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Multi Agency Coordination
Hazardous Situation

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“Failing to plan…is planning to fail”
What is the HDB?

City of Phoenix
Homeland Defense Bureau

Fire
Police
Emergency Management
*Public Health*
Fusion Center - DHS supports and encourages the integration of traditional and new partners into information and intelligence sharing operations.
Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center

- JTTF
- FBI
- AZ DHS
- Tribal Nations
- DHS
- Governor
- Private Stakeholders
- Public Health Medical
- Public Stakeholders
CBRNE = All Hazards = Public Health

Federal
State
County
City
Hospital
Hazardous Response

- US Mail
- Inter-office mail
- UPS / Fed Ex
Hazardous Response

- Potential Agents
  - Explosives
    - Including Homemade Explosives
Hazardous Response

- Biological agents
  - Anthrax
  - Ricin
  - Botulism
  - Plague
  - Smallpox
  - Tularemia
  - Viral Hemorrhagic Fever
Hazardous Response

- **Chemical agents**
  - Toxic industrial chemicals
  - Chlorine
  - Organophosphates
  - Blister Agents
Incident Response for Suspicious Letter / Container

- **When to call?**
  - Immediately!

- **Who to call?**
  - 911 is always appropriate for this type of incident

- **Use the term “suspicious” letter, substance, or container**

- **Provide appropriate details regarding location and access**
Incident Response for Suspicious Letter / Container

- Identify location of substance
- Isolate, without manipulating, the product and the associated letter / container
- Evacuate the immediate area to safe location
- Assist with isolation of anyone who may have been directly exposed
- Deny access of the immediate area to anyone without appropriate PPE
Incident Response for Suspicious Letter / Container

- Isolate and deny entry
  - This substance could be life threatening
    - *Treat it that way!*
  - Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
    - N95 face mask and medical gloves
    - Should be worn *every time* when responding into area of suspicious letter / container
Incident Response for Suspicious Letter / Container

- What you will get after calling 911
  - Fire Department
    - Hazardous Materials Personnel
    - Emergency Medical Service
  - Police Department
    - Scene Security
    - Bomb Squad (Law Enforcement Hazardous Material Techs)
  - Traffic Control
  - Investigative Support (if applicable)
Incident Response for Suspicious Letter / Container

- City of Phoenix Public Safety response is directly connected to appropriate County, State and Federal agencies for these types of incidents (if necessary)
  - Maricopa County Department of Public Health
  - State Laboratory
  - Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center
  - US Postal Inspector Service
  - FBI
Incident Response for Suspicious Letter / Container

- Information gathering
  - Is anyone having medical issues related to this incident?
  - Is this US Mail or Inter-office letter / container?
  - Who came in contact with the product?
  - Was the letter / container opened?
  - Who was the letter addressed to?
Incident Response for Suspicious Letter / Container
Event Planning

Public Health, Medical and Public Safety Planning, Coordination and Operations

Examples: Super Bowl, NBA and MLB All Star games, PIR
Thank You!!!!

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