



EPC Senior Leadership Seminar 2008





Purpose and Scope

- **Purpose:**
 - To build awareness of the unique regional challenges a pandemic influenza event presents; to provide the participants with an understanding of the differences between managing a pandemic influenza event and other all-hazards emergencies and disasters; to discuss how their respective roles and responsibilities intersect in the context of a pandemic influenza event with regional, national and global effects.
- **Scope:**
 - *The Senior Leadership Seminar* was a five-hour seminar discussing the preparations, response, and recovery from Pandemic Influenza. The exercise was conducted on October 21, 2008.



Regional Response Participants

Total Participants: 85

- **State**
- **Local**
- **Federal**
 - FEMA
 - JFHQ
 - CDC
 - EPA
 - GSA
 - HHS
 - OPM
- **Private Sector**
 - Washington Area School Study Council
 - American Red Cross
 - Consortium of Universities
 - D.C. Board of Funeral Directors
 - Greater Washington Board of Trade
 - Fairfax Water
 - Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority
 - Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington
 - Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance
 - PEPCO Holdings, Inc.



Objectives

- **Objective 1: Increase the awareness of the EPC concerning the decision-making process for pandemic influenza and how NCR leadership will communicate with the public during a pandemic event;**
- **Objective 2: Develop an understanding, within the EPC, of coordination and communication processes among the private sector, public sector and non-profit organizations and the impacts upon the NCR;**
- **Objective 3: Develop an understanding of the interdependencies between private sector enterprise and the public sector during a pandemic, and their effects in the NCR; and**
- **Objective 4: Explore the economic impact a severe pandemic event will have upon businesses and commercial operations within the NCR over an extended period of time.**



Scenario

- **Pandemic Influenza**

- **Three Game Periods**

1. **H5N1 emerges from Southeast Asia and first cases of pandemic are identified in California (Preparedness)**
2. **Pandemic in the NCR (Response)**
3. **Pandemic declining in the NCR (Recovery)**

- **Five Special Topic Areas**

1. **Communications**
2. **Anti-virals and Pre-Pandemic Vaccine**
3. **Mass Fatality Planning**
4. **First Responder Impacts**
5. **Critical Infrastructure Impacts**



Initial Findings

Strengths:

- **Coordination:**
 - **Coordination and Communication among NCR leadership**
 - **Coordination through regional plans**

- **Areas for Improvement**
 - **Surge**
 - **Medical**
 - **Technological due to increase of telecommuting**
 - **Standardized policies for workforce**
 - **Public and private (need to share our COOP Plans)**
 - **Maintenance of First Responders**
 - **Prophylaxis Distribution**
 - **First Responders**
 - **Procedures for Federal Declaration**



Next Steps

- **Conduct After Action Conference**
- **Finalize and Publish AAR**
- **Finalize Improvement Plan**
- **Staff Improvement Planning Corrective Actions to Regional Workgroups and RESFs.**



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