

Mass Fatality Exercise Handout
5th District Medical Response Coalition Meeting 1.12.2009

- Test three key areas
 - o Management of Mass Fatalities during a prolonged event
 - o Communications
 - o Collaboration between various entities in 9 county region in Southwest Michigan

Scenario

- Severe Weather Event to exceed response capabilities
- Multiple vehicle accidents with fatalities happen throughout region
- CO poisoning in warming shelters kills half of the residents

Objective

- Objective 1: To test the ability for a local county response to a mass fatality incident.
- Objective 2: Test the ability to move resources and identify needs throughout 5th District
- Objective 3: Identify ability to communicate when 80% of the infrastructure is not available

Targeted Capabilities

- TCL #34 Fatality Management
- TCL #15 Emergency Operations Center Management
- TCL #02 Communications

Strengths

- Counties and local public health jurisdictions within the 5th District were able to identify resources they could utilize in the event of a mass fatality incident.
- Agencies were able to identify the worst-case scenario in terms of communication between the Regional Medical Coordination Center and jurisdictions in the 5th District.
- Each jurisdiction was able to identify how they would use EMResource for management of the deceased in the exercise.

Primary Areas for Improvement

- Establish / build upon current relationship with Tribal entities
- Educational opportunities exist for counties and 5th District to fully understand Mass Fatalities within Tribal entities.
- Local, regional, and state entities exist who can assist with resources and personal in the event of a major incident that would affect Tribal Entities
- Interoperable communication and public information (Include R.A.C.E.S in future exercises).
- Need for future Mass Fatality / Mass Casualty exercises exists including need to test "Active Shooter" situations within 5th District.

Improvement Plan

Capability	Observation Title	Recommendation	Corrective Action
TCL 34 Fatality MGT	Collaboration among ME's	Quarterly Meetings among M.E.'s to continue relationship throughout Region	Assist with creation of Regional Medical Examiner Committee
	Collaboration among ME's	ME's should have at least 1 table top or functional exercise with key response agencies at least 1 time a year	Regional Medical Examiner Committee will plan and carry out a mass fatality exercise
	Collaboration among Counties and Tribal Entities in 5 th District	EMA's and ME's will establish response plans to help assist Tribal Personal in Mass Fatality situations	Establish plans to collaborate among county and tribal entities during Mass Fatality situations
TCL 02 Interoperable Communications	ME's must have ability to communicate before, during, and after disasters happen	ME's must have access to all levels of Interoperable Communication including knowledge of 800mgz radios	ME's will work with OEM to ensure access to three levels of communication. One level will include knowledge of 800mgz radio.
	ME's must have ability to communicate before, during, and after disasters happen	Access to all levels of Interoperable Communication	ME's will test ability to communicate with OEM and RMCC utilizing three different levels of communication

Evaluation	Average
The exercise met my expectations	4.03
The exercise was current and informative	4.34
I would recommend participation to others	4.37