

MSPSA: USDA APHIS Resource Allocation & Area Command TTX



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Sponsor

- ▶ This table top exercise was a joint effort implemented by the MSPSA and the USDA APHIS VS. It was the first of a series of joint MSPSA-VS exercises identified in the VS National Training and Exercise Program (NTEP)



VS National Training and Exercise Program

<p>Event 3.1.2. Provide tabletop exercises (TTX) to evaluate the processes to request the support of a VS NIMT, integrate a VS NIMT with state resources, and transfer command between teams.</p>	<p>This event is a follow-up to the National IMT Transfer of Command SOP developed in FY 2015. Connected to Event 2.4.2</p>	<p>Conduct pilot TTX in one VS District FY 2017 Conduct TTXs in two VS Districts per year. FY 2018-FY 2019</p>
<p>Event 3.3.3. Conduct joint MSPSA and VS drills for area command and resource management during a multi-state FAD outbreak.</p>	<p>This event is a follow-up to FY 2015 event 3.3.2. Implementation of a drill will provide validation for this document.</p>	<p>FY 2017 Q3</p>
<p>Event 3.3.4. Develop and conduct a joint MSPSA and VS multi-day functional exercise for area command and resource management during a multi-state FAD outbreak.</p>	<p>This event is the final step for the project started in FY 2015 to develop a VS SOP for Area Command, and is a follow on to events 3.3.2 and 3.3.3.</p>	<p>FY 2018 Q3</p>
<p>Event 3.3.7. Develop materials and conduct TTX on Unified Command.</p>	<p>This is a follow-up to Event 3.1.10.</p>	<p>FY 2017 Q4</p>



Participants

- ▶ VS Surveillance, Preparedness, and Response (SPRS)
- ▶ VS Districts 3, 4 and 5
- ▶ Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin
- ▶ Counties and livestock trade associations



Scenario

- ▶ Three modules
- ▶ The first module examined resource management and Incident Command when FMD is in the US, but not close to the participating state. The second and third modules introduced FMD into the states.



Objectives

- ▶ Identify the responsibilities and authorities
- ▶ Demonstrate the capability to identify, request, deploy, track, redeploy and demobilize resources



Strengths

- ▶ Good participation
- ▶ Resource plans in place
- ▶ ICS understanding
- ▶ VS and the participating states plan to work in a Unified Command
- ▶ Local jurisdictions will support
- ▶ State emergency management understand resource tracking



Improvements

- ▶ The states were very interested in understanding the possible triggers for necessitating a change in the ICS structure
- ▶ States have a varying, and sometimes conflicting, understanding of the operation, and of the roles and responsibilities of a VS Unified Command



Improvements

- ▶ Plan to request support from local jurisdictions during a FAD response
- ▶ Few states had plans, polices or procedures to solicit, coordinate, deploy, track, demobilize, or reimburse industry support
- ▶ Unaware of the procedures and processes associated with requesting support from VS



Objective

- ▶ Identify the process for interfacing state resource management systems with VS' EMRS



Strengths

- ▶ USDA provided a detailed description of how EMRS can be used to track resources and maintain a common operating picture
- ▶ EMRS appears to have a robust capacity to document and report on incident response actions and resource management
- ▶ VS provides just-in-time training in EMRS and support personnel to impacted states



Improvements

- ▶ The states use a variety of software systems for incident and resource tracking
 - ▶ State data must be downloaded into a format acceptable to EMRS for upload, or the data have to be manually input into EMRS



Objective

- ▶ Demonstrate consistent communication across all levels of the response



Strengths

- ▶ VS Districts and National Incident Management Teams, if deployed, will work with the states in a Unified Command
- ▶ States have engaged in cross-border movement control



Improvements

- ▶ Local jurisdictions have little or no understanding of their role
- ▶ States need to conduct planning and further policy development for cross border movement controls



Next Steps

- ▶ Functional exercise - May 2018
- ▶ Activities will be open to states and districts interested in participating and willing to commit the financial and personnel resources necessary to successfully engage in the project activities



Thank you

Points of Contact

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QUESTIONS?

