



EMERGENCY



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# Targeted Violence Mass Casualty Hospital Response Workshop Series

## BACKGROUND

The **Targeted Violence Mass Casualty Hospital Response Workshop Series** is focused on helping to improve the coordination within and across hospitals' response against a complex coordinated terrorist attack (CCTA) or other violence-related mass-casualty incident. Today's security landscape has shown that perpetrators of mass-violence incidents have a wide variety of means and tactics, such as vehicle ramming, edged-weapon attacks, firearms, and explosives, to inflict maximum harm on large numbers of people. While most hospitals have an emergency operations plan or mass-casualty incident plan in place to respond to mass-casualty events, these plans are often not designed to deal with the unique patient treatment requirements and fluid security situations present with targeted violence mass-casualty incidents.

This workshop is designed, through a combination of briefings, facilitated peer group discussions, and plenary discussions, to help hospitals assess their current plans, identify issues and gaps, and establish solutions to improve medical outcomes.

## WORKSHOP STRUCTURE

The Targeted Violence Mass Casualty Hospital Response Workshop is a 1-day workshop that comprises briefings and facilitated discussions in breakout groups. A majority of the day will be spent in facilitated peer groups and plenary discussions around a presented scenario. Participants will be divided into two functional breakout groups: Operations and Senior Leadership. A team of healthcare subject matter experts and local facilitators will lead each breakout group by guiding discussions and assisting participants in identifying successful practices as well as gaps in planning, coordination, best practices, and current operational capabilities. Participants will engage in groups to identify issues and gaps, define success, and begin to develop strategies and next steps to further strengthen their preparedness posture.

## WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

This day-long interactive workshop is designed to improve your hospital's resilience against a targeted violence mass-casualty incident. It seeks to do the following:

- Identify gaps and areas for growth that could significantly improve the response to a complex CCTA or other violence-related mass-casualty incident;
- Understand the connectivity and communication between hospital systems;
- Increase institutional preparedness and operational response and recovery; and
- Strengthen and exercise relationships with response partnerships, share resources, and improve medical outcomes.

## HOST HOSPITAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The host will:

- Identify planning team who represent the hospital with a significant role in managing a mass-casualty incident;
- Identify and approve the list of attendees;
- Provide local input for scenario development;
- Secure a facility to accommodate the needs of the workshop (50–100 participants); and
- Provide any refreshments as desired.

## FEMA'S RESPONSIBILITIES

FEMA will:

- Manage all workshop administration and planning, including planning meetings and participant registration;
- Develop all workshop content, including but not limited to: scenario, and participant materials;
- Provide staff to facilitate plenary and breakout groups; and
- Deliver an After Action Report and/or key findings briefing, post-workshop.

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If your hospital or hospital system is interested in hosting this workshop, please reach out to [OITASupport@anl.gov](mailto:OITASupport@anl.gov).