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Linkages Between RAND Drills and State and Local TAR Tools

Introduction:

- Purpose: To establish linkages between the February 2007 Working Paper produced by RAND, New Tools for Assessing State and Local SNS Readiness, and the State and Local Technical Assistance Review tools produced by the Division of Strategic National Stockpile.
- Under each drill category there is listed the linkage by line item as well as the overarching training, exercise, and evaluation (TEE) category from the TAR tools.

Call Down Drills

- Purpose: Ability to contact and mobilize staff to perform emergency response duties
- Cross-Cutting: applicable to several functions of a response
- Jurisdictions can decide which call down list to exercise or to exercise entire list
- **State TAR Tool:**
 - Overarching TEE Category: Management of Operations (Line Item 13.6)
 - 2.4: State conducts call down exercises quarterly of State level personnel
 - 2.6: State annually conducts notification and activation of volunteers below State level
 - Overarching TEE Category: RSS Operations (Line Item 13.6)
 - 7.12: Call Down rosters for 24/7 operations for RSS Managers and staff tested quarterly
 - Overarching TEE Category: Dispensing (Line Item 13.6)
 - 11.8: State has plans to provide prophylaxis to state level responders and critical infrastructure staff. (Test the call down lists to reach these persons to implement this portion of the dispensing plan).
 - Overarching TEE Category: Communications (Tactical) (Line Item 13.6)
 - 4.5 Communication systems tested quarterly (Could be applicable dependent on type of communication equipment utilized in test.)
- **Local TAR Tool:**
 - Overarching TEE Category: Management of Operations (Line Item 12.5)
 - 2.4: Local jurisdiction conducts call down exercises of identified personnel in lead positions
 - 2.6: Local jurisdictions annually test notification and activation of volunteers below the local level lead positions





- Overarching TEE Category: Regional/Local Distribution Sites (Line Item 12.5)
 - 7.12: Call down rosters for RSS managers and staff tested quarterly.
- Overarching TEE Category: Dispensing (Line Item 12.5)
 - 10.5: Plan for providing prophylaxis to first responders and critical infrastructure personnel. (Test the call down lists to reach these persons to implement this portion of the dispensing plan).
 - 10.10: Personnel available to staff dispensing sites.
- Overarching TEE Category: Communications (Tactical) (Line Item 12.5)
 - 4.4: Communications are tested quarterly (Could be applicable dependent on type of communication equipment utilized in test.)

Site Activation Drill

- Purpose: Ability to contact and ensure facilities are available for emergency response functions
- Cross Cutting: applicable to several functions of a response
- Jurisdictions can decide which facility list to test.
- **State TAR Tool:**
 - Overarching TEE Category: Communications (Tactical)
 - 4.5: Communication systems tested quarterly. (Could be applicable dependent on type of communication equipment utilized in test.)
 - Overarching TEE Category: RSS Operations
 - 7.1: RSS strategy (validates plan's feasibility by validating which site can be available within given timeline for State's distribution strategy)
 - 7.3: MOAs for facility (validates plan's feasibility by validating the terms of the MOA as far as availability)
 - Overarching TEE Category: Distribution
 - 10.3: Primary agency agreeing to provide distribution (validates how quickly the agency can have vehicles/drivers/dispatchers etc available)
 - 10.4: Back up agency agreeing to provide distribution (validates how quickly the agency can make vehicles/drivers etc available)
- **Local TAR Tool:**
 - Overarching TEE Category: Communications (Tactical)
 - 4.4: Communication systems tested quarterly. (Could be applicable dependent on type of communication equipment utilized in test.)
 - Overarching TEE Category: Regional/Local Distribution Site
 - 7.1: RDS strategy (validates plan's feasibility by validating which site can be available within given timeline for their distribution strategy)
 - 7.3: MOAs for facility (validates plan's feasibility by validating the terms of the MOA as far as availability)
 - Overarching TEE Category: Distribution
 - 9.3: Primary agency agreeing to provide distribution (validates how quickly the agency can have vehicles/drivers/dispatchers etc available)





- 9.4: Back up agency agreeing to provide distribution (validates how quickly the agency can make vehicles/drivers etc available)
- Overarching TEE Category: Dispensing
 - 10.7: Site specific plan for each dispensing site (validates the terms of the MOA in terms of availability)

Set up Drill

- Purpose: Test amount of time it takes to completely setup a facility with materiel, layout, supplies necessary to perform its function.
- Cross Cutting: applicable to several functions of a response
- **State TAR Tool:**
 - Overarching TEE Category: RSS Operations
 - 7.2: RSS facility reviewed with RSS Site Survey Tool (validate the information in the checklist)
 - 7.13: JIT training developed for RSS functions (provides opportunity to determine if JIT training needs modifications/improvement)
 - 7.14: Inventory of MHE at site (opportunity to determine if all needed equipment has been accounted for in plan)
- **Local TAR Tool:**
 - Overarching TEE Category: Regional/Local Distribution Sites
 - 7.2: RDS facility reviewed with RSS Site Survey Tool (validate the information in the checklist)
 - 7.13: : JIT training developed for RDS functions (provides opportunity to determine if JIT training needs modifications/improvement)
 - 7.14: Inventory of MHE at site (opportunity to determine if all needed equipment has been accounted for in plan)
 - Overarching TEE Category: Dispensing
 - 10.7: Site specific plans for each dispensing site (validates how well the plan can be operationalized for each site)

Pick List Generation Drill

- Purpose: Measure amount of time required to generate picklist
- Jurisdiction can decide how to compile apportionment instructions (may be complex or simple) – variation may lead to artificiality of completion time
- **State TAR Tool**
 - Overarching TEE Category: RSS Operations
 - 7.10: Pick Team Manager/Leader have JAS and trained in RSS function (provides opportunity to determine if JAS and training need modification/improvement)
 - 7.13: JIT training developed for RSS functions (provides opportunity to determine if JIT training needs modifications/improvement)
 - Overarching TEE Category: Inventory Control





- 8.1: State has IMS in place (validates the ability of the IMS to generate a pick list)
- 8.2: All inventory staff trained in IMS functions (provides opportunity to determine if training is adequate)
- **Local TAR Tool**
 - Overarching TEE Category: Regional/Local Distribution Site
 - 7.10: Pick Team Manager/Leader have JAS and trained in RDS function (provides opportunity to determine if JAS and training need modification/improvement)
 - 7.13: JIT training developed for RDS functions (provides opportunity to determine if JIT training needs modifications/improvement)
 - Overarching TEE Category: Inventory Control
 - 8.1: State has IMS in place (validates the ability of the IMS to generate a pick list)
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Timed Metrics for POD Exercise

- Purpose: To collect objective performance data from POD drills/exercises where persons receive countermeasures in some sort of central location (except for home delivery type dispensing)
- **Local TAR Tool**
 - Overarching TEE Category: Dispensing
 - 10.1: Plan addresses operational issues
 - 10.2: Plan includes rapid dispensing strategy
 - 10.3: Alternate dispensing modalities included in plan
 - 10.7: Site specific plans for each site
 - 10.8: Operational items available at each site
 - 10.9: Core management teams identified for each site
 - 10.10: Personnel available to staff sites

