

# **Table Top Exercise: (5) Day Power Outage**

September 23, 2024, 2-4 PM, Rec Center

## **Phase 1: Immediate Response (Day 1)**

- **Timeframe:** 0-24 hours

### **- Key Actions:**

- Assess initial impact on the neighborhood.
- Establish an emergency operations center.
- Communicate with residents about the outage and expected duration.
- Identify vulnerable populations (elderly, disabled, medically dependent).
- Ensure continuity of critical services (water, sanitation, healthcare).
- **\*\*Discussion Points:**
- How will communication be maintained without power?
- What are the immediate needs of the community?
- How will emergency services prioritize their response?

## **Phase 2: Short-Term Response (Days 2-3)**

- **Timeframe:** 24-72 hours

### **- Key Actions:**

- Distribute resources (food, water, medical supplies).
- Set up community support centers for shelter, cooling/warming.
- Coordinate with utility companies for repair updates.
- Provide mental health support.
- **Discussion Points:**
- How will resources be distributed equitably?
- What systems are in place for ongoing communication and information dissemination?
- How to handle increased demand for emergency medical services?

## **Phase 3: Extended Response (Days 4-5)\*\***

- **Time frame:** 72-120 hours

- **Key Actions:**
  - Monitor and reassess resource needs.
  - Plan for potential secondary issues (public health, safety).
  - Continue to support vulnerable populations.
  - Begin planning for the restoration of normal operations.
- **Discussion Points:**
  - What long-term impacts need to be addressed?
  - How to prepare for potential prolonged outage?
  - How will recovery efforts be coordinated?

## **Phase 4: Debrief and After-Action Review**

- **Discussion:**
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  - What were the key challenges faced during each phase?
  - What actions were most effective in mitigating the impact of the outage?
  - What gaps were identified in the current emergency response plan?
  - How can the community improve its resilience to future power outages?
- **\*\*Action Items:**
  - Develop a list of recommendations and follow-up actions.
  - Assign responsibilities for implementing improvements.
  - Plan for a follow-up meeting to review progress.

## **Materials Needed**

- Maps of the neighborhood
- Contact lists for key stakeholders
- Copies of the neighborhood emergency response plan
- Resource inventory lists
- Scenario packets with specific details and injects for each phase
- Whiteboards, markers, and notepads for group discussions

## **Injects and Unexpected Events\*\***

- Day 1: A resident with medical equipment requiring power needs immediate assistance.
- Day 2: A water main breaks, complicating resource distribution.
- Day 3: Reports of increased crime and looting in the neighborhood.
- Day 4: A ice storm exacerbates the situation, requiring additional warming centers.
- Day 5: Power restoration is delayed by 24 hours due to additional infrastructure damage.