Counterterrorism Incident Command

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Review the consequences of WMD Terrorism and identify appropriate tools available to government at many levels for minimizing adverse affects on a population at risk and enabling effective crisis and consequence management. The course will review the processes and challenges inherent in the command and control of responding agencies and their integration under the provisions of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) through the implementation of Incident and Unified Command. The organization, roles and responsibilities of the principal government agencies involved in domestic antiterrorist activities will be examined outlining their responsibilities in the pursuit of effective crisis and consequence management. Risk management and potential counter-measures for government agencies will be discussed in the context of WMD Terrorism and present opportunities for critical public health infrastructure planning against biological and chemical threats examined. Development of effective counter-terrorism action plans using exercises and after action evaluation will be discussed and useful processes & techniques during the planning, execution, evaluation and exploitation phases discussed. The topics covered in this course include:

Learning Objectives

- Describe the background of WMD Terrorism and identify its potential consequences
- Identify the guiding principles of effective counter-terrorism weapons of mass destruction (WMD) planning & action
- Describe the challenges of command and control in context of the National Incident Management System
- Discuss the roles of organizations and individuals in the process of incident management
- Describe the functions and capabilities of the Hospital Emergency Incident Command System (HEICS)
- Describe the process of Unified Command and the integration and roles of responding governmental and non-governmental agencies
- Describe the constituent processes involved in crisis and consequence management and identify potential federal sources of local agency support
- Outline some effective risk mitigation policies and procedures applicable to WMD Terrorism
- Describe the design of effective counter-terrorism exercises and operations, including planning, execution, evaluation and exploitation.

Competencies

- Describe the chain of command in emergency response
- Recognize unusual events that might indicate an emergency and describe appropriate action (to activate response plan)

* Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness

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