2011 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise

# Local Health and Environmental Health Departments

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

Determine/evaluate the ability to communicate with response partners including health care, law enforcement, fire, medical examiner/coroner, water authorities, community organizations, emergency management and others as appropriate to jurisdictional response.

## Target Capability: Intelligence/Information Sharing and Dissemination

Review/test the adequacy of the information management plans and technology for gathering intelligence and sharing information with stakeholders.

Review/test risk communication plans to develop public information messages in coordination with local partners in a rapid and timely manner for internal and external (e.g., media, community) dissemination.

Discuss/test the ability to activate the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator Program to provide situational reports to the Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinator according to California Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual protocol.

## Target Capability: Medical Surge

Review/test public and environmental health surge plans to deal with increased demand in service and response needs.

Discuss/test the ability to activate the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator Program to support resource requesting based on local policy and procedure.

## Target Capability: Emergency Operations Center Management

Review/test the Emergency Operations Plan and applicable hazard specific plans.

Exercise the ability to activate, staff and operate the Emergency Operations Center/Department Operations Center in response to this event.