

Spring 2021 After Action Report Citywide Deployment Exercise

The Spring 2021 CDE was held on May 15 from 10AM to 1PM. Due to COVID restrictions, this was the second CDE to be held on Zoom. Teams were each assigned to a breakout room. Smaller teams were combined in order to allow for a more robust experience.

Twelve teams had a Proctor. We had hoped to have a Proctor for each breakout room, but did not have enough people sign up. Our Proctors were fellow NET members and CERT members from other jurisdictions. They had a review sheet, which meant that all teams were evaluated on the same criteria.

ITL was introduced to team at beginning of exercise
11 out of 12

Team members were "signed in"
7 out of 12

Team members signed out
6 out of 12

Command structure established
12 out of 12

ARO checked in with Resource Net
11 out of 12

ITL reviewed information with team members before deploying
12 out of 12

Morgue established (one patient died in the scenario)
8 out of 12

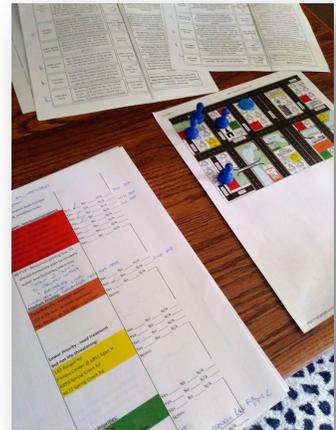
Strike teams deployed
12 out of 12

Used Boy Scouts as SUVs
10 out of 12

Had teams do an FRS radio check before deploying on assignments
8 out of 12

SUVs were always paired with trained NETs
10 out of 12

ITL was aware of team member locations
12 out of 12



The exercise design included addresses with various hazards and/or injured. They ranged from urgent, medium priority, lower priority and lowest priority. The exercise designer lists the addresses in the order of priority.

Most Urgent

150 SW 66th Pl
9 out of 12

6650 Furth St
7 out of 12

6779 Egan St
9 out of 12

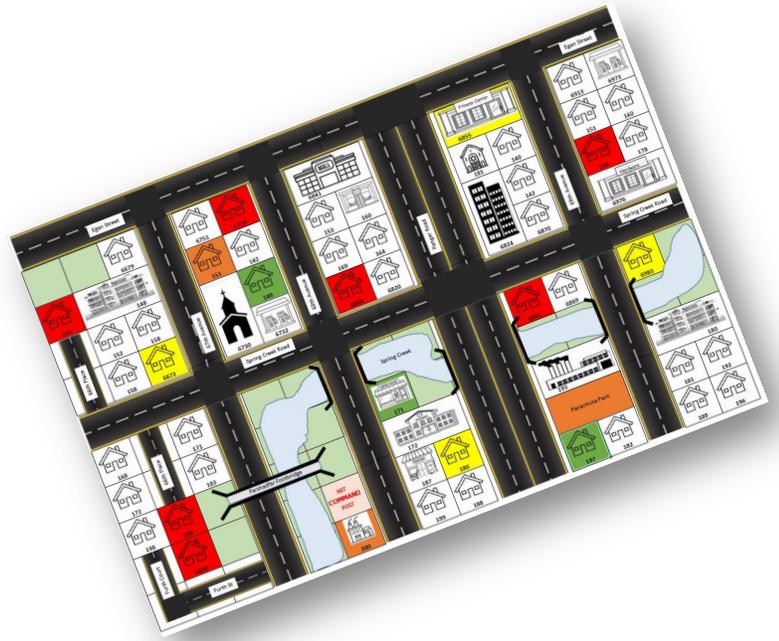
190 66th Pl
8 out of 12

6818 Spring Creek Rd
8 out of 12

159 69th Ave
8 out of 12

6855 Spring Creek Rd
9 out of 12

Resources getting low – water and batteries
8 out of 12



Medium Priority

Parachute Park
7 out of 12

161 67th Ave
5 out of 12

T&J Plastics
3 out of 12

Lower Priority

180 Ranger Road
3 out of 12

6855 Egan – Fitness Center
2 out of 12

6983 Spring Creek Rd
3 out of 12

6672 Spring Creek Rd
2 out of 12

Lowest Priority

197 Ranger Rd
2 out of 12

148 68th Ave
2 out of 12

171 68th Ave - Coffee Shop
3 out of 12



Other notes, by proctors

One team did not respond to any of the addresses

Four teams only responded to the most urgent addresses

Three teams only responded to the most urgent and medium priority addresses

Four teams responded to all priority level, but not every address within those groups

Teams adapted well to the virtual format. Some teams used their phones as if they were FRS radios. One team used a conference call as their radio hub. A few teams spoke in their breakout room as if they were on FRS radios.

Most teams assigned names to strike teams and maintained those throughout the exercise. One team renamed the strike teams with each assignment.

One team had a newer team join them and assigned shadowing positions. Great training idea.

We had 283 NETs sign up to participate. Day of 218 participated. 125 participants completed the feedback survey. Feedback was based on a 1-5 scale 5 being the best. The overall score for the exercise was 3.81, broken down as:

The exercise was well structured and organized
3.86

The overall exercise was plausible and realistic
3.86

The individual scenarios were plausible and realistic.
3.83

The exercise will help me be a better NET member
4.08

I felt that my participation was valued and necessary
3.82

The Incident Team Leader (ITL) built a strong plan
3.43

The survey also asked respondents to indicate skills they would like to include in future CDEs. Overwhelming response was triage and how to keep track of team members during deployment. Those skills will be included in the Fall CDE on November 7, 2021 from 1-4PM. Format TBD. As of the writing of this report, the CDE will be a hybrid model with some teams participating in person at their staging area, while others may opt to participate on Zoom. In-person participation will be determined by the COVID risk at the time of the exercise. A final decision, if we need to go completely virtual again, will be announced at least two weeks prior to the exercise, unless circumstances dictate a shorter notification.

