| **Month and Meeting Name** | **Purpose** | **Key Outcomes** |
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| April – Concept and Objectives Meeting | This is the formal beginning of the planning process. Identify the type, scope, objectives, and purpose of the exercise. | * Agreement regarding exercise type, scenario, capabilities, tasks, and objectives. Consensus regarding the target exercise timeframe, location, and date. * Identification of entities that may want to participate. * Schedule of planning meetings. * Send save-the-date email inviting identified entities/partners and ask for commitment to participate. |
| May – Initial Planning Meeting | This is the start of the development phase. | * A list of confirmed exercise participants. * Identification and availability of Subject Matter Experts for scenario vetting and/or evaluation. * A list of which exercise documents and presentations must be employed, and assignments for drafting each. * If needed, identify availability of all policies, plans, procedures needed to draft exercise materials. * Identify and assign responsibility for exercise logistics A list of critical activities for the next planning meeting. |
| June – Midterm Planning Meeting | Review draft documentation (e.g., scenario, Exercise Plan [ExPlan], Controller and Evaluator [C/E] Handbook). Discuss remaining exercise design concepts, scenario and timeline development, scheduling, logistics, and administrative requirements. | * Agreement on final ExPlan details Review all key exercise documents (e.g., ExPlan, C/E Handbook). * Identify control and evaluation staff, key players Review list of confirmed participants. |
| July – Master Scenario Events List Meeting | May not be necessary for less complex exercises. The Master Scenario Events List (MSEL) meeting focuses on developing the MSEL. The MSEL is a chronological listing of key events | Key events and the time of their delivery are identified and responsibility for constructing the remaining events is assigned. |
| August – Final Planning Meeting | Conduct final comprehensive review of all remaining draft documents, resolve open exercise planning issues, review all exercise logistical activities | * Exercise planning team has a clear understanding of processes and procedures. Exercise documents and materials are approved. * Remaining issues are identified and resolved. Logistical elements, including A/V equipment, site configuration and setup, refreshments, and schedule, are confirmed. * Update confirmed participant list |
| September – Tabletop Exercise | Using the provided scenario in an informal setting, validate plans and procedures, including any new protocols or policies implemented as a result of the organizational self-assessment | * Identification of additional gaps in plans and procedures as well as a plan for improvement. * Prepare for the Functional Exercise. |
| October – Player Briefing | Address individual roles and responsibilities, exercise parameters, safety, security badges, and any remaining logistical exercise concerns or questions | Players have a clear understanding of the exercise objectives, capabilities, assumptions, artificialities, safety and security requirements, control and evaluation strategies |
| November – Statewide Medical and Health Exercise | The exercise tests plans, policies, procedures, agreements, and networks for the staff of participating organizations and agencies, in order to identify strengths and areas for improvement | * An opportunity is provided to exercise objectives among multiple disciplines, agencies, and jurisdictions. * “Hot wash” - Strengths and action items are identified to enhance readiness efforts. |
| December – After Action Meeting | Following completion of a draft After Action Report, The Exercise Planning Team, Evaluation Team and other stakeholders meet to review the draft report. | * As part of the After Action Meeting, attendees review the Improvement Plan. This plan articulates specific corrective actions by addressing issues identified in the After Action Report. * The refined After Action Report and Improvement Plan are finalized and the file is shared with approved stakeholders. |