

# 2017 Full Scale Exercise

## Initial Planning Meeting Summary

The following is a summary of the major items discussed during the Initial Planning meeting for the June 2017 Statewide Full Scale Exercise (FSE).

### Exercise Objectives

Based on the feedback from the Concepts and Objectives Meeting held on April 28, 2016, the FSE Planning Team established the exercise objectives that will be used statewide. They are based on results from the 2015-2016 Functional Exercise Series and on Federal requirements. The exercise objectives and associated capabilities are as follows:

- Capability: Information Sharing
  - o Objective: Demonstrate the ability to effectively collect, synthesize, and share information with local and state partners throughout the duration of the incident.
- Capability: Emergency Operations Coordination
  - o Objective: Demonstrate the ability to activate an operations center, develop a coordinated response strategy, and manage and sustain response to a public health incident.
- Capability: Medical Countermeasures Dispensing/Medical Material Management and Distribution
  - o Objective: Demonstrate the ability to support and participate in Colorado's medical supply chain procedures.

While these objectives will be used by all participating agencies, the Planning Team will create discipline specific tasks within each of these objectives to more accurately represent and measure how each discipline achieves the above state objectives.

### Exercise Scenario

The Planning Team has arrived at a conclusion for the broad scenario that will be used. Over the coming months, the Planning Team will work to craft a specific scenario using the broad framework created during the Initial Planning Meeting. The Planning Team worked to ensure the scenario met the following criteria:

- Incident will be a statewide event that affects each region during the same time frame
- Incident will be significant enough to warrant the request and utilization of SNS assets
- Incident will be plausible, realistic, and scientifically sound
- Incident will be challenging, but not overwhelming, and will drive above stated objectives



## Exercise Scope

The Planning Team finalized the scope of the exercise. The exercise will be a three day full scale exercise occurring on June 15-17, 2017. The exercise will occur simultaneously throughout the state on these dates. Exercise partners will include LPHAs, EMS, hospitals, behavioral health partners, and health clinics, and any other partners regions wish to include. On the state level, CDPHE and DHSEM are currently participating.

## Exercise Logistics

The DOC and SEOC will be active during the exercise. The Planning Team will organize a small SimCell to provide any needed exercise simulation as well as organizing control and evaluation on the State level. We will ask that each participating agency find one individual who is willing to evaluate exercise play within their agency. The Planning Team will provide all evaluation materials as well as evaluator training before the exercise. The exercise will also involve controllers/evaluators at the RTP/LTPs as well as the PODs, though a decision has not been made as to how those positions will be filled. (Whether filled at the local level or procured by the Planning Team.)

The Planning Team will create all documents for the exercise. (Exercise Evaluation Guides, Exercise Plans, presentations, media information, feedback forms, etc.) The Planning Team plans on having final drafts of these documents available by the end of January 2017 to ensure that local agencies have those documents available when finalizing local exercise plans.

## Exercise Planning Organization

The Planning Team will be utilizing the ICS structure to plan the exercise. The Incident Commander(s) will guide the exercise planning, while separate branches provide the bulk of the support to the planning process. (Finance/Admin, Logistics, Operation, Plans, and Public Information) Each of these branches is led by a CDPHE-OEPR staff member and members of each branch represent various disciplines and agencies. The Planning Team as a whole will complete essential tasks such as creating exercise objectives and vetting and approving all work done by individual branches.

## Exercise Planning Timeline

The Planning Team plans on having two Mid-Term Planning Meetings and a Final Planning Meeting. The Mid-Term Planning Meetings will occur in late October 2016 (prior to the Regional Staff Meeting) and in early January 2017. The Final Planning Meeting will take place in early May 2017. In between these meetings, Branches will meet (in person or virtually) to accomplish their assigned tasks. The Full Scale Exercise will take place on June 15-17, 2017.



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