

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS-LEARNED FROM HOSTILE ACTION-BASED EP DRILLS: A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE



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BENEFICIAL TRAINING

- Experience with a Hostile Action-Based EP Drill proved valuable for the following reasons:
 - It challenged traditional off-site response in a realistic manner. Identified operational gaps in Unified Command and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) management at the local level
 - Demonstrated the need for interaction between varied agencies and levels of government. Did so in a positive “no-fault” learning environment
 - Revealed shortfalls in tactical communications and Public Information coordination specific to hostile action-based scenarios



HOSTILE ACTION-BASED EP DRILLS: THE LOCAL CHALLENGES

- **Demonstrate the ability to implement “near-site” command and control at a nuclear plant-related incident.**
- **Field a coordinated (tiered) response employing National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) concepts**
- **Secure participation of the Off-Site Response Organization (ORO) and first-responder community to achieve desired objectives**

HOSTILE ACTION-BASED EP DRILLS: "REAL WORLD" CONSIDERATIONS

- **What are your available "day-to-day" assets and resources?**
- **How quickly can they be mobilized and supported? (mutual aid plans)**
- **What are your communications capabilities (on-site and off-site)?**
- **How well does your local Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) integrate with drill objectives?**

HOSTILE ACTION-BASED EP DRILLS: NIMS and ICS Application

- **How are NIMS and ICS implemented locally and at the state level? How does governmental structure (home rule, etc) impact coordination?**
- **How does Incident Command, Unified Command and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) integrate to support a Multi-Agency Coordination system?**

HOSTILE ACTION-BASED EP DRILLS: NIMS and ICS Training

- **What level of cross-discipline NIMS training has been achieved to date?**
- **Have non-traditional responders (government officials, volunteers, etc) been trained?**
- **Are roles and responsibilities clear?**



HOSTILE ACTION-BASED EP DRILLS: SCENARIO SPECTRUMS

LESSONS LEARNED:

- Include key stakeholders early-on and throughout the drill planning process
- Don't overcomplicate the scenario-keep it challenging but realistic
- Consider the jurisdiction's existing capabilities, resources and mutual-aid plans when developing scenario
- Focus on integration between on-site and off-site response organizations
- Create “success paths” through facilitated discussion and participant interaction

QUESTIONS?

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