



After Action Report for Emergencies, TTX, FSE, and Actual Emergencies.

Type Exercise/Actual Emergency: Biohazard Detection System (BDS)
Full Scale Exercise (FSE)

Response Date: May 15, 2012

Response Time/EOC Activated: 16:00 Hours

Recovery Start Date/Time: N/A

Duration: 2 Hours

AREA: Southern Area

District: Mississippi

Facility Name and Location: Jackson P/DC Jackson Mississippi

Exercise/Actual Mission: To simulate a Positive Alert due to Anthrax interdiction into the mail; and to provide a forum for participating departments and agencies to discuss and validate their response plans, policies and procedures.

Goals and Objectives:

- Evaluate individual capabilities, multiple functions, and/or activities within a function or interdependent group of functions.
- Provide a process for participants to share best practices and lessons learned.
- Validate and enhance interagency communications during an Anthrax response event.

- Identify strengths and shortfalls.
- Enhance understanding of new concepts.
- Seek to change existing attitudes and perspectives.
- Enhance coordination and communication between Postal Emergency Management and Local First Responders (LFRs)

Focus: Notification, Detection, Response, Recovery and Mitigation.

Participating Organizations: USPS EMT Jackson MS P/DC, USPS MS District EMT, USPIS WMD Inspectors, USPS/OIG Agent, HQ's Office of National Preparedness, Southern Area Office of National Preparedness, Jackson MS Plant USPS Employees.

Local Agencies: MS Dept of Public Health, MS Emergency Management Agency, MS Office of Homeland Security, Jackson Police Dept., Jackson Fire/Hazmat Units, Hinds County EOC, MS State University Grad Students,

Federal Agencies: Federal Bureau of Investigation WMD, Civil Support Team MS National Guard

Number of Participants: 16 Agencies, approximately 300 participants

Scenario/Actual Event: Both Internal/External partners met to discuss the process for response to an Anthrax alarm at the Jackson Facility. The USPS EMT explained the internal procedures first and then each agency discussed their response/roles in the event of an actual alarm. We looked at the 010 area and the BDS machine and then the Decon/Point of Distribution for Meds areas.

Exercise Evaluation/Actual Event: After the completion of the exercise a Hot-Wash and debriefing was conducted with both the internal/external participants.

Areas for Improvement/concerns: See Attachment

Conclusion/Lessons Learned: Should the BDS alarm sound today/tomorrow this team both internal/external would be able to handle the situation professionally.

Time line for completion of Lessons learned/Improvements: 60 Days

Cost out lays: N/A

Documentation Attached: N/A