RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (MEDS)
SUPPLY ASSETS

• Strategic National Stockpile
  • CHEMPACK

• Veterans Administration Supplies

• Providence Metropolitan Medical Response System Supplies

• Hospital HRSA grant and internal supplies

• Local Pharmaceutical Company Resources

• Others (?)
RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (MEDS) Exercise Program
Exercise Program

• Live events
  • Meningitis
  • Flu Clinics
  • Post Office planning (2001)

• Oct 2002 – Dispensing Clinic

• 2003 – Multi-part Exercise
  • August 2003 state-wide exercise w/TED deployment

• April 2004 & Nov 2004 – University of RI Dispensing Exercises

• Community, Hospital, DMAT exercises

• Winter 2005 Regional SNS exercise
RI MEDS Exercise 2003

SCENARIO: A deliberate communicable disease event is started in the state.

TIMELINE:
• 17 August – Deliberate release of agent
• 18/19 August – Patients begin to appear at area hospitals.
  Epidemiological Investigation (14 July table top)
  Public Information efforts (17 June table top)
  Lab Response (23 June Exercise)
• 19 August – Emergency recognized, investigation begun, emergency meeting at Health Dpt (16 July table top), MEDS activated, SNS requested, communications with partners. (Selected communications on or before 19 August)
• 20 August – Arrival of SNS. Training of local distribution sites.
• 21 August – Establishment of distribution clinics. Distribution of supplies.
RI MEDS Exercise
Main Participants

RI Department of Health, RIEMA, RI State Police, RI DOT, RI MHRH, RI National Guard

Salvation Army, Red Cross, RI Medical Reserve Corps, Hospital Association of RI

12 Hospitals, 10 Municipalities

Federal Resources – CDC, DHS (Boston), FEMA (Boston)

Multiple Evaluators from throughout the country

Multiple Observers from within and outside the state.
CONCEPT: Establish a dispensing site for a large population. Use the exercise as a training opportunity for students in various health fields of study. Make this available as a training event for other state, regional and national teams working on similar plans.

Conduct semi-annual drills as a state-wide training event.

Use this as an opportunity to test state-level systems for activating a dispensing function.
Special Issues/Subjects

- Special Sites – Pastore Complex, National Guard, HEALTH dispensing team
- Community Health Clinics and Universities/Colleges
- URI exercises, TED exercises
- Volunteers, MRC, etc…
- Community physician support/activities
RI MEDS Plan
Things to Do – Ongoing Needs

Identify Warehouse sites (X3)

Clarify and improve state-level command and control systems

Clarify and improve process, forms, training

Create/Improve Municipal and Hospital Plans

Identify Special Partners and Create Dispensing Plans

Continue to Develop Supply Resources and Plans (VA, MMRS, etc…)
Exercise Program

Future Activities

- Semi-annual URI drill
- Brown University/Providence drill – Spring 2005
- Community drills
- DMAT drill – Spring 2005
- Winter 2005 Full-scale Regional exercise
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