

Vigilant Guardian 2017 After Action Report

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Exercise Overview



Vigilant Guardian Exercise Flow



Vigilant Guardian Exercise 2017 Map



After Action Report Summary

Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection (PRND)

Areas of Strength

- 1. Participants performed patrol, wide-area search, and choke point operations.
- 2. Participants adjudicated a radiation alarm involving a suspicious material.
- 3. Radioisotope identification was performed with all suspicious sources.
- 4. Fixed and rotary wing aircraft successfully performed the PRND mission.

Areas of Improvement

Participants exhibited:

- 1. Limited experience with creating or operating an Area Command.
- 2. Limited experience with planning for or directing an enhanced steady state operation.
- 3. Limited experience with operating with other primary and secondary screeners in enhanced steady state or radiological/search operations.
- 4. Limited proficiency in the performance of secondary screening and/or technical reach back.

After Action Report Summary

Radiological Nuclear Incident Response-Consequence Management (RNIR-CM)

Areas of Strength

- 1. First responders notified detection of radiation at the incident.
- 2. First responders promptly performed search & extraction of survivors in radiation field.
- 3. Incident Commander vetted presence of radiation with HazMat professionals.
- Emergency managers properly implemented their role per radiological dispersal devices (RDD) planning guidance.
- 5. Hospital plan properly implemented to receive radiologically contaminated survivors.

Areas of Improvement

- Update response policies and procedures to better guide public safety agencies following an RDD detonation.
- 2. Procure and implement regional distribution strategy for radiation detection and/or survey equipment to better support first responder and receiving hospital staff response operations.
- 3. Implement regional training and exercise schedule to sustain RNIR-CM proficiency standards.

Improvement Plan Summary

PRND

- 1. Provide customized PRND ICS position specific training.
- 2. Conduct regular primary and secondary PRND screening drills.
- 3. Establish annual team operations, team leader, and maritime PRND operations courses.
- 4. Distribute PRND job-aids and quick reference cards.
- 5. Include PRND tactics in annual tabletop and full scale exercises.
- 6. Practice steady state surge operations using the DNDO's Mobile Detection Deployment Units (MDDU).

RNIR-CM

- 1. Update RNIR-CM guidance for first responders, emergency managers, PIOs, public health professionals and receiving hospitals.
- 2. Procure and implement regional distribution strategy for:
 - a) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for first responders and the public.
 - b) Radiation detection and/or survey equipment for first responders.
 - c) Decontamination equipment for hospitals.
- 3. Provide regular RNIR-CM training and exercises, job-aids and quick reference cards.



Questions ?

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