
CLARKE COUNTY HOST ACTIVE SHOOTER EXERCISE

Quitman, Miss. (August 14, 2018) – Clarke County hosted a full-scale active shooter exercise July 9-13, 2018. The five-day exercise engaged the community at-large, including government agencies and supporting partners. Topics covered during the week were (1) Active Shooter Scenario for Law Enforcement and Central Dispatch; (2) Triage MCI for EMS/Hospitals, First Responders and Fire Departments; (3) Crime Scene Evidence/Fatality Management; (4) Transition from scene to Mississippi Mortuary Response Team; and (5) Hotwash and Critique.

On the first day, participants learned about the initial call, notification and response by law enforcement, as well as unified command and communications. The second day highlighted management of a mass casualty incident including air support. On the third day, participants focused on fatality management and investigation and documentation with participation from the Mississippi State Department of Mental Health to exercise the family assistance center plan. The fourth day was a session on the integration of the Mississippi Mortuary Response Team into a local response and to test the ability of all departments to work together effectively. And lastly, on the fifth day, participants partook in a debriefing to allow feedback and suggestions, commonly referred to as a hotwash, and an after-action review.

Emergency Management Agency Director, Eddie Ivy said, “We took a different approach to our exercise this year and broke it into functional pieces to allow for the greatest number of responders to participate”. Ivy also said, “the purpose of an exercise is to find the things that go well and to identify areas that can be improved.”

Exercise Participants included:

Law Enforcement:

- Clarke County Sheriff’s Department
- Quitman Police Department
- MDWFP
- MHP
- MBI

County Agencies

- Clarke County Central Dispatch
- Clarke County EMA
- County and Municipal Fire Departments

EMS/Healthcare

- Paratech EMS
- County Fire Department EMRs
- H.C. Watkins Hospital
- MED-COM
- Rush Foundation Hospital
- UMMC Air Care
- Wayne General Hospital

Mortuary Response/Fatality Management

- Clarke Co. Coroner’s Office
- Mississippi Medical Examiner’s office
- Mississippi Mortuary Response Team
- Ms. Department of Mental Health

Supporting Agencies

- Quitman School District
- Enterprise School District
- Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
- Clarke County Board of Supervisors
- American Red Cross

Outside Counties/Mutual Aid

- Lauderdale County EMA
- Wayne County EMA
- Wayne Co. SO

Role Players

- Quitman High School
- Enterprise High School
- JCJC EMT/Paramedic Program

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