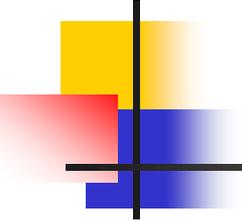




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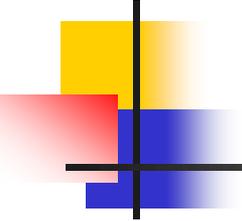
Tabletop Exercise  
Fire Down Under  
September 14, 2016



# Agenda

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# Why Choose a Tabletop Exercise?

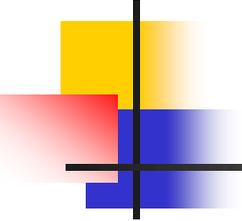
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- The focus of a tabletop exercise is to familiarize individuals with key roles, procedures and responsibilities.
- They are based on facilitated discussion and provide an opportunity for players to analyze emergency plans, policies and coordination issues.
- Enable managers/staff to review/ confirm methods for dealing with critical issues.

# Characteristics of a Tabletop Exercise

- Discussion-based.
- Facilitated group analysis of a situation.
- Conducted in an informal, low-stress environment.
- Designed for the examination of plans or policies, combined with problem solving.
- Usually deal with “what if” scenarios.
- Delivered within a structured framework.

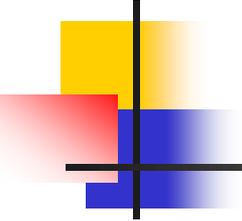




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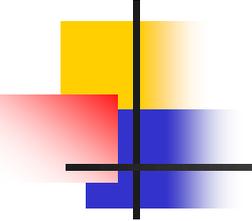
- Please turn off cell phones or set to vibrate.
- Everyone participates.
- No wrong answers.
- Everyone's opinion counts.
- Use existing policy/procedures as outlined in your emergency plans.
- Relax and Learn.



# Purpose

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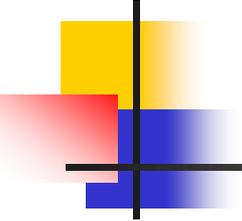
- To assist each player to understand their role in an emergency as well as the roles of other players and how each must work together.
- To examine the ability of the community's emergency response partners to assist in responding to a disaster event.
- To better enable MFN employees to prepare for and manage a disaster event.



# Objectives

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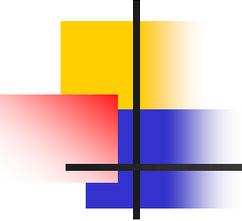
- To examine the level of knowledge each player has regarding their own resources and the resources/expertise of other players.
- To identify /confirm roles and responsibilities related to emergency/disaster response.
- To identify and prioritize emergency response activities (setting up EOC, medical response etc).
- To familiarize players with notification protocols and decision making processes e.g., activating EOC, using Incident Command System.



# Scope

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- This exercise will examine how the community of Conne River will coordinate and manage a multi-causality response event which impacts the Small Craft Harbor site as well as residents living in the area.
- This exercise will also identify resources/expertise within/external to the community and how they will coordinate a disaster response which will require medical, fire, police, DFO, environmental involvement. Consideration will also be given to evacuation requirements for residents.



# Scenario

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- On Monday, October 17, 2016 at 0930 hours an NFL Shore Support employee hears an explosion in the area where fishing vessels are tied up. Upon hearing the explosion he runs to the marina and sees fire and billowing smoke from the quarterdeck of one of the vessels. The explosion is heard around the harbor.
- An initial report indicates that the fire resulted from an explosion and it quickly spread

# Scenario (Con't)

throughout the lower and upper decks of the vessel.

- It is reported that the vessel has a captain and crew of four (4) onboard. The captain and a crew member tried to contain the fire, they were unsuccessful and now there is a risk that the fire will spread to the other two vessels which are tied up next to the burning vessel.

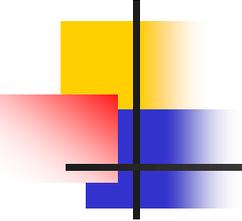


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- The presence of diesel and gasoline tanks and pumps adjacent to the wharf creates an additional concern.





# Scenario Discussion Points

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- What actions would need to be taken immediately?
- Who undertakes those actions?
- Who is responsible for ensuring these actions take place?
- If that person/s is not available, who is the designated alternate? Are people aware who the designate alternates are?

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- At 0942 hours the RCMP & Fire Dept arrive at the scene. They advise the Emergency Medical Responders that the captain, who initially tried to extinguish and contain the fire, appears to be fine, except for minor cuts & bruises.
- However, when the captain engaged the vessels CO2 system (fire extinguishment system) one crew member inhaled the CO2 and is coughing and presenting some breathing issues.



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- A third crew member jumped off the vessel into the bay and swam to safety. He has minor injuries and appears to be in shock.
- The fourth crew member is currently unaccounted for.
- The vessel fire is not under control and fuel is leaking into the bay.



# Discussion Points

- Who else needs to be informed of the situation at this point? (Internal and external to MFN Gov't).
- What are the concerns regarding safety? (e.g., removal of causalities and EMR's).
- How are these concerns being addressed?
- What preparation is needed to triage and transport causalities?
- What, if any preparation, has taken place since the initial notification call?
- What resources are needed for response?



# Discussion Points (Con't)

- Given the impact that the fire/smoke/fumes is having on life safety, environment, nearby residents, traffic flow etc. How will the MFN Government/community effectively coordinate a multi-agency response?
- Who /how will this coordination be achieved?



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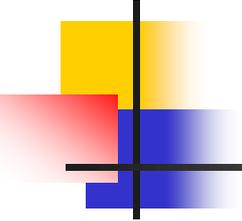
- At 1015hrs information on the explosion has been reported on social media. Much of the information is exaggerated resulting in many individuals arriving at the scene frantic.
- CBC and NTV news have contacted the Chief and requested information. They said that their reporters were in route to the community.
- Fuel is now visible on the surface of the bay.
- Road closure is posing some problems for residents. Evacuation of affected area is an issue.



# Discussion Points (Con't)

- What resources are needed for response?
- Will the EOC be activated to coordinate and organize all resources?
- What is the process dealing with media inquiries?
- Who/how will spill issues, road closure be addressed?
- If residents have to be evacuated, who will develop and oversee plan for this?

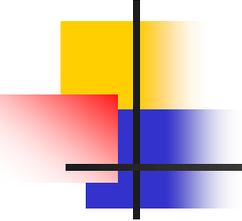




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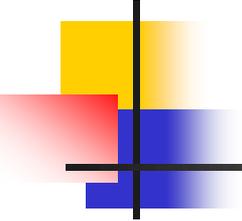
- At 1045hrs the Fire Dept provides an update to advise that they continue to work on bringing fire under control.
- EMR's have transported one crew member to St. Alban's Clinic and two to CNRHC, GFW as their injuries were more serious. The fourth crew member is still unaccounted for. Diver's have been called in to search the bay area.
- Family members have been notified of crew members conditions.



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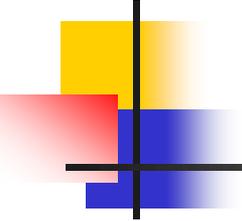
- What is the procedure for causality transport to St. Alban's Clinic, CNRHC? Who would coordinate?
- What other internal departments or external agency's would be involved at this point? (Fire Dept's, DFO, Envirement, etc).
- What factors would have to be considered in determining potential resident evauation?
- Is there a requirement to have a psychosocial response team deployed to support families and responders?



# Scenario (Con't)

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- At 1115 hrs the fire is brought under control. One vessel is completely destroyed while two others sustained damages. Fire fighters remain at scene.
- Body of missing crew member is found.
- Smoke/fumes is no longer an issue.
- Road has been reopened.
- Environmental impact is being accessed.
- Fuel/debris in bay is somewhat contained in the bay. Employees still working on this.
- Media is still in community.

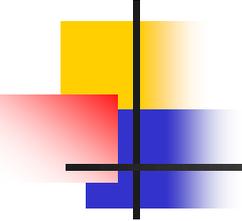


# Discussion Points (Con't)

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Recovery is a key component of Disaster Emergency Management.

- What are some of the priority recovery efforts that should take place pertaining to this exercise? Who would lead these efforts?
- Would the EOC remain active during the recovery stage? If so, would it be fully operational, or continue on an ad hoc basis?
- After a disaster, would a debriefing be scheduled? Who would be invited to participate?

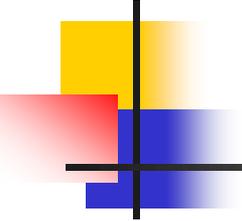


# Exercise Conclusion

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- Emergency Planning is a continuous process and is an investment that often is not realized until an incident happens.
- Departments/agencies must work together to share skill sets.
- There is only one thing more difficult than planning for an emergency – and that is having to explain why you didn't.



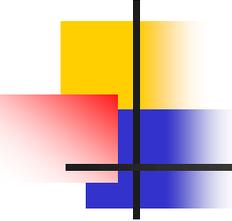


# Questions????

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- Are there any other issues that you have identified that should be addressed?

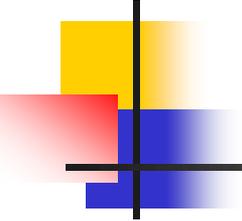




# Exercise Debriefing

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- Rules:
  - Be nice
  - Don't throw pens or sharp objects
  - Be open and honest
  - Be brief



Thank – You!!

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