Complex Coordinated Terrorism Attack Full Scale Exercise

EXERCISE Three-day full-scale exercises executed in three phases: Phase 1 focus on intelligence processing leading to interdiction of terrorist cells; Day 2 focus on response to multiple, near simultaneous attacks of varying tactics; and Day 3 focus on recovery operations.

PURPOSE Identify best practices and validate improvements from lessons learned from a realistic, complex coordinated terrorism attack scenario exploring impacts to core capabilities from Mission Areas of Prevention, Response and Recovery.

OBJECTIVES To be determined in the exercise planning process. Objectives will be based on new / updated plans, policies, procedures and improvements / lessons learned from past events and exercises.

SCENARIO Two regional-centric, complex coordinated terrorism attacks occur in Carson City, Clark County, and Washoe County jurisdictions and campuses utilizing armed assaults, vehicle ramming, incendiary and explosive devices, chemicals, and blunt/sharp objectives. Intelligence messaging 30-45 days preceding the first day of exercise lead to take-down and interdiction of several, but not all, terrorist cells. The resulting attacks that occur on the second day lead to response activities and day three recovery activities.

CORE CAPABILITIES

Mission Area: Prevention
Operational Coordination
Intelligence and Information Sharing
Interdiction and Disruption

Mission Area: Recovery
Public Information and Warning
Operational Coordination
Economic Recovery
Health and Social Services

Mission Area: Response
Public Information and Warning
Operational Coordination
Environmental Response/Health and Safety
Fatality Management
Logistics and Supply Chain Management
Mass Care Services
Operational Communications
Public Health and Medical Services
Situational Awareness

GRANT PROJECT VALIDATION Several Homeland Security and Emergency Management grant projects will be identified for inclusion throughout the exercise for validation of capabilities and identification of best practices.

PROJECT PLAN Robust Exercise Planning Team (Core Team / Planning Team / Local Team) meets on scheduled basis to develop concepts, objectives, scenario, message play, control and safety, evaluation, and all other exercise documents, simulation and enhancements.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE Approval from FEMA National Exercise Division for assistance in the areas of: design/development of scenario, technical research, evaluation analysis/after-action report, simulation of social media and news reports, and production of intelligence messaging.