

# [JURISDICTION] CATASTROPHIC INCIDENT MASS FATALITY PLAN WORKSHOP



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## OPENING, INTRODUCTIONS, & OVERVIEW

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#### WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

- Sign In, Workshop Materials
- Restrooms
- Silence cell phones
- Emergencies
- Breaks



#### INTRODUCTIONS

- Facilitators
- Participants



### WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

#### [Date]

| 9:30 - 9:45   | Registration                                |
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| 9:45 - 10:00  | Introduction                                |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Module 1: Plan Overview                     |
| 10:30 - 12:00 | Module 2: Objectives 1 to 4                 |
| 10:30 - 10:55 | Objective 1: Roles and Responsibilities     |
| 10:55 – 11:15 | Objective 2: Coordination and Communication |
| 11:15 - 11:40 | Objective 3: Integration of Resources       |
| 11:40 - 12:00 | Objective 4: Operations                     |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Working Lunch                               |
| 12:30 – 1:30  | Module 3: Objective 5 - CBRNE               |
| 1:30 – 2:30   | Module 4: Objective 6 - Influenza Pandemic  |
| 2:30 - 3:00   | Module 5: Review and Findings               |
| 3:00 - 3:15   | Participant Feedback                        |

#### WORKSHOP MANUAL

#### [insert image of Workshop Manual Cover]



#### WORKSHOP PURPOSE

 Conduct a systematic review of the [Jurisdiction] Catastrophic Incident Mass Fatality Plan.



#### WORKSHOP PURPOSE (CONT.)

- To familiarize workshop participants with critical elements discussed in the [Jurisdiction] Mass Fatality Plan
- To review and/or evaluate critical elements and concepts presented in the Plan
- To identify gaps and areas for improvement for Plan revisions and future planning efforts

## WORKSHOP SCOPE

- The workshop will be based on the response to three (3) scenarios:
  - Earthquake: 7.9M earthquake on the northern segment of the San Andreas
  - CBRNE: Chemical agent (chlorine) release by an Improvised Explosive Device detonation at a water treatment plant
  - Influenza Pandemic: 1918-like influenza pandemic, which considers a 2.0 percent mortality rate



### WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

- Evaluate the roles and responsibilities identified in the Plan and verify that the list is accurate and inclusive of all agencies relevant for mass fatality response operations in a catastrophic incident.
- 2. Evaluate the methods described for coordination and communication with local governments, regional, State, and Federal government agencies.
- 3. Evaluate the process described in the Plan for integrating local, State, and Federal resources into the area.



### WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES (CONT.)

- Evaluate that the operations section of the Plan is effective at accurately describing all the critical issues relevant to the Plan
- 5. Evaluate the roles and responsibilities as well as operations related to the CBRNE scenario.
- 6. Evaluate the roles and responsibilities as well as operations related to the influenza pandemic scenario



## WORKSHOP STRUCTURE

- Workshop will be an interactive, facilitated discussion, organized by modules
- Modules will not be presented chronologically to mirror the scenario event; rather, they will support objectives formulated to verify accuracy and consistency of the Plan and the operational elements necessary to carry out mass fatality operations
- Participants will be introduced to Objectives and Discussion Points that support those objectives and will be asked to respond to facilitated questions



### WORKSHOP GUIDELINES

- Primary goal of the workshop forum is to ensure that the coordination, resource-requesting and decision-making processes are accurately described
- Emphasis is on identifying potential inaccuracies or gaps and resolving them through discussion
- Developing solutions should be the focus
- Participation based on knowledge of existing plans and capabilities, and insights is encouraged

#### WORKSHOP GUIDELINES (CONT.)

- Decisions are not precedent-setting; the workshop is an opportunity to present and discuss multiple options and possible solutions
- Support from other responders and agencies is assumed
- Scenario, objectives, and assumptions serve as the basis for discussion
- Goal is to review elements of the plans, not to validate the scenario or the HAZUS estimates



#### MODULE 1: OVERVIEW OF THE [JURISDICTION] CATASTROPHIC INCIDENT MASS FATALITY PLAN

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## PLAN OVERVIEW

- The Plan provides operational details for:
  - Notification
  - Scene evaluation and organization
  - Recovery of remains
  - Fatality collection points
  - Transportation and temporary storage
  - Morgue operations
  - Family Assistance Center (FAC) operations
  - Final disposition
  - Demobilization





## **PLAN STRUCTURE**

- Main Body: Presents the core planning principles and operational elements for mass fatality operations in the response to the earthquake.
- Appendix A: Acronyms and Glossary
- Appendix B: Maps
- Appendix C: Critical Information Requirements
- Appendix D: Operational Checklists and other Tools
- Appendix E: CBRNE Scenario Event
- Appendix F: Influenza Pandemic Scenario Event
- Appendix G: Comparison of Normal and Altered Standards of Death Care



#### **PLAN RELATIONSHIPS**



#### **CATASTROPHIC EARTHQUAKE SCENARIO**

- The plan is based on a catastrophic earthquake scenario
- The scenario used for planning purposes is a recurrence of the 1906 moment magnitude (M) 7.9 earthquake on the northern segment of the San Andreas fault.



#### **EARTHQUAKE CHARACTERISTICS**

- Main shock lasts 45 to 60 seconds
- Epicenter is just outside the entrance to the San Francisco Bay, west of the Golden Gate Bridge
- Earthquake ruptures approximately 300 miles of the northern segment of the San Andreas Fault
- Threats and hazards resulting from the main shock are aggravated or recur during aftershocks, which continue for months after the main shock

### **REGIONAL IMPACTS**

- 300,000 people seeking shelter
- 500,000 households without electricity
- 1.8 million households without potable water
- 7,000 fatalities
- 50 million tons of debris
- More than 1 million people requiring transportation assistance because of hazardous conditions or dislocation



#### **REGIONAL IMPACTS (CONT.)**

- Threats and hazards resulting from shaking, surface fault rupture, and liquefaction include:
  - Structural and nonstructural damage to buildings and infrastructure
  - Widespread fires
  - Subsidence and loss of soil-bearing capacity
  - Displacement along the San Andreas Fault
  - Widespread landslides
  - Hazardous materials spills and incidents
  - Dam/levee failure, resulting in flooding
  - Civil disorder



### **CBRNE SCENARIO**

 [insert scenario information specific to your jurisdiction. Describe the scenario and the impacts]



#### INFLUENZA PANDEMIC SCENARIO

- Category 5 influenza pandemic
  - Case-fatality ratio of 2% or higher<sup>1</sup>
- Lasts from 9 to 10 months
- [add additional scenario information specific to your jurisdiction]



#### MASS FATALITY ASSUMPTIONS – EARTHQUAKE SCENARIO

[Enter the assumptions identified in your Mass Fatality Plan, specific to the Earthquake scenario. The assumptions are used to enhance the scenario description and provide a basis for the discussion]



#### MASS FATALITY ASSUMPTIONS – CBRNE SCENARIO

[Enter the assumptions identified in your Mass Fatality Plan, specific to the CBRNE scenario. The assumptions are used to enhance the scenario description and provide a basis for the discussion]



#### MASS FATALITY ASSUMPTIONS – INFLUENZA PANDEMIC SCENARIO

[Enter the assumptions identified in your Mass Fatality Plan, specific to the Influenza Pandemic scenario. The assumptions are used to enhance the scenario description and provide a basis for the discussion]





## MODULE 2: OBJECTIVES 1 TO 4

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#### **OBJECTIVE 1: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **Discussion Time: Approximately 20 Minutes**

Evaluate the roles and responsibilities identified in the Plan and verify that the list is accurate and inclusive of all agencies relevant to the Plan.

- **Discussion Point 1:** Consider the Plan's consistency with the overarching City or Operational Area emergency management plans (e.g., Emergency Operations Plan).
- Discussion Point 2: Ensuring rapid recovery of human remains
- Discussion Point 3: Establishing and managing the Family Assistance Center

#### OBJECTIVE 2: COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION

#### **Discussion Time: Approximately 20 Minutes**

Evaluate the methods described for coordination and communication among local, State, and Federal government agencies.

- Discussion Point 1: Meeting coordination and information needs through the Operational Area Coroner/Medical Examiner Conference Call
- **Discussion Point 2:** Using the Critical Information List. Note: the Critical Information List is an appendix to the Plan. The following questions refer to that appendix.



#### OBJECTIVE 3: INTEGRATION OF RESOURCES

**Discussion Time: Approximately 15 Minutes** 

Evaluate the process described in the Plan for integrating local, State, and Federal resources into the area.

• **Discussion Point 1:** Ensuring effective integration across the multiple levels of government



### **OBJECTIVE 4: OPERATIONS**

#### **Discussion Time: Approximately 35 Minutes**

Evaluate that the operations section of the Plan is effective at accurately describing all the critical issues relevant to the Plan.

- Discussion Point 1: Considering operational priorities and response objectives
- **Discussion Point 2:** Determining the best approach for scene evaluation and organization for managing human remains
- **Discussion Point 3:** Recovering human remains
- **Discussion Point 4:** Conducting morgue operations
- Discussion Point 5: Considering the Regional Incident Morgue(s) Concept and operations
- **Discussion Point 6:** Conducting death registration



## BEGIN WORKING LUNCH 30 MINUTES

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#### MODULE 3: OBJECTIVE 5

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## **OBJECTIVE 5: CBRNE**

#### Discussion Time: Approximately 60 Minutes

Evaluate the roles and responsibilities as well as operations related to the CBRNE scenario.

- **Discussion Point 1:** Determining jurisdiction
- **Discussion Point 2:** Decontaminating human remains
- Discussion Point 3: Considering operational priorities and response objectives





#### MODULE 4: OBJECTIVE 6

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## **OBJECTIVE 6: INFLUENZA PANDEMIC**

#### **Discussion Time: Approximately 60 Minutes**

Evaluate the roles and responsibilities as well as operations related to the influenza pandemic scenario.

- **Discussion Point 1:** Considering the Influenza Pandemic appendix's consistency with the City or Operational Area's overarching emergency management plans.
- **Discussion Point 2:** Determining the jurisdiction of influenza pandemic-related deaths
- Discussion Point 3: Processing at-home deaths during an influenza pandemic
- Discussion Point 4: Coordinating acceptance and application of select altered standards of death care
- Discussion Point 5: Staffing and managing the virtual Family Assistance Center



#### MODULE 5: REVIEW AND FINDINGS

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#### **REVIEW AND FINDINGS**

- Reviewed Concepts
- Strengths
- Identified Gaps or Areas for Improvement



### NEXT STEPS

- Complete Participant Feedback Forms
- [Next steps may include: the development of an After Action Report, an After Action Meeting, additional workshops or working groups, and revisions to the Plan]





### **THANK YOU!**

Please leave your completed Participant Feedback Forms on the tables.

#### **PROJECT POINTS OF CONTACT**

[Agency Name] [Name of Contact] [Title/Position] [Phone Number] [Email]

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