

## ALAMEDA COUNTY FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE



# 2017 STATEWIDE MEDICAL AND HEALTH EXERCISE PLAYER HANDOUT



### EXERCISE OVERVIEW

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE). This event will provide a forum for all players to support and interface with healthcare providers, emergency management, and response partners throughout Alameda County as part of a comprehensive exercise.

Planning and response activities take place in coordination with the overarching 2017 SWMHE Program, led by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA). It has been developed with funding from Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grants.

This handout has been developed to allow you, as a Player, to understand the context and scope of the exercise.

### SCENARIO

The scenario involves multi-site terrorist incidents. More detailed information can be found in the Exercise Plan.

### EXERCISE PURPOSE

Today's exercise is a functional exercise (FE). The purpose of this exercise is to evaluate response procedures to a simulated emergency situation. As stakeholders in Alameda County, you will evaluate potential actions to take during the terrorist incidents described in the scenario, testing various emergency plans in an informal, low-stress environment. FEs are used to clarify roles and responsibilities and to identify additional needs as preparation for an actual emergency situation. The FE should result in actions for continued improvement of emergency response plans, procedures and policies.

### EXERCISE GOALS

1. Test coordinated EMS response functions to two mass casualty incident (MCI) terrorism events.
2. Test operational area (OA) coordinated MCI terrorism lead & support functions with ALS/BLS providers, OA OES, local jurisdictions, Hospitals, Long Term Care Facilities, Clinics, other healthcare providers & partners (including PH, EH, & BHCS).
3. Strengthen our collective OA capabilities in emergency operations coordination, medical surge, & information sharing.

### EXERCISE EVALUATION OBJECTIVES

#### Emergency Operations Coordination

1. Evaluate pre-event incident action planning, EOC activations & coordination activities between OA agencies & partners to potential MCI surge/terrorist events.
2. Evaluate support roles of partners & resources, including behavioral health & environmental health in terrorism events.

#### Medical Surge

1. Evaluate healthcare partner roles, responsibilities & capabilities in terrorism related medical and mental health surge events.
2. Evaluate healthcare system expansion & decompression in two terrorism related medical surge events (e.g. critical care bed expansion, long term care expansion to receive patients).
3. Evaluate patient movement, destination decisions, tracking & processing in terrorist events.

#### Information Sharing

1. Evaluate utilization of communications systems to disseminate actionable information.

## EXERCISE PLAY INFORMATION

### PLAYER EXERCISE DOCUMENTS

- Player Handout
- Exercise Plan
- Participant Feedback Form Survey

### EXERCISE PARTICIPANT SAFETY

#### Identification

Exercise staff may be identified by vests to clearly display exercise roles; additionally, uniform clothing may be worn to show agency affiliation.

#### Actual Emergencies

- Exercise participant safety takes priority over exercise events
- All players have a basic responsibility to act as safety officers. Immediately report safety concerns, unsafe acts or conditions, injuries, and accidents to the nearest controller.
- Exercise players will comply with real-world emergency procedures, unless otherwise directed by the control staff.
- "STOP EXERCISE" will be used to stop the exercise for a real emergency.
- Use "THIS IS A DRILL" or "THIS IS AN EXERCISE" for all Exercise Communications.

## **PARTICIPANT RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Participants are personnel who have an active role in evaluating or performing a variety of roles and responsibilities during the exercise. Players act in response to the simulated emergency.

### ***Before the Exercise:***

- Sign in
- Review appropriate support documents.

### ***During the Exercise:***

- Keep the exercise objectives in mind throughout the exercise.
- Respond appropriately to exercise events and information.
- Get information needed from other participating facility representatives using the Exercise Communication Directory as needed.

### ***After the Exercise:***

- Participate in any Hot Wash or Debriefing
- Complete the Participant Feedback Survey
- Provide copies of all logs, notes, evaluation guides and other documentation to exercise controllers for inclusion in the After Action Report (AAR).

## **EXERCISE ASSUMPTIONS AND ARTIFICIALITIES**

In any exercise, assumptions and artificialities may be necessary to complete play in the time allotted and/or account for logistical limitations. Exercise participants should accept that assumptions and artificialities are inherent in any exercise, and should not allow these considerations to negatively impact their participation.

- The exercise is conducted in a no fault learning environment wherein capabilities, plans, systems, and processes will be evaluated.
- The exercise scenario is plausible, and events occur as they are presented.
- Exercise simulation contains sufficient detail to allow players to react to information and situations as they are presented as if the simulated incident were real.
- Participants should use existing plans, policies, and procedures.
- There are no “hidden agendas” or trick questions.
- All players receive information at the same time.
- Players are encouraged to call participants outside of their exercise location using the Exercise Communication Directory to obtain essential information to continue exercise play.

<b>Statewide Medical &amp; Health Functional Exercise Schedule</b>	
<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Controllers Provide Player Briefing</b>
<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>FE Controller Check-In</b>
<b>8:00 - 8:30 am</b>	<b>Read Exercise Goals, Scenario &amp; Provide Background; Distribute Exercise Materials</b>
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Exercise Starts (STARTEX)</b>
<b>8:30 - 8:40 am</b>	<b>Initial EOC/HCC/DOC/Command Center Incident Briefings</b>
<b>8:40 - 1:00 pm</b>	<b>System-wide EOC/HCC/DOC/Command Center Coordination, Communications, &amp; Medical Surge Expansion &amp; Decompression</b>
	<b>Resource Requests &amp; SitStat Reports submitted to EOC Med/Health Branch Consider Family Assistance &amp; Public Information</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>700/800 RADIO CHECK with EMS–TAC 14 Radio Check</b>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>OA EOC Med/Health Conference Call 1-888-204-5984; Access # 886530</b>
<b>1:00 – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Conduct Venue Hot Washes</b>
<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Exercise Ends (ENDEX)</b>