Welcome to the

Fourth Border 2012 National Coordinators Meeting

Goal 5: Emergency Preparedness and Response Border-Wide Workgroup Accomplishments and Action Items

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Goal 5: Accomplishments to Date

- Signed and implemented 14 bi-national local Emergency Response Plans (Sister City Plans)
- Designed and conducted several high-profile hazardous material tabletop and full field exercises
- Developed and conducted bilingual workshops through Region 9's Baja California Emergency Management Institute
- Revised the Joint Contingency Plan updating the binational emergency notification system
- Planned and organized a well-attended Joint Response Team meeting
- Initiated collaboration with U.S. and Mexico customs officials to expedite cross border emergency responses/training
- Started research to explore alternatives to secure liability insurance coverage for local emergency responders

Goal 5: Emergency Preparedness and Response Border-Wide Workgroup Working Session Action Items

• JCP:

- Federal level: consequence management of hazardous substances releases (including the threat of a release)
- Local/area level: Sister City Plans can include the word "deliberate" to reference all releases

• Training:

- Certification/standardized training
 - Health and safety
 - Incident Command System
 - Response

Insurance:

- Propose a survey with El Paso emergency responders to determine the feasibility of providing supplemental coverage when they cross into Mexico
- Expediting border crossings:
 - Pursue the Century/Nexus Card for EPA emergency responders
 - EPA Region 6 and 9 Drill for Expedited Procedures for local emergency responders