

BOULDER COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH

North Central Region (NCR) Functional Plague Exercise



Lessons Learned
April 28th, 2016

Opportunity for a healthy life.

Exercise Overview

- Primary Goal: Test cross-jurisdictional and cross-discipline coordination
- 87 participating agencies, representing all ESF 8 disciplines and beyond
 - Public Health
 - Hospitals and clinics
 - Behavioral Health
 - EMS
 - Coroners' Offices
 - OEMs
 - Fire Departments
 - Dispatch Centers

Exercise Planning

Approach

- Planning meetings facilitated by LPHAs
- Representation from all disciplines
- Leveraging regional committees and local HCCs

Lessons Learned

- Chicken or the Egg?
- Inject inundation
- Functional discussions vs functional play

Exercise Play

Strengths

- Importance of EMS and Dispatch Centers
- Strong emphasis on behavioral health
- Regional coordination and collaboration

Areas for Improvement

- Role of PH (incident command vs incident support)
- Demand on EMS
- Operationalizing a Joint Information Center