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Cost Saving Advantages of Multi-Agency Exercises

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Introductions



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Agenda



- Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Refresher
- Key Advantages
- Putting into Practice
- Funding Opportunities
- Lessons Learned and Successes

HSEEP 101



- Capabilities and performance based exercise program
- Exercise planning process
- Focus on objectives, not scenarios
- Exercise documentation



Recipe for HSEEP Compliance



- Conduct a Training and Exercise Plan Workshop and maintain the T&EP
- Plan and conduct exercises according to the guidelines set forth by HSEEP Vols I-III
- Develop and submit an After-Action Report/Improvement Plan
- Track and implement corrective actions from AAR/IP

HSEEP Exercise Types



Discussion-based

- Seminar
- Workshop
- Tabletop Exercise
- Game

Operations-based

- Drill
- Functional Exercise
- Full-Scale Exercise



Business Energy Plan
Key Elements
- Energy Efficiency
- Renewable Energy
- Smart Grid



Meeting materials on the table include:
- Open folders and documents
- Water bottles
- A coffee cup
- A mobile phone
- A pen



Joint Exercise Advantages



- Greater exercise realism
- Educational opportunities
- Planning time commitment divided
- Sharing equipment and resources
- Can meet multiple agency exercise requirements
- Can test more aspects of a plan
- Cost sharing
- Grant funding

How to Benefit from a Multi-Agency Exercise



- Examine your partnerships
- Ask questions of outside agency exercise requirements
- Gain buy-in
- Build exercise planning committee
- Develop objectives that cross disciplines
- Conduct exercise in a sharing environment
- Follow-through on improvement planning

Examine Your Partnerships



- What partnerships already exist with your university?
 - Law Enforcement
 - Fire
 - Hospital/Medical Care
 - Arena Management
 - Food Services
 - County Emergency Management
 - Special Events
 - Public Health

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FIRE ←

EMS

Medical Office Building
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Ask Questions about Exercise Requirements



- Determine annual exercise requirements
- Inquire about grant funded deliverables
- Timeline and scope

Gain Partner Buy-in



- Determine what's important for each agency
- Create “our” not “my” exercise
- Offer unique exercise environment
 - Victim actors
 - Space
 - Resources



Build an Exercise Planning Committee



- Invite representatives from each key agency
- Tap into agency expertise
- Use an experienced lead exercise planner



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Develop Comprehensive Objectives



- Objectives need to be inclusive
- Universities need to be flexible
- Ensure agencies invited have something to do



Maintain Learning/Sharing Environment



- Keep exercise in open sharing environment
- Avoid fault and blame
- Avoid showboating
- Highlight strengths and areas for improvement



Follow-through on Improvement Planning



- Conduct joint after action conference
- Produce an improvement plan
- Determine goals for future development and exercises

Capability	Observation Title	Recommendation	Corrective Action Description	Capability Element	Primary Responsible Agency	Agency POC	Start Date	Completion Date
Public Safety and Security Response	1. Observation 1	1.1 Insert Recommendation 1	1.1.1 Insert Corrective Action 1	Planning	State X EMA	EMA Director	Dec 1, 2006	Sep 1, 2007
			1.1.2 Insert Corrective Action 2	Planning	State X EMS System	EMS System Director	Dec 1, 2006	Feb 1, 2007
		1.2 Insert Recommendation 2	1.2.1 Insert Corrective Action 1	Training	State X EMA	EMA Director	Dec 1, 2006	Jan 1, 2007
	2. Observation 2	2.1 Insert Recommendation 1	2.1.1 Insert Corrective Action 1	Planning	State X EMS System	EMS System Director	Dec 1, 2006	Jan 15, 2007
			2.1.2 Insert Corrective Action 2	Systems/ Equipment	State X EMA	EMA Director	Dec 1, 2006	Jan 1, 2007

Table A-1: Example IP

Funding Opportunities



- Higher Education Grant
- Law Enforcement Grants
- Local and State Homeland Security Funding
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Public Health Preparedness Funds
- Hospital Preparedness Funds
- Private Foundations
- Capital Funds Campaign

Lessons Learned and Success Stories



- What success have you seen in multi-agency exercises?
- What pitfalls should be avoided?

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