



KENTON COUNTY EOP INCIDENT SPECIFIC PLAN HOMELAND SECURITY PLAN – APPENDIX 4

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BIOLOGICAL TERRORISM RESPONSE

I. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

- A. There is a threat of a biological attack by a terrorist(s). The ability of terrorists to obtain and use a biological agent as an etiological weapon requires sophisticated scientific skills that may not be readily available. This may be overcome by theft of biologically dangerous materials for weapons use.
- B. All threatened or suspected biological attacks must be treated as real attacks due to the damaging nature of the agents involved. These effects must not be underestimated and the handling of these incidents must involve all possible assets.
- C. These agents may be dispersed in the same manner as chemical agents and their ability to inflict a high number of casualties in enclosed areas make them especially viable as media events.

II. MISSION

- A. To provide for a response to the use, or threatened use, of a biological agent as an etiological weapon as an act of terrorism. In addition, to provide for the effective use of all available resources to contain the incident, reduce the casualty potential, and to address the effects of this type of attack.

III. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

- A. All incidents involving the use, or threatened use, of biological agents will be managed in accordance with the provisions of the Incident Command System (NIMS) and the Incident Commander will be responsible for coordinating the efforts of all responders in support of the lead local agency or lead Commonwealth agency, the Kentucky State Police (KSP) until any Federal response is initiated.
- B. Specific direction and expertise will be required from the Northern Kentucky Health Department and the Kentucky Department for Public Health in the initial assessment and medical services required for response. All area hospitals and other triage facilities will be mobilized in accordance with their existing emergency plans and the identification of the agent used will be a priority task.
- C. While biological agents are not the same as chemical agents, the procedure outlined for handling hazardous materials as set forth in the Hazardous Material Plan will be used until experts in biological response are able to communicate an alternative course of action.



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IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. Upon the report of a use or threatened use of a biological agent in a terrorist attack, the Kenton County Emergency Communications Center (KCECC) will notify Kenton County Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM) and the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KyEM). Local response will be based on the scale of the incident and resources available.
- B. All necessary assets will be mobilized to support life-saving and evacuation requirements in the initial response. Upon activation of the National Response Framework, local and state assets will act in support of the lead federal agency.
- C. The Department of Defense Bio-Chem Response Team will be activated in accordance with the procedures established by the task force established under the National Response Framework (NRF).
- D. The determination of the type of biological agent will be done as early in the incident as possible and may result from the NRF activation. This information will dictate the treatment of casualties and will be disseminated to supporting medical facilities through the command post as soon as possible.
- E. Important information regarding the biological threat will be collected using the format provided at TAB 3-2, Information to Be Reported.
- F. Response should be governed by the safety principles regarding time, distance, and shielding as set out in TAB 3-1.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

- A. Support of this operation will consist of all needed local and state agencies, in support of the Federal response.
- B. Resources committed to this response will be determined and used in accordance with the Basic Emergency Operations Plan.

VI. TABS

- 3-1 Time, Distance, And Shielding
- 3-2 Chemical / Biological Information to Be Reported