

Preparing for the 2010 Olympic Games – the WCHD Experience

Changes in Latitude,
Changes in Attitude



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The Challenges

- Getting a seat at the planning table
- Broadening the perception of what constitutes a “security” threat
- Identifying response roles and responsibilities across the spectrum
- Providing / conducting appropriate planning, training, & education
- Marshalling resources to support the mission



The Concerns

- The Olympic Hordes
- Disease/Illness Outbreak
 - Food-borne
 - Infectious/Contagious
 - Malicious Intent
- Mass Casualty Incident
 - Injuries
 - Fatalities



The Strategy

- Get a seat at “their” table
- Offer them a seat at yours
- Speak their language
- Commit, engage and persist
- Build the personal relationships



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The Specifics

- Aug 2008 – Getting their attention
- Jan 2009 – Health/Medical Incident Workshop
- May 2009 – Bio-Incident Awareness Course
- May 2009 – H/M Incident Plan Crosswalk
- Sept 2009 – ESF-8 Tabletop
- Dec 2009 – X-Border H/M Preparedness Workshop
- Jan 2010 – “ID2010” Functional Exercise



The Wildcard

H1N1 Pandemic Flu

- Strategic National Stockpile
- Call-center operations
- Alternate Care Facility
- Federal Medical Station
- Integration of volunteers
- Incident Command System



The Result

- Relationships / Partnerships
- Plans & Concepts Tested
 - Communications
 - Border activities
 - Patient management
- Strengths / Weaknesses Identified



Going Forward

- Relationships / Partners
 - Maintain existing
 - Build new
- Identify common goals and objectives
- Emphasize collective responsibility
- Identify and utilize creative solutions
- Exercise, exercise, exercise



Thank You!

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