

Earthquake Tabletop Exercise After-Action January 6th, 2015

The following is a compilation of comments received after the Earthquake Tabletop Exercise held on January 6th, 2015. This was hosted at the Oklahoma City-County Health Department located on N.E. 63rd Street. The Oklahoma County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) coordinate this earthquake exercise and Lisa Kuefler facilitated. The exercise participants are listed below:

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| • M. Bower | Midwest City Emergency Mgmt | • B. Pintens | Edmond EM |
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| • R. Flurry | 63rd Civil Support Team/WMD | • M Shugart | Oklahoma City Community |
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| • B. Herb | 63rd Civil Support Team/WMD | • P. Soltani | City of OKC Utilities |
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| • D. Holland | OKC Public Works | • J. Thrash | Will Rogers World Airport |
| • T. Jester | OKC Police Dept | • J. Veach | OKC Public Works |
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| • L. Kuefler | Tinker AFB Emergency Mgmt | • C. Wiegman | OK Longterm Area Recovery |
| • J. Linn | City of OKC Utilities | • C. Wright | OKC FD-Special Operations |
| • M. Love | City of OKC Public Works | | |

The following information was compiled from the After-Action forms completed by the exercise attendees.

Strengths

- Team work and discussion
- Use of the Incident Command System (ICS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Life safety
- Working relationships between utilities
- Understanding of needs and priorities
- Overall insight, knowledge, and use of ICS
- Roles and responsibilities of Incident Commander (IC), Area Command, & Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC)
- Incident Management Team (IMT)/ Emergency Operations Center (EOC) interface
- Disaster recovery plans
- Understanding actual damage potential
- Participant experience in responding to other types of disasters
- Prioritizing actions to be taken in this type of disaster
- Working relationships with mutual aid partners
- Multiple response partners involved

Needs Improvement

- Do not forget critical elements
- Lack of knowledge on hazards following an earthquake
- Establish departmental contingency plans
- Need additional departments in attendance
- No EMS agency represented
- Lack of regional/county list of resources
- Lack of long term housing plan
- Familiarization with recovery plan
- Complacency
- Use of ICS and Incident Action Plans (IAP)
- Need a plan for a regional joint information center (JIC)
- Need established volunteer and donation plans in place
- Avoid reliance on cell phones for communication

Improvement Plan-Corrective Action Recommendations

- Continued exercise & training opportunities
- Progressive exercise program including: Seminar, tabletop, functional, and full scale exercises
- Develop a disaster recovery plan.
- Training from personnel experienced in this type of disaster
- Continue to train & respond with other community partners
- Need a contingency plan for communication
- Additional training with other department and agency players
- Do not become complacent with previous experiences and continue preparedness activities
- Continued training on ICS and the use of IAPs
- Compile regional/county list of resources
- Establish plan for regional JIC. Develop volunteer & donation plans
- Review Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) with all county players
- Conduct IMT/EOC Interface training
- Identify public health issues associated with earthquakes
- Keep coworkers & management team updated on incident
- Develop IAP's outlining roles & responsibilities
- Include members of city government in future exercises

General Comments

Thank you for allowing me to participate in the exercise. It was very informative. Very good exercise. Thanks for doing this. Much better multi-agency participation. Thanks to the LEPC for lunch. Nice flow on this exercise & good opportunity to network with "New Players". Most valuable part of exercise is the local participation. Really liked the seating arrangement for group discussions. Would have liked to see power company reps there. Would of liked to have had more discussion time within groups before reporting back to the main group. Very well organized. Exercise was well ran & contained enough info for group discussion. I don't like the round tables half of us had to have our backs to each other. Thanks for opportunity to attend feel this was very beneficial. More time to allow participant interaction and feedback. Please do more of these. Make sure to divide everyone up more. Really like this exercise. I was only PD in attendance with not an EM type job. Liked that it was a short exercise. Please move tables so all can see. Would have liked to see county sheriff in attendance. Have city leadership attend Mayor, city manager, council reps. Excellent exercise hope FEMA keeps them going.

Numerical Assessment of Exercise Design and Conduct.

Assessment Factor	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
1. Exercise well-structured & organized	0	1	3	23	11	1
2. Exercise scenario was realistic	0	1	7	15	15	1
3. Multimedia presentation helped in scenario	1	7	10	14	4	2
4. Facilitator was knowledgeable	1	0	1	11	24	2
5. Situation Manual was helpful	1	0	1	19	17	1
6. Participant for my position was right	1	0	3	12	22	1
7. This had the right people & disciplines	1	0	3	13	21	1

This After Action Report is submitted by David Ball, Emergency Management Director for Logan County. In reading over all the participant feedback forms I believe that the top three items needed are:

1. Continue the use of and training in ICS & NIMS to anyone and everyone that might be a part of a disaster.
2. Review all plans that are in place. Examples of but not just limited to EOP's, Debris plans, SOP's, SOG's
3. Would have really liked to have seen more disciplines in attendance for this.

In closing I would like to thank everyone that attended this exercise. I know that there was not a whole lot of advance notice that this was going to take place. The Christmas season had many out of their offices the last couple weeks of the year. I would encourage the ones in attendance to encourage those entities that could not attend this exercise to attend the next time. Overall I believe it was a great exercise. I am grateful for the Oklahoma County LEPC providing lunch and the Oklahoma City/County Health Department for hosting our group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Ball". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke under the "D".

David Ball