

Products from the Southwest Center for Advanced Public Health Practice (Tarrant County APC):

Designing, Implementing, and Evaluating a Public Health Exercise - A Dirty Bomb Disaster: This DVD-based interactive training course is designed to assist public health and emergency management professionals in designing and conducting a full-scale disaster exercise. The DVD includes footage detailing Tarrant County's full-scale dirty bomb disaster drill, conducted in Texas during November 2004. The tool also includes an interactive training manual as well as a chapter-based lecture series focused on the design and evaluation components of a public health exercise.

NEDSS at a Crossroads: CDC and States Explore Promising New Directions: This project shares insight on the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS) project, which is advancing rapidly through a critical time in its evolution. See where the program has been and is headed by reading the results of summer 2007 interview with Scott Danos, who leads development of the NEDSS project as Senior Advisor in the Division of Integrated Surveillance Systems and Services (DISSS) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Also included is an interview with the NEDSS Coordinator in Texas (Doug Hamaker) and other valuable supporting materials.

Planning and Implementing a Public Health Exercise for Radiological Events: An Exercise Guide: This exercise guide provides guidance on performing one of the most critical but often neglected aspects of public health readiness: the operations-based or test exercise for an incident involving radioactive agents such as a radioactive dispersion device or so-called "dirty bomb." The guide contains planning and training resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Energy Websites; it also contains a 17 minute video overview of Tarrant County's November 2004 full-scale dirty bomb disaster drill. Use this as a didactic piece along with the DVD: "Designing, Implementing, and Evaluating a Public Health Exercise – A Dirty Bomb Disaster."

Responding to Chemical/Radiological Terrorism: Training Manual: This three-volume set provides training and tutorial material for awareness level training on how to respond to incidences involving nuclear, radiological or chemical weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Contributors are government, university, and private foundation sources specializing in WMD emergency preparedness. The material is targeted to public health staff, medical ER staff, and fire/first responders; there's also a training section for trainers. Tutorial tests also provided and may be submitted to the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center for CME/CEU credits.

Responding to Chemical and Radiological Disasters – A Self-Paced Training Course: This is an interactive CD training tool targeted to public health and healthcare professionals. It is organized along two basic learning tracks starting with the basics of radiation and toxicology, followed by the role of public health in radiological disasters, and more detailed training on radiological and chemical incidents. All-hazards modules introducing mass triage, decontamination and the use of personal protective equipment are also included. The CD contains supplemental videos and additional training resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and OSHA.

Preparing Your Business for Emergencies, Natural and Man-Made Disasters: This CD-ROM toolkit assists administrators of small- to mid-sized businesses in preparing for emergencies and disasters. It includes a 10-question self-assessment, emergency preparedness plan forms, educational presentations, disaster scenario and exercise, videos and additional resources. The materials were created from various government and university sources specializing in the topic areas. Topics covered include developing an emergency plan; evacuation and in-place protection; choosing a recovery location; communications; preparing for specific disasters; computer and data security; personal preparedness at home (training for employees); volunteer opportunities; and decision-making in a disaster.

PPE, Decontamination, and Mass Triage – A Short Course: This DVD training tool provides introductory-level and refresher training for public health and healthcare providers responding to mass casualty incidences (MCI) involving hazardous agents. It's based on the National Disaster Life Support Foundation NDLS-Decon training, a two-day training course offered by the NDLSF National Training Center. Didactic and disaster exercise videos show: 1) proper use of medical Level C personal protective equipment, 2) mass casualty triage, and 3) setup/takedown of a field decontamination unit that might be used for a chemical or radiological disaster. The DVD-ROM provides resource links for readiness assessments for health departments and their communities for chemical and radiological preparedness and other resources. The DVD is not a substitute for hands-on training nor does it result in NDLS-D or haz-mat certification.



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