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Things to remember...

- ►VHHA-MCI.org
- ▶RHCC Hotline 1-800-276-0683
- ▶VHASS.org
- ▶central-region.org
- ▶Stop the Bleed

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Exercise Overview

- ► Approximately three-hour continuous interactive tabletop exercise
- ► The exercise consists of:
 - ▶ Introductions
 - ► Three Modules
 - ▶ Debrief and Evaluation
- ▶ The scenario is plausible and events occur as they are presented
- ▶ There is no hidden agenda and there are no trick questions
- ▶ All players receive information at the same time

Scope

- ➤ The exercise includes discussions about public information sharing and communication processes.
- ▶ Focus on the role of your organization(s) in response to an active shooter, as well as coordination between regional and local level agencies.

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Core Capabilities

- Foundation for Healthcare and Medical Readiness
- Healthcare and Medical Response Coordination
- Continuity of Healthcare Service Delivery

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Objective one/Foundation for Healthcare and Medical Readiness

- ► Ensure that Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) are current and correct.
- ▶ Ensure that incident management and operational procedures have been exercised and documented.

Objective two/Healthcare and Medical Response Coordination

- ▶ Maintain situational awareness by gathering and sharing real-time information related to the emergency and the current state of the health care delivery system through coordination with the healthcare coalition.
- ▶ Exercise public information/warning functions along with utilizing the various forms of media to communicate.

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Objective three/Continuity of Healthcare Service Delivery

▶ Ensure key organization's functions are maintained throughout the emergency including the provision of care to existing and possibly new patients as well as staff and family members accompanying patients.

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Ground Rules

- ▶ Do NOT critique the scenario
- ▶ Draw from your previous experience
- ▶ Do NOT assume information
- ▶ Participation is encouraged
- ► The facilitator's job is to help *you* come up with solutions

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Module One Situation

- A maintenance staff member encounters a male in his 30's who is disheveled and appears agitated. He angrily tells the staff member that he is looking for someone, pushes the staff member to the ground, pulls a hand gun out of his pocket and shoots him before running into the building.
- He stops to jam the sliding doors shut using materials he pulled from his pockets.



Module One Situation

- ➤ Once he secures the door, the assailant pulls an assault style rifle from his coat.
- ▶ He walks down the hall pushing down people he encounters who are trying to avoid him, shoots them as he screams that he is looking for someone named Emily.

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Module One Situation

- ► As he approaches a group of residents the shooter opens fire, striking more residents.
- He continues moving towards the dining room area, where he encounters additional residents and staff members at the elevators. Again, he fires his weapon, hitting residents and staff members.
- ▶ He grabs two residents and pulls them into an adjoining room. He barricades the door and closes the blinds.

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Module One Key Issues

- ► Hostile intruder situation
- ▶ Unknown injuries
- ► Gunman takes two residents hostage.





Module Two Situation ▶ 8:35am ▶ Cardiac arrest call received ▶ 8:36am ▶ Local media is beginning to arrive on scene ▶ 9:00am ▶ Residents who are sheltering in place want more information about what to do ▶ Phone lines are overwhelmed ▶ 9:02am ▶ Medical emergency call received

Module Two Key Issues

- ► Ongoing hostage situation
- ► Multiple victims from the incident, coupled with other non-event related medical calls
- ▶ Information is needed to share with staff and the residential community
- ► Media is arriving on scene

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Module Three Situation

- Negotiations with the gunman continue until gunshots are heard in the barricaded room. SWAT Team members enter the room to find the gunman with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The two hostages appear to be unharmed.
- $\,\blacktriangleright\,$ All patients have been transported off site.
- Police are beginning their forensic investigation. Forensics advises it will be at least 24-48 hours before they complete their investigation and can turn the scene back over to the facility.
- Media inquiries are continuing, and national media has picked up the story.

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Module 3 Key Issues

- ▶ Incident is under control
- ▶ Forensics investigation begins
- ▶ Unknown when re-entry can occur
- ► Incident continues to attract media attention

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Hotwash and Closeout

- ► Three Ups and Three Downs
- ► Complete Participant Evaluation Form
- ► Full Scale Exercise to follow
- ► Additional Resources
 - https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?co de=IS-907
 - https://www.dhs.gov/cisa/active-shooterpreparedness

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