Planning, Implementation and Exploitation of a Field Exercise

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Using the examples of field exercises Lifesaver 2004 & 2005, the course will discuss the principles of counter-terrorist preparation and incident command leading to outcome oriented exercises. The planning, execution, evaluation and exploitation of actual field exercises are reviewed. The execution of delta analysis is covered to identify and acquire initial operational capability, and to apply available resources in an economic fashion in professionally achieving and expanding selected operational goals. The topics covered in this course include:

**Learning Objectives**

Module 1: LIFESAVER 2004
- Explain the vision of desired outcomes for mass casualty planning and the origins and purpose of the LIFESAVER exercises

Module 2: Introduction
- Name the principles for designing effective consequence management against terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction (WMD)

Module 3: Planning
- List the challenges and elements of command and control during terrorist WMD events

Module 4: Execution
- Describe the elements of planning for broadly based WMD exercises

Module 5: Evaluation and Exploitation
- Name the most important aspects of exercise execution in broadly based WMD exercises using the LIFESAVER model

Module 6: Observations
- Describe the purposes, players and processes for evaluation of WMD exercises using the LIFESAVER model

Module 7: Exploitation
- Explain the importance and methodology for effective exploitation of exercises using the LIFESAVER model

Module 8: Follow Through
- Describe the follow-up of field exercises

Module 9: Lessons Learned – LIFESAVER 2005
- Describe the planning and implementation of LIFESAVER 2005

Module 10: Issues
- List the significant findings of LIFESAVER 2005

Module 11: LIFESAVER 2005
- Name some of the significant remaining issues and challenges resulting from the LIFESAVER exercises

**Competencies**
- Apply creative problem solving and flexible thinking to unusual challenges within his/her functional responsibilities and evaluate effectiveness of all actions taken.

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