

Operation Safe Corridor 2017 Full Scale Exercise Facts

- The NC Triangle Coalition will undertake a full-scale exercise (FSE) in March 2017.
- The overarching goal of this exercise is to evaluate the integration of patients that were forced to evacuate from eastern NC due to a major hurricane into the existing central NC healthcare infrastructure. The expected outcome of this exercise will be to test the recently completed NC Triangle Coalition Support Plan, as well as substantiate the need to continue to develop a regional coordination plan.
- Healthcare organizations and agencies in the 21 local jurisdictions within the Triangle Coalition are invited to participate.
- The exercise scenario is a “follow-on” to an evacuation exercise conducted among the eastern NC Healthcare Coalitions (EHPC and SHPR). A major hurricane has forced the evacuation of healthcare facilities in eastern NC.
- Agencies and jurisdictions may incorporate other objectives to meet their needs but the planning team may not be able to assist with the evaluation of these additions.
- Prior to this exercise, a tabletop exercise was conducted in January 2016 and a series of ongoing training sessions concerning the use of WebEOC and NCSMARTT are currently being offered. Controller / Evaluator training will be offered in the fall. The full scale exercise will build on the outcomes of the preceding events and will allow us to assess the actions taken to remedy gaps previously identified.
- Exercise activities are grouped based on the three available participation levels: Drill, Functional, and Full Scale.
- To participate at any level, organizations must submit an Extent of Participation Agreement that outlines their specific exercise level and activity. This document should contain information on how they will cooperate and integrate with other organizations.
- The exercise will generally work from the scenario and timeline already established in the previous tabletop and functional exercises. The scenario will be provided to all participants prior to the exercise date.
- A pre-exercise survey will be distributed to all participating agencies to validate the level of planning that has been completed. This information will be provided to the exercise evaluators.
- Agencies must participate in the after action review to be included in the final AAR report.
- Exercise Evaluation Guides have been developed so there is a consistent standard against which all agencies and jurisdictions will be measured. Controller / Evaluator training will be made available to all participants.
- Participating agencies and jurisdictions will be provided copies of the After Action Report and Improvement Plan from the Operation Safe Corridor tabletop and functional exercises.