Montana State DES Trip Report

Name of Traveler: Marty A Angeli
Date(s) of Travel: 31 May 2013
Location: Roundup, MT (Emergency Room Alternate Site Exercise) Full Scale

Purpose of Travel: To act as a controller for the Hospital Full Scale Exercise

Significance to My Job Responsibilities:
The exercise was an excellent opportunity to witness and help control a small county exercise that focused on Community Resilience and Public Health and Medical Services. The move of an emergency room is never an easy task and the difficulty multiplied by having limited resources and the effects of an increase in patient numbers. I am thankful to the members of the Roundup Memorial Hospital (RMH) for allowing me to participate and act as a controller for the exercise.

Overview of the event:
The purpose of the exercise was to measure and validate the performance of capabilities against the identified objectives noted later in this document. Emergency Room Alternate Site Exercises are classified as Full Scale exercises (FSE) This exercise helped to test the plans, policies, procedures, processes, staff knowledge and the ability of staff to implement the concepts and principles found within their respective organizations plans, policies, etc.

Names, Organizations, and Telephone Numbers of Significant or Foreign Contacts:
None
## Identified Core Capabilities

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<th>Mission</th>
<th>Core Capability</th>
<th>Exercise Relation</th>
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<td>Response</td>
<td>On-scene Security and Protection</td>
<td>Establish a safe and secure environment in the affected area</td>
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<td>Response</td>
<td>Operational Communication</td>
<td>Ensure the capability to communicate with both the emergency response community and the affected populations and establish interoperable voice and data communications</td>
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<td>All Mission Areas</td>
<td>Operational Coordination</td>
<td>Effectively direct and control incident activities using the Incident Command System (ICS), consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS)</td>
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<td>All Mission Areas</td>
<td>Public Information and Warning</td>
<td>Deliver coordinated, prompt, reliable and actionable information to the whole community</td>
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<td>Public Health</td>
<td>Public Health and Medical Services</td>
<td>Medical Surge which allows for the response to a rapidly expanding care facilities may include alternate care locations</td>
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## Traveler's Signature & Date:

4 June 2013

## Additional information in attachments (e.g., agenda, handouts, pictures etc.).

### Exercise objectives:

The Exercise Planning Team selected objectives that focus on evaluating emergency response procedures, identifying areas for improvement, and achieving a collaborative attitude. This exercise will focus on both common objectives, applicable to all participating organizations as well as targeted objectives applicable to each respective participating organization.

#### Common Objectives

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<td>Emergency Room Operations</td>
<td>Set up a functioning emergency room at the designated alternate care site.</td>
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<td>Communications</td>
<td>Establish communications with local EMS and tertiary care centers while at the alternate care site. Establish communications</td>
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with State DPHHS emergency preparedness office. Establish communications with Central District Health Department.

**Evacuation**

Identify equipment and supplies needed at the alternate care site. Identify and engage hospital and community resources needed to move personnel, supplies and equipment. Practice moving to the alternate care site.

**Exercise Scenario**

Due to a utility incident near the hospital, RMH loses all power to the building. The outage is confined to the immediate area around the hospital. Initial assessment of the incident suggests that the damage to the power delivery system is significant and may take up to 24-48 hours to repair.

The emergency power generator starts but fails within 30 minutes due to a significant short in the switching system. Initial assessment is that the entire switching mechanism and cabinet will need replacing. A contact to the electricians indicates that the repair will take at least a week.

The hospital EOC is activated and local DES is notified, when the emergency power fails, the incident commander determines that the hospital needs to be evacuated and he directs the incident team to prepare and evacuate to the alternate care site (Roundup High School).

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