

CHAPTER 5 – TRAINING AND EXERCISES

I. General

This Chapter defines the State's training and exercise programs needed to implement this Annex. The response to a terrorist event will require both routine and specialized emergency operations, often in an area potentially contaminated with hazardous materials. Therefore, it is vitally important to assure that response personnel are adequately trained to fulfill their responsibilities without endangering their safety. This includes training emergency services and health care personnel in the field to recognize a possible terrorist event, as well as training those who would respond to that event.

II. Training Program Development and Implementation

A. Development and Implementation Concepts

The training program for management of terrorist incidents is to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Provide terrorism awareness, technician, and response level training to state and local personnel;
2. Incorporate the operational concepts utilized in this Annex, and;
3. Coordinate with other emergency preparedness training programs currently offered or coordinated by the State.

B. Training Program Direction and Management

1. Several state agencies are involved in the development, funding, implementation, and maintenance of training programs related to response to a weapon of mass destruction terrorist incident. The Florida Division of Emergency Management will serve as the state coordinator of the training programs needed to support for consequence management and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will serve as the state coordinator for crisis management. In this role, the Division of Emergency Management is responsible for the following actions:
 - a. Cooperate with other state agencies and statewide associations in establishing criteria and performance standards for training all pertinent State and local personnel in terrorism incident preparedness and response;
 - b. Review all applicable State training programs for their relevance to the management of a terrorist incident involving a weapon of mass destruction;

- c. Make available terrorism preparedness and response training programs for all State and local agencies, and;
 - d. Support local terrorism preparedness training programs.
2. Under the coordination of the Florida Division of Emergency Management, the following State agencies are responsible for the indicated components of the statewide terrorism preparedness and response-training program:
- a. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is responsible for direction and coordination of the State and local training curricula for law enforcement, cyber terrorism response, security, and evacuation traffic control operations;
 - b. The Florida Department of Military Affairs, the Florida National Guard, is responsible for direction and coordination of the training of Florida guardsmen, the WMD Civil Support Team, the Computer Emergency Response Team, and search and rescue personnel in terrorism incident awareness and response;
 - c. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is responsible for direction and coordination of training for State environmental protection officers in terrorism awareness and response, as well as for remediation of environmental damage caused by the use of a weapon of mass destruction;
 - d. The Florida Department of Health is responsible for direction of terrorism awareness and response training programs for State personnel, local health officials, and medical facility staff, as well as for the training of laboratory personnel;
 - e. Each lead agency of a State emergency support function is responsible for direction and coordination of the training of state and local personnel in that function as it relates to terrorism preparedness and response, and;
 - f. The Florida Department of Insurance, Division of State Fire Marshall, is responsible for directing and coordinating State and local training curriculum for fire service personnel.

III. Training Exercises

This section defines the State program for training exercises in terrorism incident response.

A. Objectives for the State Exercise Program

1. Statewide terrorism incident response exercises will be designed to test and practice one or more of the following:
 - a. The State's key roles in terrorism crisis and consequence management;
 - b. Detection, assessment, notification, and classification of a terrorist event;
 - c. Deployment and operations of Regional Domestic Security Task Forces, the Florida National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team, and Computer Emergency Response Teams;
 - d. The State's role in a Unified Command at the scene with local and Federal agencies;
 - e. Ability of the Regional Domestic Security Task Forces to respond to and support local authorities;
 - f. The operational communication interfaces between state, local and Federal operational centers, and;
 - g. Practice of selected state operations to respond to the use of a weapon of mass destruction, such as search and rescue, intelligence gathering, cyber technology, mass casualty management, decontamination, media management, and other issues.
2. The Division will encourage county and municipal jurisdictions to cooperate with and participate in these exercises and will participate in and support local exercises.

B. Schedule for State Exercises

1. The schedule for State terrorism response exercises will be as follows:
 - a. An exercise will be held annually;
 - b. The exercise type will alternate between table top and functional, with utilization of Federal assets, and;
 - c. Each exercise will involve the jurisdictions, agencies, and organizations in at least one Division of Emergency Management Area.
2. A coordinated state response to a terrorist incident may be substituted for the annual statewide exercise.

C. Exercise Documentation

1. The Florida Division of Emergency Management will prepare a formal written critique, after each statewide exercise. The critique will be made available to all State agencies and local governments within 60 days of the last day of the exercise.
2. A formal, written critique of an actual response to a major terrorism incident will also be prepared and distributed as with a statewide exercise.