2013 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise

# Food-Borne Scenario Objectives

## Public Health Department

Exercise design objectives focus on improving understanding of a response concept, evaluating emergency response procedures, identifying areas for improvement and achieving a collaborative attitude. Exercise planners are expected to tailor these objectives to their specific exercise needs and capabilities or develop additional objectives, as necessary.

### Target Capability: Communications

Discuss the organization’s ability to alert and notify pertinent healthcare partners of activation of the Department Operations Center.

Discuss the organization‘s ability to share information vertically with the region and State, including the Food and Drug Branch, within two hours of incident recognition.

Discuss the organization’s ability to share information horizontally with pertinent healthcare partners and Local Emergency Management Agencies, including the Medical Health Operational Area Coordination Program.

### Target Capability: Emergency Operations Center Management

Discuss the organization’s ability to conduct a Hospital Available Beds for Emergencies and Disasters inpatient poll within sixty minutes of request by the State.

Discuss the agency's ability to develop an Action Plan within two hours of activation of the Emergency Operations Plan.

### Target Capability: Medical Surge

Discuss the organization’s ability to implement the Operational Area Medical Surge plan.

Discuss how medical and health resource requests that cannot be filled locally or through existing agreements are forwarded to the Medical Health Operational Area Coordination Program.

### Target Capability: Emergency Public Information and Warning

Discuss how public information and warning media updates are coordinated through the Joint Information System.

Discuss how public information and warning media updates are disseminated.

### Target Capability: Public Health Epidemiological Surveillance

Discuss the steps to initiate an epidemiological investigation to identify the source of illness and scope of the incident.

Discuss how epidemiological questionnaires are developed and coordinated in a multijurisdictional outbreak for ease of data analysis and how does this process occur during a public health emergency?

Discuss how the organization receives, completes and returns epidemiological surveillance questionnaires from the local health department.