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Disaster Scenario Exercise for Community Planning Catastrophic Earthquake in Central United States FEMA 2011

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What is a National Level Exercise?

- Part of the National Exercise Program
- Congressionally Mandated
- National Preparedness Component
- 2011 Focus

Purpose

- **Prepare and coordinate** a multiple-jurisdictional integrated response to a national catastrophic event
- **Test** plans, and critical response and recovery functions
- **Challenge** our systems and procedures
- **Identify** gaps and shortfalls



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Emergency Management

- Prepare and Protect
- Respond
- Recover
- Mitigate
- Overview of National Response Framework, National Incident Management System, and Incident Command System



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Agenda

- Introductions
- Modules
- Hotwash



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Objectives

- Assess and validate our capabilities and role in the following:
 - Communications
 - Critical resource logistics and distribution
 - Mass care (sheltering, feeding and related services)
 - Medical surge
 - Citizen evacuation and shelter-in-place
 - Emergency public information and warning
 - Emergency operations center (EOC) management
 - Long term recovery



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Rules for Players

- Relax – this is a no-fault exercise.
- Respond based on your current capability.
- Allow for artificialities of the scenario – it's a tool.
- Feel free to improvise – think outside the box.
- This is a safe environment, a chance to propose and test solutions.
- The more you contribute, the more successful we will be.



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Our Community

- Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources
- Economic Development Overview including key sectors, schools and colleges
- Maps
- Weather/Climate
- Hospitals, fire, police, rescue
- Local and state resources



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Scenario: Multi-State Catastrophic Earthquake



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Prepare and Protect

- Gather the planning team
- Have a plan, activate it
- Assess hazards, prepare facilities and people
- Confirm and check evacuation plans and routes
- Stock and check supplies and first aid
- Monitor incident development
- Activate Response Teams
- Coordinate among public sector agencies and private sector organizations



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Prepare and Protect -- Discussion

- How would we plan for the potential of an earthquake versus other natural disasters?
- Have we established a communications plan with our employees so they know what to do in various situations?
- What plans do we have in place to maintain continuity of operations?
- If an earthquake or other catastrophic disaster were to impact our area, do we have resources that we could offer to support the community?
- Have we engaged with our local emergency management partners?
- Have we considered all populations in our planning process?



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Respond

- Implement emergency procedures and mobilize equipment
- Evacuate or shelter-in-place
- Provide life saving services
- Initiate continuity plans
- Assess and restore damaged services and systems
- Coordinate among local responders, government agencies, and private sector organizations



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Respond - Discussion

- Roles
- Response plans
- Crisis Communications Teams
- Distribution of resources
- Additional resources
- Critical information
- Medical needs



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Break



Recover

- Provide relief
- Distribute disaster assistance
- Assess damage
- Form community committee to plan long-term recovery
- Restore community tax base and local economy
- Repair infrastructure
- Restore housing



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Recover - Discussion

- How will we maintain continuity of operations?
- What are some security and health concerns?
- What is our role in the rebuilding process?
- What are some barriers we may face on the road to recovery?
- How will we limit economic loss to our organization and the community?



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Mitigate

- What hazards have been identified in the community?
- What steps can we take to mitigate risks?
- What steps is the community taking to mitigate community-wide risks?
- How can private sector organizations work with public sector officials?



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Hot Wash

- What gaps in our organization/community plans were revealed?
- What obstacles must we overcome or conflicts resolve?
- What strengths in our organization/community plans were proven by this exercise?
- Who within and outside of our organization do we need to meet with to develop and improve our emergency plans? What information do we need from them? What information do they need from us?
- List three to five short-term and three to five long-term actions for follow-up.



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Planning Resources

- <http://www.ready.gov>
- <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/earthquake/index.shtm>
- <http://www.fema.gov>
- <http://www.fema.gov/privatesector/>
- <http://www.training.fema.gov>
- <http://www.llis.gov>
- <http://www.citizencorps.gov>



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