OPERATION ROAD BLOCK

2018 Mass Casualty Hazardous Materials
Tabletop Exercise

Belle Glade – Pahokee – South Bay
(The Glades)
Exercise Purpose

- Provide a low-threat forum to discuss response plans and protocols by application to a scenario
  - Practice coordination of assets among responder and supporting agencies
- Identify strengths and areas for improvements
  - Validate plans and policies/identify potential enhancements to strengthen response
- Mitigate and build resiliency
Exercise Objectives

- Evaluate and validate current plans
- Identify strengths & Areas for improvement
- Practice Key response capabilities:
  - Multi-agency Coordination
  - On-scene/Unified Commands
  - Communications & Information Flow
  - Public Messaging/Public Information
  - Risk Assessment & Critical Decisions
Response Agencies by Function

7 agency Groups

- Fire Rescue / Special Ops / Hazmat
- Sheriff’s Office
- Transportation
- Public Affairs / Public Information
- Emergency Management
- Hospital & Health
- Environmental
Scenario

Thefts from agricultural fertilizer/pesticide commercial supply companies
Significant amounts of Lannate (Methomyl) stolen.

Domestic Terrorism: SAVED (Samaritan Activists for Verdant Environmental
Deeds) poisons water treatment plant #11 Belle Glade

Crop duster drops dry chemical over elementary schools contaminating
hundreds parents and children, then to Pahokee Marina (fish kill/wildlife )

Intentional trailer crash to destroy FP&L electrical cables at 20 Mile Bend
blocking access to the roadways to the Glades region.

Crop duster ditched in a field, wild fires growing

Resources must be redirected
AFTER ACTION

Strengths

- Multi-agency coordination among all agencies responding in field
- Resource & Asset deployment and management
- On-scene & County Unified Command
- Communications – Vertical and Horizontal
Thank You to Participating Agencies

Municipal
- City of Belle Glade
- City of Pahokee
- City of South Bay

County
- Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)
- Department of Public Affairs
- Department of Health
- Emergency Management
- Fire Rescue /Special Operations
- Lakeside Medical Center
- Sheriff’s Office

Regional
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

State
- Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Department of Health (DOH)
- Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC)
- Department of Transportation
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