



DRILLS, EXERCISES, TRAININGS

HISTORY: 2006 OPERATION DOUBLEHEADER

The Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office, Office of Emergency Management (LAC OEM) conducted an Operational Area-wide functional exercise known as “Operation Doubleheader” on November 6, 2006.

The Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) was activated for this functional exercise as well as other city Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs).

“Operation Doubleheader” exercise scenario focused on two separate disaster events. The first was a simulated 6.5 magnitude earthquake that struck on the Verdugo Fault with an epicenter near the City of Burbank. This created simulated damage along the Foothill Freeway that ran northwest toward the junction of the Golden State and Simi Valley Freeways. The simulated earthquake resulted in widespread damage, particularly to underground infrastructure. The second exercise scenario event involved simulated explosions targeting ports, transportation hubs and utilities in other parts of the United States. Then a series of simulated explosions impacted critical facilities with Los Angeles County.

This exercise was unique and important because it focused on an earthquake scenario, which was the most likely disaster, as well as a terrorist attack.

Prior to the exercise, LAC OEM conducted 11 exercise-related workshops for County EOC staff, city emergency management personnel, the Business and Industry Council for Emergency Planning and Preparedness (BICEPP) and Emergency Network Los Angeles (ENLA). Each workshop provided participants with specific information to better respond to a disaster and helped each group prepare for the November 9, 2006 exercise.

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