

## Preparedness in the Southwest Course

### Module 1: All Hazards Response Plans

Having an All Hazards emergency response plan is an integral part of any preparedness program. This module covers different types of all hazards plans in addition to steps in writing, evaluating, and utilizing the plan. It also contains checklists covering the important components that should be included in any plan.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Describe the coordination of response activities within and between response agencies.
- Identify the DHS national and local priorities for response agencies.
- Describe public health's role in strengthening medical surge and mass prophylaxis capabilities.
- Use the all hazards plan as a mitigation and preparedness tool.
- Locate your agency's response plan and identify job-specific functions.
- Understand how SER bridges from the NRP to the local level.
- Understand that an agency may create different response plans that may be specific to an emergency situation.
- Identify the Emergency Support Function that is related to providing public health and medical services.
- List the basic elements of a hazard response plan.
- Describe ways in which a response plan may be reviewed and tested.

#### Core Competencies addressed:

Competency 1: Describe the public health role in emergency response in a range of emergencies that might arise. (e.g. "This department provides surveillance, investigation and public information in disease outbreaks and collaborates with other agencies in biological, environmental, and weather emergencies.")

Competency 2: Describe the chain of command in emergency response

Competency 3: Identify and locate the agency emergency response plan (or the pertinent portion of the plan).

Competency 4: Describe his/her functional role(s) in emergency response and demonstrate his/her roles in regular drills.