Region 5
Domestic Security Task Force
Full-scale Exercise

Operation
Troubled Waters

Council Hotwash
Region 5 RDSTF

• Region 5 Regional Domestic Security Task Force
  – Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin southern most part of the RDSTF Region 5
  – Palm Beach County in RDSTF Region 7

• Partnership between Department of Homeland Security, FL Division of Emergency Management, FL Department of Law Enforcement, TCRPC, and counties

• Counties expressed need to practice regional coordination and multijurisdictional resource deployment

• Developed operational scenario to test response to terrorism/mass casualty incident
2017 Region 5 RDSTF Full-scale Ex

• First multi-jurisdictional (tri-county) Full-scale exercise held in Treasure Coast Region

• Interrelated multiple incident locations

• Unified Command: multi-agency resource and operations coordination

• Vertical and horizontal communication between response agencies
  – City - County and County - State
  – County – State – Federal
Exercise Planning

• 7 months planning locations and logistics

• 45-member Planning Committee comprised of first responders and supporting response agencies:
  – Law enforcement, fire rescue, depts. of Health, emergency management, HazMat teams, hospitals, public information officers

• Red Cross, Salvation Army, U.S. Coast Guard, Florida National Guard, and local agencies donated staff and resources
42 Participating Agencies

**Indian River County**
- Indian River County Board of County Commissioners
- Florida Department of Health Indian River County
- Indian River Medical Center
- County Emergency Services
- Indian River County Sheriff's Office
- Vero Beach Police Department

**Martin County**
- Martin County Board of County Commissioners
- Florida Department of Health Martin County
- Stuart Fire Rescue
- Stuart Police Department
- Martin County Fire Rescue
- Martin County Sheriff’s Office
- Martin County Emergency Management Agency
- Martin Health Systems

**St. Lucie County**
- St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners
- Florida Community Health Centers, Inc
- Florida Department of Health St. Lucie County
- Fort Pierce Police Department
- Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at FAU
- Lawnwood Regional Medical Center
- City of Port St. Lucie Emergency Management
- City of Port St. Lucie Parks & Recreation
- Port St. Lucie Police Department
- St. Lucie County Fire District
- Martin Health Systems

**St. Lucie County Public Safety**
- St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

**Regional**
- Local Emergency Planning Committee Red Cross - Coast of Heartland
- Red Cross – Martin and Palm Beaches
- Salvation Army
- Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

**State**
- Central Florida Intelligence Exchange (CFIX)
- Florida Department of Emergency Management
- Florida Division of Emergency Management/State Watch Office
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) - Orlando Operations Center
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Special Operations Group
- Florida National Guard - 48th Civil Support Team

**Federal**
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- U.S. Coast Guard Station Fort Pierce

**Other**
- Critical Infrastructure Support Group, LLC
- Synergistic Solutions International, SSI, LLC
10 Operational Sites

- FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute
- Tradition Water Irrigation Plant
- Witham Field
- Lawnwood Regional Medical Center
- Martin Health Systems (North, South & Tradition)
- Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs) (Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie)
Tradition Water Irrigation Plant
FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute
Feedback Formats

• Evaluation forms
• Exercise Evaluation Guides (EEGs)
• Emailed comments
Regional - Strengths

Operations

Fire Rescue, Law Enforcement, Hospitals, Emergency Management

- Recognition of threat: Identification of unknown HazMat accomplished
- Situational awareness (secondary device)
- Assessment and triage effective and efficient at all locations (sites and hospitals)
- Hazmat teams and Bomb Squad efficient teamwork, timely and thorough
- Effective interdictions and evidence preservation
- Assessment and triage effective and efficient at all locations (sites and hospitals)

Communication & Coordination:

- Excellent horizontal communications between EOCs and Unified Command
- Communication with local, State, and federal law partners
- Public Information Officers and Media covered events thoroughly

Exercise Design & Facilitation

- On-site facility logistics
- Scenario design tested response objectives well
- Volunteers: strong, realistic play that engaged first-responders