked with DOJ to target those counties, which coupled with the six Nunn-Lugar counties, comprise 79% of Ohio's population. Those 25 counties are:

Allen	Columbiana	Licking	Muskingum	Trumbull
Ashtabula	Delaware	Lorain	Portage	Tuscarawas
Butler	Fairfield	Mahoning	Richland	Warren
Clark	Geauga	Medina	Scioto	Wayne
Clermont	Lake	Miami	Stark	Wood

Each of these counties will receive the six components that comprise the train-the-trainer courses that are being provided to the six Nunn-Lugar cities. Ohio EMA will provide the training materials and videotapes that were part of the federal DPP. The 25 counties will also receive the FEMA Domestic Preparedness Senior Officials' Workshop (SOW) for their local decision-makers. Information sessions are coordinated through the county EMA and are hosted within the respective county. All SOW sessions are scheduled for completion by December 31, 2000. This program is being funded with DOJ and FEMA grants.

Threat and Risk Assessment

Risk assessment is a multi-step process. The Department of Justice developed the Assessment and Strategy Development Tool Kit. The national goal is for every jurisdiction in the United States to prepare a terrorism threat and risk assessment. In Ohio, the jurisdictions are the 88 counties. Upon completion of every county's threat and risk assessment, all information gathered would be electronically transmitted to the DOJ through a secure web site. After all 88 counties have completed their threat and risk assessment and submitted the information to Ohio EMA, it will be consolidated into a statewide terrorism threat and risk assessment. In order for all counties to knowledgeably participate in this statewide activity, Ohio EMA is hosting eight regional, three-day workshops from July 2000 to April 2001, and hosted a one-day seminar on September 13 during the directors' conference. Texas A&M University provides the instructional staff for these workshops. It is expected that each county's threat and risk assessment will be done within three months of receiving the three-day workshop. Planning assistance funding and support will be provided to the counties for this effort.

Statewide Terrorism Threat and Risk Assessment

Three-Year Statewide Domestic Preparedness Strategic Plan

These two elements are interwoven and must be completed in conjunction with each other. Ohio EMA has been designated as the point of contact for all statewide assessment information gathered at the county level. Once the counties' threat and risk assessments have been completed by the counties, then Ohio EMA will be tasked with consolidating them into a statewide assessment of threats and risks, and the completed assessment will be transmitted to DOJ after April 2001. All this information will then become the foundation for the Statewide Three-Year Strategic plan. The strategic plan will identify areas that may require additional work so that the state can properly prevent or respond to a terrorist threat.

It is extremely important to note that all future DOJ equipment funding for local jurisdictions is dependent on Ohio EMA's completion of the statewide threat and risk assessment and the Three Year Strategic Plan. Ohio EMA cannot complete these reports until all counties have completed their respective assessments.

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Texas A&M Threat and Risk Assessment Training

Target Audience: Seven representatives from each county, one in each of the following seven disciplines – Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Fire Service, Health Care (hospitals and/or departments of health), Public Works, Emergency Medical Services, and a policy or decision-maker such as a county commissioner, township trustee, mayor or prosecutor, should attend the training.

Description: This three-day Threat and Risk Assessment training was developed by Texas A&M University, under the sponsorship of the Department of Justice (DOJ). This training is designed to be a multi-disciplined approach to awareness, prevention and response for such vulnerabilities as terrorism, the use of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and the effects these weapons can have on the residents of each community. As a result of this training, the following objective will be met: ALL participating jurisdictions within Ohio will have the capability to perform and prepare a viable threat and risk assessment of their communities.

It is most beneficial if all of the seven disciplines are represented from each county. As the participants progress through the training and various exercises unfold, it becomes obvious to the participants that all seven disciplines play a significant role. On the afternoon of the second day, each team conducts a threat and risk assessment of a chosen facility, e.g., a government structure, hospital, school, water treatment facility, etc. It is an eye-opening experience that emphasizes the need for Terrorism Threat and Risk Assessment training for all counties throughout Ohio.

September 13 and 14, 2000 Directors' Conference

On the first day of this conference, representatives from Texas A&M University provided an in-depth review of the Assessment and Strategy Development Tool Kit. A copy of this document was provided to each county director during registration. The "tool kit" was the means by which participating counties compiled and submitted information gathered during the threat and risk assessment process. This information was necessary for Ohio EMA to complete the statewide assessment and three-year strategic plan for addressing those identified threats and risks.

Senior Officials Workshops

Target Audience: Senior leadership in the cities within each county should attend, to include the following positions or equivalent positions: County Commissioners, City Council, Director, Office of Emergency Management, Police and Fire Chiefs, Police and Fire Commissioners, Director of Public Works, Director of Public Health, Director of Emergency Medical Services, Community Relations Director, Chief Counsel, Superintendent of Public Schools and Finance Director. This is not intended for first responders.

Description: These workshops are part of the Ohio Domestic Preparedness Program (ODPP). The selected counties are provided a one-time, four-hour session on logistics and areas for policy considerations during their planning for response to terrorism events in their local areas. The purpose of this training is to expand the level of domestic preparedness within Ohio by providing the decision makers of the selected Ohio counties with a summary view of issues which should be considered in development of local plans for response to terrorism events. Each county session highlights potential threats, probable targets, team response and integration with federal agencies and effective communication with constituents during terrorist events.

Major components of the sessions focus on:

- Team approaches and differences in terrorism response actions.
- The importance of treating the area as a crime scene when dealing with any event attributed to terrorism.

Other topics addressed in the Senior Officials Workshop include threat analysis, implications for the community, integrated response, special considerations and case studies.

This workshop is very different from the Texas A&M training. Considerable time is spent discussing Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) and the need for this type of tool prior to any terrorist event. This is why major policy and decision-makers, rather than first responders, must be involved in this training and resulting discussion.

Planning Workshops

Target Audience: County EMA directors and at least one key elected or appointed official with organizational or decision-making duties.

Description: A four-hour workshop designed to enhance the ability of local officials to develop plans to meet the threat of terrorism. In response to a request from the Emergency Management Association of Ohio Terrorism Grant Committee to consolidate training, initial sessions will be held in conjunction with the association's sector meetings. Members of Ohio EMA Preparedness, Training and Exercises Branch will conduct these workshops, which consist of a short discussion of the terrorist threat in general, a brief overview of the *State of Ohio Counter-Terrorism Planning Guide* and a short tabletop exercise to illustrate the need for cooperative planning. As a result of the training, the following objectives will be met:

- Recognize terrorist threats to our state and its communities.
- Understand the need for planning.
- Be acquainted with the planning process.
- Apply this information in a practical setting.

Following the training, each county should have a draft of their Terrorism Appendix complete within three months. Planning assistance funding and support will be provided to the counties for this effort.