

MWCOG Emergency Preparedness Council

2009 Senior Leaders Seminar (SLS) Update
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Agenda

- ETOP Analysis for 2009 SLS
- Challenges and Process
- SLS Components
- SLS Logistics



ETOP Analysis for 2009 SLS

■ ETOP Analysis

- 2007 SLS Results (VBIED – Domestic Terrorism)
- 2008 SLS Results (Pandemic Influenza)
- 2009 Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (T&EPW)
- Regional Presidential Inauguration AAR

■ Bottom Line Up Front

- “Gaps in Regional Planning” is the Common Thread



2007 SLS

- Scenario – VBIED with Domestic Terrorism
- Primary Areas for Improvement
 - The NCR jurisdictions should identify a regional process and responsible parties for generating public information and warning dissemination that is also aligned with local processes
 - The NCR jurisdictions should consider enhancing RICCS by updating recipient lists, prioritizing messages, and adding an action component. RICCS recipients also should be encouraged to register multiple communication tools to ensure complete notification avenues.



2008 SLS

- **Scenario – Pandemic Influenza**

- **Primary Areas for Improvement**

- **Mutual Aid:** There is potential for reluctance by neighboring jurisdictions to provide mutual aid during a pandemic influenza event.
- **Health and Medical Pandemic Funding:** The NCR health and medical community has not received the same amount of preparation and funding as other emergency response sectors in the NCR.
- **Pre-declaration Protocols:** There are lack of protocols for pre-declarations for pandemic influenza in the NCR, and lack of knowledge about what provisions a federal public health emergency declaration provides.
- **Prophylaxis Distribution:** There is a lack of clarification in the NCR regarding protocols for prophylaxis distribution.
- **Telecommuting:** There may be issues involving technological capacity associated with high numbers of private and public sector employees telecommuting during a pandemic influenza event.
- **Maintained Workforce:** There is a lack of standard operating procedures and other policies in both the public and private sectors to ensure the availability of key personnel to support continuity of business and essential operations when these sectors are experiencing high absenteeism rates during a pandemic event



Analysis of Previous AAR Improvement Plans

Multiyear Training & Exercise Plan 2009-2012 Program Priorities by Target Capabilities	Capability Gaps Identified in the AAR IPs		
	2007 EPC SLS	2008 EPC SLS	2009 Presidential Inauguration Regional AAR
Planning	✓	✓	✓
Interoperable Communications	✓		✓
Community Preparedness and Participation	✓		
Information-Sharing and Dissemination			
Law Enforcement Investigation and Operations			
CBRNE Detection			
Critical Infrastructure Protection		✓	
Critical Resource Logistics and Distribution			
Explosive Device Response Operations			
WMD/HazMat Response and Decontamination			
Citizen Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place	✓		
Medical Surge	✓	✓	
Mass Prophylaxis			
Mass Care			✓



SLS Challenges

- Develop a scenario to address planning processes and produce a meaningful outcome
- Reduce the amount of time required from senior officials and move the SLS to a more conducive environment for discussion (2008 SLS Comments)
- Solution:
 - Build an SLS that combines examination of an existing regional plan with discussions focused on a given scenario
 - Use the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP) as the plan
 - Leverage a regional power outage scenario to exercise regional prevention, preparedness and response
 - Move the event to a conference center and use only an afternoon for the senior leaders



SLS Process

- Online Survey of Emergency Managers and R-ESF representatives
 - Survey findings will assist the planning team in SLS development
 - Survey Section 1: RECP Baseline Plan completed by Emergency Managers only
 - Survey Section 2: RECP Appendices completed by Regional Emergency Support Function (R-ESF) members only
 - Survey closes on September 11, 2009
- The 2009 SLS will have two components:
 - Morning Workshop for the R-ESFs and RPWGs (9:00 AM – Noon)
 - Afternoon scenario-based Senior Leadership Seminar & facilitated discussion for the EPC (as well as morning participants) (12:30 PM – 4:00 PM)



SLS Components

- EPC will be presented with a scenario in a facilitated discussion to validate the principals and concepts of the RECP and to identify the gaps and changes required in the RECP based on current practices
- Scenario: Energy Outage
 - Game Period One: Threat
 - Credible threat of large-scale energy sector power outages
 - Previous attacks on or breakdown of infrastructure in other U.S. cities
 - Focus on prevention and preparedness
 - Game Period Two: Response
 - Power outage causes cascading impacts in other sectors in the NCR
 - Focus discussion on coordination, communication, situational awareness, decision making, and the First Hour Checklist
 - Hotwash
 - Review what has been discussed, identify gaps in the RECP and formulate ideas for moving forward together



SLS Logistics Information

- Date: Monday, November 2, 2009
- Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Location: George Washington University's Cafritz Conference Center at the Marvin Center
- Invitations e-mailed last week
 - Details provided in the invitation
 - Registration deadline: October 16, 2009
- Registration via secure website
 - www.ncrepexercise.com



Backup Slides



SLS Goal and Objectives

GOAL

- Identify gaps to update the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP) using a planning scenario as the backdrop

OBJECTIVES

- Validate the principals and concepts of the RECP for use in coordinating a regional event
- Examine current NCR practices to identify changes required in the RECP with a focus on senior level coordination, communication, situational awareness, decision making, and the First Hour Checklist
- Create awareness for representatives of the Regional Emergency Support Functions (R-ESFs) and Regional Programmatic Working Groups (RPWGs), appointed officials, elected officials and Federal representatives regarding requirements for intergovernmental planning, preparedness, coordination and communication of policy decisions in anticipation of a regional event
- Engage the private sector in problem solving during a regional event



R-ESF and RPWG Workshop

- Workshop will begin with a short educational component to:
 - Familiarize the participants with the principals and concepts of the RECP
 - Identify the current homeland security and emergency management practices within NCR
 - Review how the RECP aids coordination with the local, state and federal agencies during an event

- The Workshop will have four breakout sessions to discuss a regional event within the context of the RECP:
 - Group 1: Operations Support (R-ESFs 5 , 7 &15 and Interoperability & ETOP RPWGs)
 - Group 2: Community Services (R-ESFs 6, 11 & 16 and ETOP RPWG)
 - Group 3: Infrastructure Support (R-ESFs 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 12 & 14 and CIP & ETOP RPWGs)
 - Group 4: Emergency Services (R-ESFs 4, 8, 9,10 & 13 and Health and Medical & ETOP RPWGs)



Expected Outcomes

- The Workshop and SLS will identify gaps in the RECP that may need to be addressed and documented.
- These outputs will be used to create an After Action Report and Improvement Plan.

