

EXERCISE CRUSADER

Exercise Crusader also known as “A Day in the Life” is an intelligence driven WMD terrorist scenario designed to demonstrate the utilization of SIMNET to support the preparedness of the intelligence, law enforcement and first responder communities. This exercise highlights the necessity for information sharing and intelligence coordination to identify, detect and deter a potential terrorist attack in the US homeland. The intelligence play, based on actual terrorist activities and procedures, begins several months prior to the notional incident and requires information and events to be shared, coordinated and analyzed from top down, bottom up and laterally to be able to possibly interdict this event. The first responder community is expected to demonstrate their ability to conduct pre incident planning and preparation as the intelligence is provided. The exercise will look at current information sharing and intelligence coordination among disparate DHS law enforcement agencies, USIC members, fusion centers, FBI JTTFs and state and local agencies. Exercise play will be primarily conducted over SIMNET supplemented by the utilization of the VTC system at player locations. Facilitators are expected to discuss each inject with participants as to how the information would be processed, analyzed, shared etc. It is anticipated that this format will add significant value to the exercise. The tentative schedule for the exercise is a 45 minute pre exercise brief as to the exercise objectives and procedures, approximately 5 hours of exercise play and a 45 minute post exercise “hot wash” to capture key lessons learned.