



## **Training & Exercise Compendium**

Fiscal Year 2022, Quarter 3

(January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022)



## Purpose -----

Following the strategy laid out in the County Emergency Management Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) for Fiscal Year 2022, this quarterly compendium will detail the events that were hosted, what opportunities did not take place and why, and what is to come in the coming quarter(s).

## Quarter 3 Overview -----

The County Training and Exercise Program kicked back into gear during Quarter 3 following the steady transition away from full pandemic response from the MCEM. The MCEM were able to host approximately 70% of the training and exercise events listed in the current County IPP. The County hosted seven (7) Incident Command System (ICS) courses this quarter, and continues to prioritize them moving into Quarter 4. The program also hosted six (6) exercise events that engaged approximately 138 individuals from around Multnomah County, the Portland Metropolitan Region, and our State and Federal government partners.

### A. Trainings

The training program really took off during the beginning of 2022. The MCEM hosted a couple ICS 300 and 400 offerings, coordinated independent study completion of ICS 100 and 700, and continues to see encourage shelter-related training be completed by staff. The MCEM is also hosting five (5) All-Hazards Position Specific Training course throughout 2022, to include: Logistics Lead, Operations Lead, Division/Group Supervisor, Planning Section Lead, and Unified Command. Some training numbers are listed below:

| <b>ICS-100: An Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS)</b>              |           |           |           |        |                |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------|
| FY '21 Q4   | FY '22 Q1 | FY '22 Q2 | FY '22 Q3 | Total* | % County Staff |
| 6   | 4         | 5         | 14        | 286    | 5.1%           |
| <b>ICS-700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)</b> |           |           |           |        |                |
| FY '21 Q4   | FY '22 Q1 | FY '22 Q2 | FY '22 Q3 | Total* | % County Staff |
| 3   | 4         | 6         | 12        | 236    | 4.2%           |
| <b>Disaster Resource Center (DRC) Online Training</b>                             |           |           |           |        |                |
| FY '21 Q4   | FY '22 Q1 | FY '22 Q2 | FY '22 Q3 | Total* | % County Staff |
| 3   | 10        | 55        | 34        | 499    | 8.9%           |
| <b>ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents</b>                          |           |           |           |        |                |
| FY '21 Q4   | FY '22 Q1 | FY '22 Q2 | FY '22 Q3 | Total* | % County Staff |
| --  | --        | --        | 24        | 81     | 1.4%           |

| ICS-400:  |           |           |           |        |                |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------|
| FY '21 Q4 | FY '22 Q1 | FY '22 Q2 | FY '22 Q3 | Total* | % County Staff |
| --        | --        | --        | 10        | 42     | 0.7%           |

\*Total represents the number of County personnel taken from our Learning Management System.

## B. Exercises

Multnomah County maintained an active exercise program, hosting and participating in the following six (6) emergency preparedness and response-related exercise events:

### January 26 - Statewide Communications Drill

Participants: 3 (MultCo)

Overview: This statewide communications drill combined testing 911 and EOC back-up communications methods capabilities during January 2022. The Multnomah County EOC practiced using commercial VHF and 800 mhz radios to contact the Oregon State ECC and regional Portland Metropolitan Area jurisdiction using commercial VHF radio systems. This exercise confirmed the interoperability of some regional frequencies, and identified others that saw communication challenges.

### January 31: Fuel Plan Seminar

Participants: 34

Overview: Multnomah County hosted a Fuel Plan Seminar on Monday, January 31, to build awareness of the plan's contents for countywide partners. This event included 17 different organizations and included a detailed DRAFT Plan overview, discussion of tiered next steps, and hearing from the Oregon Department of Energy.

### February 24: County Damage Assessment Re-Engagement Seminar

Participants: 21

Overview: MCEM hosted our second seminar event of 2022, re-engaging local partners with the 2018 Multnomah County Damage Assessment Plan. This two-hour event engaged 16 different local organizations and shared the purpose, scope, goals, concept of operations, and anticipated next steps related to the current Damage Assessment Plan.

### March 8: 3Q22 Countywide Radio Drill (Radio Drill SOP)

Participants: 26

Overview: The third quarter radio drill of Fiscal Year 2022 included 26 county-wide partners practicing the MCEM Tactical Communications Plan. Drill participation was at 46% of expected participants, remaining the same as 2Q22 drill in December 2021.

### **March 14-16: Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC)**

The MCEM and Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) collaborated to host an IEMC event during March 2022. This event was originally scheduled for March 2020, but canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This event brought together over 70 individuals from 40 different local agencies to engage in 24 hours of training and exercise events. Presentation materials, presentation recordings, and workshop notes can be accessed through Dropbox ([Link](#)). The two workshop events integrated into the IEM are listed in more detail below.

### **March 15: Workshop #1 at IEMC Damage Assessment / Windshield Assessment**

Participants: 34

Overview: The first exercise component of the IEMC was a windshield assessment workshop related to damage assessment operations. This exercise sought to expand local knowledge on windshield assessment capabilities and expectations from county-wide partners. The notes from this 4-hour workshop can be found here ([link](#)). The workshop themes included:

- Organizations use differing terms for damage assessment operations that will need to be defined and clarified locally,
- Desire for an information sharing tool available to all local partners to improve information sharing, to include damage assessment data, and
- Local partners are at different stages of preparing for windshield assessment operations, however the expectation of responsibilities was clear to each organization.

### **March 16 - Workshop #2 at IEMC: Community Point of Distribution (CPOD)**

Participants: 30

Overview: The second exercise component of the IEMC was a CPOD workshop to re-introduce the topic locally and discuss the capabilities and expectations for operations sites in Multnomah County. FEMA Region X presented a CPOD overview and the history of them being used in the Pacific Northwest (no specific instances outside healthcare), and the participants discussed their likely roles/responsibilities to support CPOD locations. The workshop themes included:

- This was the first time in a while CPOD operations were considered, and while specific plans/processes are not currently written there is a lot of experience locally with the expected operations (distributing food and water),
- We need to consider where CPOD locations would be locally, however the two groups had some potential sites,
- The understanding for how to supply a CPOD is still unclear during a Cascadia Subduction Zone scenario where our supply chains may be completely shattered.

## What we Missed Out On -----

The events and projects listed below are taken from *Appendix A: Training & Exercise Schedule* in the County Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP). The schedule is updated to reflect training and exercise events that come up throughout the year. Those events and projects we weren't able to accomplish during Quarter 3 were:

- A. Disaster Resource Center/Shelter Coordinator Training: Due to the two shelter activations and After-Action Processes taking place during Quarter 3, Multnomah County was unable to host a DRC Coordinator Training.
  - Next Step – Prioritizing Curriculum Review During Quarter 4: The DCHS and MCEM plans to review the current DRC Coordinator Training course curriculum during Quarter 4, with the intent to host at least one (1) offering in the build-up to Summer 2022 potential activations
- B. Disaster Resource Center/Shelter Village Tabletop: This tabletop exercise was included as a build-up to the 2022 FEMA National-Level Exercise (NLE), with Mass Care and Sheltering being one of the topic areas to exercise. With the NLE's scope significantly reduced, this tabletop exercise was put on pause for quarter 3.
  - Next Step – Regional Catastrophic Mass Care Exercise Series (Winter 2022) The Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) is seeking to re-allocate funds dedicated to assisting local jurisdictions prepare for the 2022 FEMA NLE towards a regional exercise series this coming winter. This series would likely see three (3) discussion-based exercise events with the intent to build awareness, expectations, and capabilities around the topic.
- C. Introduction to Emergency Response (Internal County Training): This 4-hour course is the first step for a County employee to engage with the emergency management topic and learn about how they can become more involved. This course is currently being updated from the original title of "Deployment Basics", and that process was unable to be accomplished during Quarter 3.
  - Next Step – Curriculum Review During Quarter 4 (FY'22) for a Quarter 1 (FY'23) Offering: The MCEM Training & Exercise Specialist will continue to update this course with the goal of offering a course during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1 – September 30).
- D. Community Point of Distribution (CPOD) Training: While the participants who attended the March IEMC were provided a brief CPOD overview by FEMA Region X, the MCEM did not host a formal CPOD Training during Quarter 3.
  - Next Step – Determine CPOD Ownership: The March IEMC CPOD Workshop event helped countywide partners become more familiar with the expected operations and their potential roles. Countywide partners will next need to discuss who will take ownership for this program/plan moving forward – a program that will then offer topic-related training.

## What we Are Excited About -----

Listed below are the key training and exercise events the MCEM is focusing on for Quarter 4. A more complete list of upcoming training and exercise events can be found through the [MCEM Training Calendar](#), MCEM Monthly Newsletter, or outreach to the Training & Exercise Specialist (contact information at the end).

### A. Training(s)

#### 1. Disaster Resource Center (DRC) Coordinator Training

The MCEM will engage with DCHS to update the current DRC Coordinator Course in preparation for Summer 20202 potential activations.

#### 2. All-Hazards Position-Specific Courses:

The MCEM is hosting three (3) additional position-specific courses in Quarter 4. Those include:

- Operations Section Chief – April 12-15,
- Unified Command – May 2-6, and
- Logistics Section Chief – June 20-24

### B. Exercises

#### 1. Regional Catastrophic Disaster System of Medical Care Workshop (April 19)

The Health Preparedness Organization (HPO) is partnering with the MCEM to host a catastrophic workshop event. This event will help learn about efforts to develop a regional Catastrophic Disaster System of Medical Care Concept of Operations Plan, and learn local partners expected roles, existing plans, and identify gaps regarding how individuals may receive medical care within the first 2 weeks following a catastrophic earthquake.

#### 2. Port of Portland Triennial Exercise (May 18)

The Port is hosting their Triennial exercise in May of 2022 to practice a Family Reunification Center (FRC) in collaboration with regional partners. This exercise is primarily focused internal to the Port of Portland, however will include County participation with water rescue operations (MCSO), EOC engagement (MCEM), and FRC support (DCHS & MCHD).

#### 3. Cascadia-Related Discussion-Based Exercise Events (June 2022)

In-lieu of the 2022 FEMA NLE, the MCEM will be hosting a number of discussion-based exercise events during June 2022. The specific scope for these events are not final, additional details to come.

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