
***National Capital Region
Emergency Preparedness Council
2009 Senior Leaders Seminar
The Way Ahead...***

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Exercise Recap

- **The EPC SLS 2009**
 - Held Monday, November 2, 2009
 - Participants: 115
 - Participating Organizations: 73
- **SLS Goal**
 - Identify gaps in the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP)



SLS Objectives

- Validate the principles and concepts of the RECP for use in coordinating a regional event
- Examine current NCR practices and identify changes required in the RECP with a focus on senior-level coordination, communication, situational awareness, decision making, and the First Hour Checklist for Regional Emergencies
- Create awareness for R-ESFs, RPWGs, appointed officials, elected officials and Federal representatives on inter-governmental planning, preparedness, coordination and communication policy necessary for the next Regional event
- Engage the private sector in problem solving during a Regional event



Overarching Comments

- RECP should be updated to reflect the changes and comments recommended by the SLS participants:
 - Include the *First Hour Checklist for Regional Emergencies*
 - Incorporate new NCR elements that have been formed or developed since 2002 when the RECP was published
 - e.g., EPC, SPG, RPWGs, WebEOC
 - Reflect changes in Federal guidance (NRF)
 - Joint Information System (JIS) and Regional Public Messaging should be more fully addressed in the next iteration of the RECP
 - Consider making the RECP more operational for R-ESFs
- RECP should be updated prior to the 2010 EPC SLS



Stakeholder Validation

- **SLS Stakeholders affirmed the principles and concepts of the RECP**
 - RECP provides the structure through which the NCR can collaborate in response to regional events
- **Stakeholders valued the First Hour Checklist as a functional guide for SPG, CAOs, and Emergency Managers in the NCR**



Key Strategic Issues for Follow Up

- RECP may not include all necessary stakeholders
 - Recommendation: Conduct a comprehensive update of stakeholders in the RECP
 - Include critical infrastructure and private industry
 - RPWGs, SPG, EPC, CAOs, R-ESF structure, and IMT
- The scope of the RECP may hinder implementation (i.e., coordination versus operations) during a real-world response
 - Recommendation: EPC should revisit the scope and purpose of the RECP to increase its utility
 - Regional partners should consider developing companion Concept of Operations Plan to support the RECP



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- There is no process model for regional coordination and communications
 - Recommendation: Consider developing a comprehensive process model that provides a template for regional coordination that addresses:
 - Who decides and distributes information?
 - What are the channels?
- Prioritization of resource distribution and allocation is not adequately addressed in the RECP
 - Recommendation: Because the NCR is separate from Federal/state/local chain-of-command and processes, the RECP should address the prioritization of resource allocation when there are competing interests/needs
 - Review and catalogue current regional mutual aid agreements and resources



Key Strategic Issues for Follow Up

- The RECP does not clearly delineate the concept of coordination for developing and disseminating a consistent regional message
 - Recommendation: EPC should review the RECP to ensure that it more accurately captures the coordination challenges faced by public information officers developing regional public messaging. EPC should consider the following:
 - Regional template for Situation Reports (SitReps)
 - Regional Joint Information System
 - Virtual Joint Information Center



RECP – The Way Ahead

- Update 2002 RECP per SLS After-Action Conference
- Five-member planning subcommittee core team
- Review, update and edit Base Plan, Emergency Support Functions, Appendices and Annexes
- Target completion date is June 30, 2010

