

[INSERT YEAR] STATEWIDE MEDICAL AND HEALTH EXERCISE

LAW ENFORCEMENT OBJECTIVES

**How To Use This Document:** *The purpose of this document is to provide sample objectives and capabilities for exercise planners to select from in designing their Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE). These capabilities and their supporting objectives were identified based on the Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan developed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).* [*To access this document, please visit*](http://www.swmhe.com/)[*http://www.swmhe.com*](http://www.swmhe.com).

*To use this document, insert your agency/organization’s name in the bracketed text in the header that reads “INSERT NAME OF AGENCY/ORGANIZATION HERE.” Review the suggested capabilities and objectives and* ***consider them as options to create an Exercise Plan that is customized to the unique characteristics of your organization******and community****. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),* ***ten or fewer objectives are recommended for a functional exercise.***

## APPLICABLE CAPABILITIES

* National Core Capability: Operational Coordination

Goal of Operational Coordination: Establish and maintain a unified and coordinated operational structure and process that appropriately integrates all critical stakeholders and supports the execution of core capabilities.

* National Core Capability: Environmental Response/Health and Safety

Goal for Environmental Response/Health and Safety: Conduct appropriate measures to ensure the protection of the health and safety of the public and workers, as well as the environment, from all-hazards in support of responder operations and the affected communities.

* National Core Capability: Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services

Goal for Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services: Provide lifesaving medical treatment via Emergency Medical Services and related operations and avoid additional disease and injury by providing targeted public health, medical, and behavioral health support, and products to all affected populations.

* National Core Capability: Operational Communications

Goal of Operational Communications: Ensure the capacity for timely communications in support of security, situational awareness, and operations by any and all means available, among and between affected communities in the impact area and all response forces.

* National Core Capability: Public Information and Warning

Goal of Public Information and Warning: Deliver coordinated, prompt, reliable, and actionable information to the whole community through the use of clear, consistent, accessible, and culturally and linguistically appropriate methods to effectively relay information regarding any threat or hazard, as well as the actions being taken and the assistance being made available, as appropriate.

* National Core Capability: Situational Assessment

Goal of Situational Assessment: Provide all decision makers with decision-relevant information regarding the nature and extent of the hazard, any cascading effects, and the status of the response.

# PROPOSED OBJECTIVES

## OBJECTIVE ONE

Activate the Incident Command System (ICS) and effectively transition into Incident Command or Unified Command (UC) within [insert timeframe] of notification of event that may affect normal operations and in accordance with ICS and NIMS. *National Core Capability: Operational Coordination*

Sample Task(s):

* If applicable, designate the [insert position, e.g., Incident Commander] as the UC representative, along with alternates for long-term response
* Coordinate with other UC representatives (representing other local, and/or private party responders) to agree on response organization
* The [insert position(s)] will facilitate rumor control for media outlets for the jurisdiction such as television, internet, radio, and newspapers

## OBJECTIVE TWO

Implement security protocols within [insert timeframe] (e.g., crowd control, perimeter establishment, etc.) for all response units (emergency medical services [EMS], public health, Coroner/Medical Examiner, etc.) and temporary remains storage and staging sites upon request or as needed. *National Core Capability: Environmental Response/Health and Safety*

Sample Task(s):

* [Insert position, e.g., Incident Commander] observes incident site upon arrival and conducts site assessment within [XX] minutes of activation
* Establish a site security perimeter within [XX] minutes of arriving on-scene at remains storage and/or staging sites
* Determine appropriate, secure storage and staging areas in coordination with Unified Command (UC) or other on-scene personnel within [XX] minutes of arriving on-scene

## OBJECTIVE THREE

Ensure that all Law Enforcement personnel don the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) prior to responding to storage sites or staging areas that house infectious remains within [insert timeframe]. *National Core Capability: Environmental Response/Health and Safety*

Sample Task(s):

* Communicate with the appropriate Public Health, Healthcare, and/or Coroner/Medical Examiner officials to determine the appropriate type of PPE needed for Law Enforcement personnel and how to acquire the PPE prior to responding to the event
* Provide all responding Law Enforcement personnel adequate training on how to properly don and remove PPE, if necessary working in conjunction with Public Health, Healthcare, and/or the Coroner/Medical Examiner office to demonstrate PPE procedures, at minimum [insert timeframe] before releasing personnel to remains storage or staging sites

## OBJECTIVE FOUR

Plan for the activation of mental and behavioral health services for all Law Enforcement staff members as part of event response and recovery within [insert timeframe]. *National Core Capability: Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services*

Sample Task(s):

* Distribute informational materials to all Law Enforcement staff within [insert timeframe] of the onset of the event to ensure staff’s awareness and understanding of the symptoms and signs of acute stress responses and how to seek treatment
* In consultation with the [Incident Safety Officer] and [insert position(s)], identify the medical and mental/behavioral health risks (routine and event-specific) to Law Enforcement staff and communicate this information to [insert position(s)] at [insert timeframe] intervals throughout the duration of the response and recovery period
* Activate behavioral health support strike teams to support all staff members as part of long-term event response and recovery

## OBJECTIVE FIVE

Participate in the risk communication effort during the response in coordination with other local and regional players through the operation of a Joint Information Center (JIC) within [insert timeframe]. *National Core Capability: Public Information & Warning; Operational Communications*

Sample Task(s):

* Establish and/or determine the location of the JIC
* Create and/or obtain talking points and any applicable press release information from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Public Information Officer (PIO) each time an update is called in to ensure continued, consistent messaging
* Monitor the media to ensure that the message was understood by the news media and reported accurately to the public
* Address any significant inaccuracies with the relevant reporting agency to prevent information from being reported inaccurately a second time

## OBJECTIVE SIX

Establish, maintain, and update situational status with jurisdictional partners (e.g., Fire, Emergency Management, Public Health, etc.) via local channels (e.g., radio, telephone, email, etc.) per agency protocols to maintain situational awareness and support response within [insert timeframe] of activation. *National Core Capability: Operational Coordination; Situational Assessment*

Sample Task(s):

* The [insert position(s)] will identify jurisdictional partners across Fire, Emergency Management, Public Health, and other disciplines to determine information-sharing needs within [insert timeframe] of activation
* Implement event information sharing protocols within [insert timeframe] of activation
* Ensure that all critical communications networks are functioning within [insert timeframe] of activation

## OBJECTIVE SEVEN

Provide situational awareness updates to follow-on units, organize and document event and resource information, and share information with stakeholders per agency protocols within [insert timeframe] of arrival of follow-on units. *National Core Capability: Operational Coordination; Situational Assessment*

Sample Task(s):

* Continue to provide situational reports to [insert position and/or department representative] every [insert timeframe]; that person will then provide the information to the EOC during check-ins
* Information provided to [insert position and/or department representative should include number of activated personnel, current response roles and responsibilities, and resource needs