



The participants selected to attend the exercise should be based on the scope and type (e.g., seminar, workshop, tabletop) of exercise as well as the scenario and/or subject. For example, a tabletop exercise (TTX) with a scenario involving a biological agent should include participants from the medical and public health communities. An exercise involving an agricultural terrorism scenario should involve participants from the agricultural and veterinary fields. This list is not all-inclusive.

Local

Law Enforcement

- Bomb squad/special operations
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) field office
- Mutual aid
- Police department (e.g., patrol, investigations, evidence team)
- Sheriff's office

Fire/Hazardous Materials (HazMat)

- Command and line staff
- Fire department
- HazMat team
- Mutual aid

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

- Private
- Public

Medical

- Coroner or medical examiner
- Hospital administrators
- Hospital emergency department staff

Communications/Dispatch

- 9-1-1
- Dispatch

Emergency Management

- Emergency manager
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff
- Environmental quality/control
- Mayor's office
- Private sector
- Public affairs (e.g., public information officer [PIO])



- Public works
- Volunteer organizations (e.g., American Red Cross, The Salvation Army)

Public Health

- Administrator/manager for epidemiological laboratories (private)
- Administrator/manager for epidemiology
- Communicable diseases—epidemiologists/physicians
- Director of public health
- Health and human services (commissioned and noncommissioned)
- Hospital administration and emergency departments
- Infectious disease/pathology section representative
- Laboratory managers
- Medical examiner or coroner
- Poison control and toxicology
- Public health service

Policy and Government

- Elected/appointed officials and delegates

Agricultural Response

- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
- Area veterinarian in charge (AVIC)
- Board of animal health representative
- Foreign animal disease diagnostician (FADD)
- Veterinary reserve corps
- Veterinary diagnostic laboratory
- Veterinary services laboratory
- Veterinary Medical Assistance Team (VMAT)

State

- Agricultural/veterinary
- Emergency management
- Environmental quality/protection
- Law enforcement
- National Guard
- Port authority
- Public health department
- Public utilities and engineering
- State veterinarian
- Transportation



FEMA

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Federal

- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Military
- U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)