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# **Exercise Overview**

## **May 21, 2002**

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**“ On June 6, five organizations will coordinate a unified response to a simulated terrorist attack.”**



# Berkeley Alert

- **A Simulated Exercise** – real time practice of the management of emergency response
- **A Simultaneous Exercise** – five agencies in the same scenario at the same time
- **A Safety and Security Exercise** – Are we a target? How do we protect our people? What do we tell our publics? What is our Action Plan? What do we need? How do we coordinate?

# Scenario

“We are a nation  
awakened to danger!”

*Terrorism is the  
challenge of our times*

*Berkeley Alert Multi-Agency Terrorism  
Response Exercise*



- **Terrorist Alert**
- **Terrorist Activity**
- **Multiple Incidents**
- **Stretched Resources**
- **Coordinated Response Operations**

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**5 Agencies**

**1 Scenario**





# Berkeley Alert Objectives

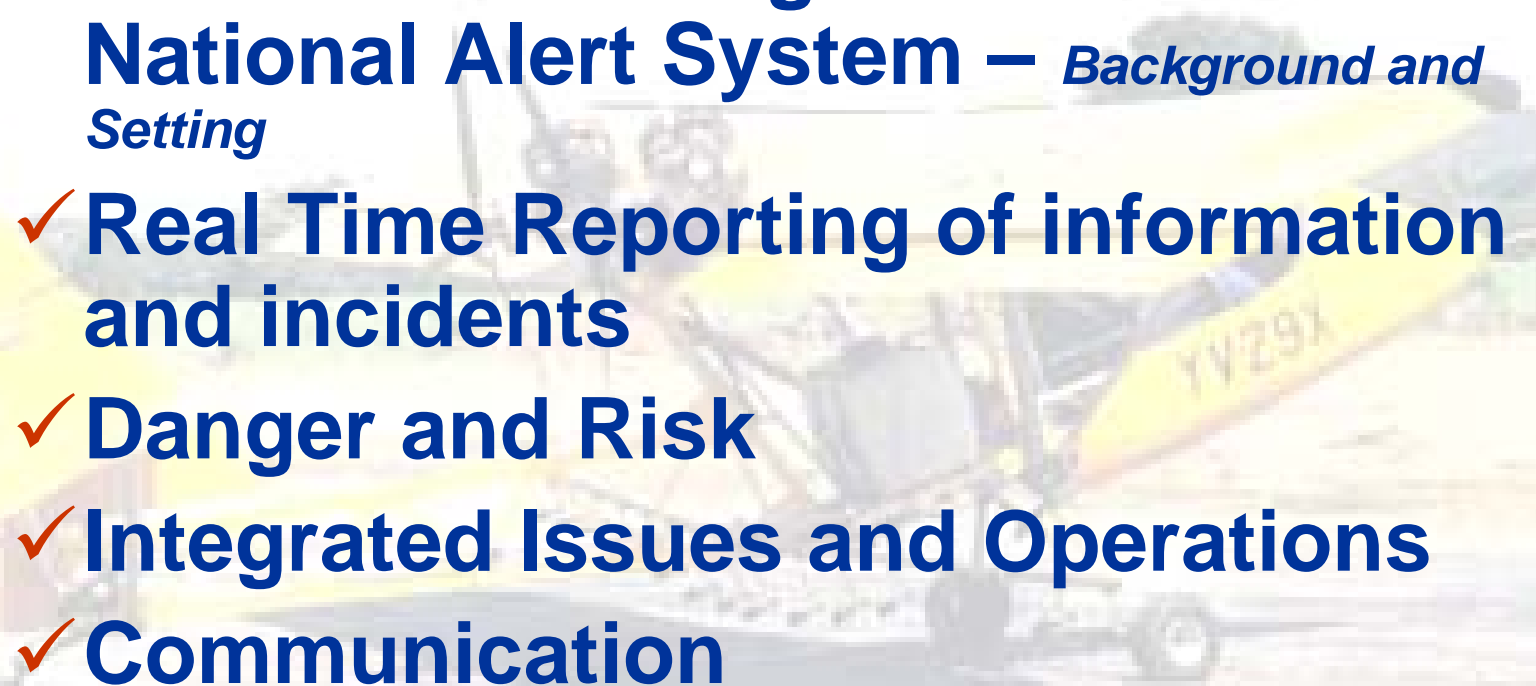
- **To exercise the Emergency Operations Centers in response to a terrorist attack**
- **To provide a practice of the coordination of operations (simulated) and exchange of information between the EOC's**
- **To strengthen through training and exercise, the capability for joint emergency management operations for the participating agencies**
- **To be better prepared for a sudden emergency activation and response**

# Exercise Design

- ***Simulation of Operational Information*** via the Combined Simulation Team and Prepared Timed Script and Messages
- ***Crisis Management Decisions*** for multi-incident, multi-agency emergencies
- ***Consequence Analysis*** of impacts and issues
- ***Coordination of Actions*** between EOCs



# Exercise Scenario Elements

- ✓ **Alert and Warning – Exercise of the National Alert System – *Background and Setting***
  - ✓ **Real Time Reporting of information and incidents**
  - ✓ **Danger and Risk**
  - ✓ **Integrated Issues and Operations**
  - ✓ **Communication**
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# EOC Operations

- ***Activate at 9:00 AM***
- ***Evaluate/act on warning information***
- ***Scenario Messages begin***
- ***Exercise the EOC – communicate with the other EOCs to coordinate information and decisions***
- ***Communicate with the simulation team for internal coordination and outside resources and information***
- ***Exercise ends 11:00***



# Anticipated Issues and Decisions

- **Emergency Information – to our own organization**
- **Emergency Information – to and from the other agencies**
- **Risk Evaluation – technical information and analyses**
- **Mapping of Impacted Areas**
- **Decisions regarding response operations, resources and time**



# Anticipated Operations and Decisions

- **Warning and Protection Strategies**
- **Contamination/Decontamination Issues, Resources, Management and Operations**
- **Medical Care, Transportation and Tracking**
- **Evacuation and Exit Route Strategies**
- **Joint Media/Public Information**



**For Example**

## **Terrorist Alert in the Bay Area**

- **Issues: Do we warn our people?**
- **How?**
- **What is our message?**
- **Does this affect/impact our normal activities?**
- **What are we going to do if something happens?**
- **Who do we contact/communicate with to keep informed?**
- **Who do we need to notify?**

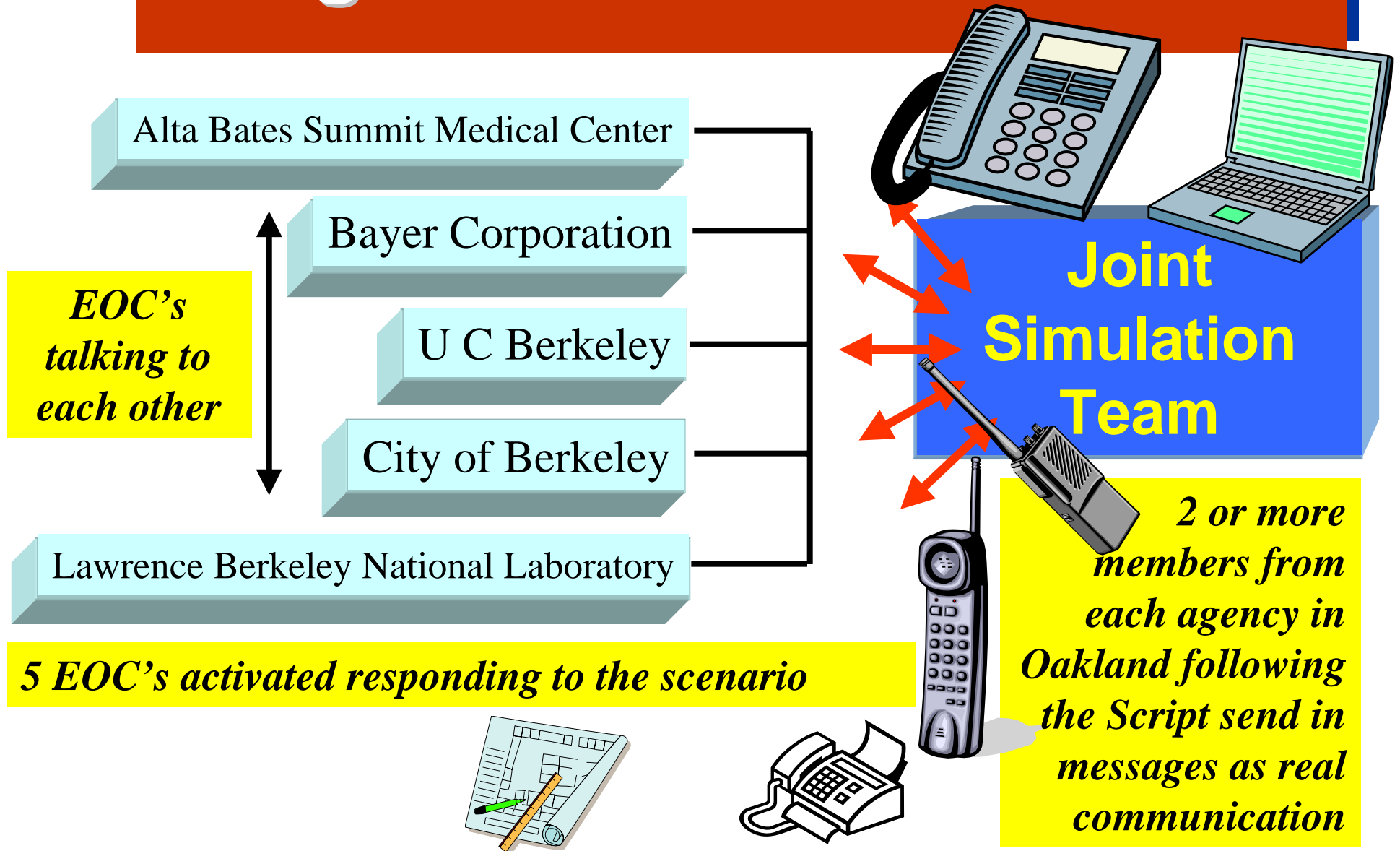


**For Example**

**We need to evacuate 100 people**

- **How do we notify and mobilize them?**
- **Who is in charge?**
- **To Where?**
- **Transportation?**
- **Route?**
- **Will they be coming back today?**
- **Who is financially responsible?**
- **Media knows – what do we say?**

# Logistics – How We Do This





## What's Been Done So Far

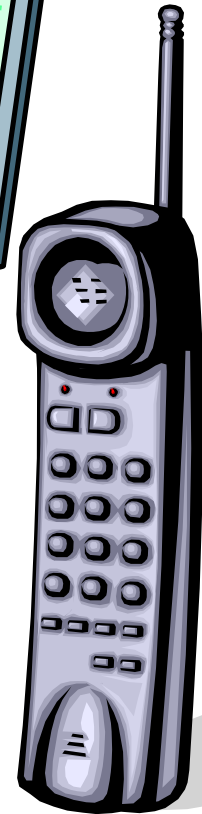
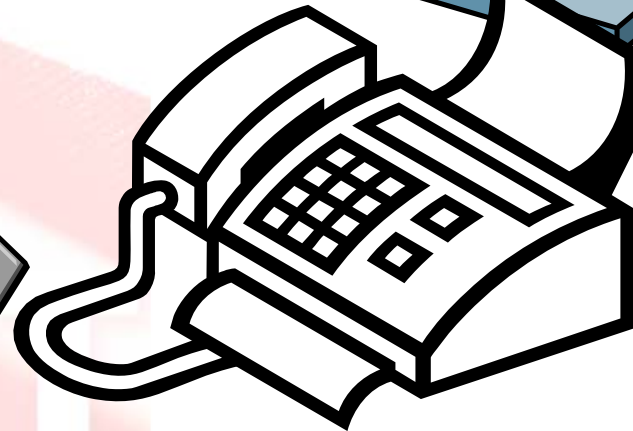
- **Berkeley Alert Exercise Design Committee has been meeting weekly since January**
- **Master Scenario/Script and Messages are completed and ready**
- **Simulation Team is selected and assigned to the Oakland Office of Alameda OES**
- **FBI Training – May 8**
- **Pre-Exercise Meeting (today)**



# Schedule and Agenda

- **May 21 – *Exercise Overview – Get Ready***
- **May 22 - June 4 – *Test EOC Equipment, conduct EOC refreshers, as needed, Conduct Table Top Exercises to Discuss Terrorist Threats and Organization Responses***
- **June 5 – *Set up EOC, include all communication systems and VCR Player/Monitor***
- **June 6 – 8:00 am – *Retest Phones, Radios, Cells and Fax Machines***
- **June 6 - 9:00 *Exercise Begins***
- **June 6 – 11:00 am *Exercise Ends***
- **June 6 - 11:30 am **Joint Debrief - UC Campus****
  - » Pauley Ballroom / Bancroft @ Telegraph

# Get ready – Test Systems - Tools



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# Outcomes

- **Accomplished a Five-Agency EOC Exercise for a Terrorist Scenario for the Greater Community of Berkeley**
- **Tested Inter-Agency Communications**
- **Practiced Coordination of Action Plans, Operational Strategies and the Sharing of Resources**
- **Addressed High Risk Issues for Public Health and Safety**



# Opportunities

- **Strong Network of EOC's and Inter-Organization Relationships**
- **Identify Areas of Improvement for Systems, Processes and Action Plans**
- **Better Prepared Community**

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**Questions?**

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