

STATEWIDE MEDICAL AND HEALTH EXERCISE

FIRE SERVICES OBJECTIVES - Pandemic Influenza

*How To Use This Document: The purpose of this document is to provide sample objectives and core capabilities[[1]](#footnote-1) for exercise planners to select from in designing their Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE). These core capabilities and their supporting objectives were identified based on previous exercises, incidents, and your feedback. 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 core capabilities and objectives and* ***consider them as options to create an Exercise Plan that is tailored to the unique characteristics of your organization*** *and community. Select and modify as needed core capabilities and exercise objectives for your organization based on prior incidents, exercises, and requirements. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency,* ***ten or fewer objectives are recommended for a full-scale exercise****. Additional agency/discipline specific objectives have also been developed to encourage participation by partner agencies and aid with the design of a multi-agency/discipline exercise. To access these please visit www.californiamedicalhealthexercise.com.*

CAPABILITY: OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

| **Objective 1:** | **Exercise communications PROCESS internally and externally in accordance with local policies and procedures within the exercise time frame** |
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| **Objective 2:** | **Test REDUNDANT communications modalities within and across response partners in accordance with local policies and procedures** |
| **Activity** | Provide command center communications support |
| **Task** | **Description** |
| ComC 4.2.1 | Communicate internal incident response information |
| ComC 4.2 | Implement response communications interoperability plans and protocols |
| Res.B1a 4.2.1 | Establish communications with public health and the Emergency Operations Center/Multi-Agency Coordination center (EOC/MACC) |
| Res.B1c 5.2.3 | Coordinate with public health, non-government agencies and/or private sector to collect/share data on incident situation |
| **Objective Comments** | |
| This section addresses the communications process both internally and externally, and the use of redundant communication modalities. A continuous flow of critical information should be maintained, as needed, among multi-jurisdictional and multi-disciplinary emergency responders, command posts, agencies, and the governmental officials for the duration of the emergency response operation in compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS). | |

CAPABILITY: OPERATIONAL COORDINATION AND ON-SITE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

| **Objective 3:** | **Activate the Incident Command System (ICS)** |
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| **Objective 4:** | **Develop an Incident Action Plan (IAP) and conduct associated meetings** |
| **Objective 5:** | **Test the ability to respond and manage the incident based on the specific hazard, threat, and event** |
| **Objective 6:** | **Contact and provide situational information to the EOC** |
| **Activity** | Activate ICS |
| **Task** | **Description** |
| Res.B1a 4.2 | Initiate and implement ICS |
| Res.B1a 5.1.2 | Establish the command structure to manage the incident and meet objectives |
| Res.B1a 5.3.2 | Transition from Incident Command to Unified Command for incidents involving multiple jurisdictions, a single jurisdiction with multi-agency involvement, or to Area Command with multiple jurisdictions and/or incidents with multi-agency involvement |
| Res.B1c 5.2.4 | Make appropriate notifications |
| **Activity** | Develop an IAP |
| **Task** | **Description** |
| Res.B1a 6.1 | Develop an IAP that identifies objectives, priorities, and the operational period |
| Res.B1d 3.1.2 | Assess near and long term capacity to provide necessary fire services and implement plans and practices, to include resource requests and mutual aid agreements, to obtain necessary staffing, supplies and equipment |
| Res.B1a 6.2.1.1 | Obtain Incident Commander approval of the IAP |
| ResB1a 7.1.1 | Disseminate the IAP, to include the sharing of IAP information in incident briefings and dissemination of the IAP with other programs |
| ResB1a 7.5.1 | Evaluate and revise processes in response to incident developments |
| ComC 4.2.3 | Report and document the incident by completing and submitting required forms, reports, documentation, and follow-up notations |
| Res.B1a 1.1.2 | Identify and implement policy and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that are specific to the type of threat or agent |
| **Objective Comments** | |
| This section looks at incident management and information sharing from the on-site location to the command centers across the state at the various levels. | |

CAPABILITY: CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION

| **Objective 7:** | **Support citizen evacuation and/or isolation and quarantine procedures** |
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| **Activity** | Direct evacuation and/or in-place protection tactical operations |
| **Task** | **Description** |
| Res.B3a 3.1.3 | Coordinate with law enforcement to identify risks to infrastructure that may be used for evacuation or medical transport of affected individuals |
| Res.B3a 3.5.4 | Notify appropriate agencies of anticipated medical assistance required upon arrival at temporary locations (staging area, shelters, etc.) |
| **Objective Comments** | |
| This objective targets the medical evacuation and shelter-in-place procedures for an affected area or population who may need special considerations, to include those with disabilities and others with access or functional needs. | |

CAPABILITY: RESPONSE/HEALTH AND SAFETY

| **Objective 8:** | **Implement proper infection control and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for first responders** |
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| **Objective 9:** | **Record and report any and all illness or injury to first responders** |
| **Activity** | Ongoing monitoring of responder health and safety |
| **Task** | **Description** |
| Res.B1b 7.6 | Ensure recording and reporting of any and all injuries and illnesses |
| Res.B1b 7.5.2 | Assist the Incident Commander and ICS staff in implementing exposure monitoring and enforcing safety considerations |
| Res.B1b 7.4.1 | Monitor hazardous site operations and ensure that personnel perform their tasks in a safe manner and follow the safety-related requirements identified in the IAP |
| **Objective Comments** | |
| This objective identifies the critical personnel, equipment, training, and other resources needed to ensure that all workers are protected from all hazards, including infectious diseases. | |

1. These are selected based on the National Preparedness Goal and Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) core capabilities (2013). The numbers used to enumerate the tasks are based on the 2007 Target Capabilities List as the 2013 core capabilities list does not provide numbered tasks. Tasks are amended/added to align with Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program, HSEEP, & the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)