

PLAYER EXERCISE SAFETY

EXERCISE PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION

Participants can be recognized by their US&R clothing; additionally, name tags identifying their position on the IST and name should be worn. Exercise Staff will have ID badges or bands.

WEAPONS POLICY

Weapons safety will follow the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) exercise safety policy and the US&R Code of Conduct. The following weapons will **NOT** be introduced into designated exercise play area(s) regardless of normal scope of functional duties:

- Loaded firearms, knives, or explosive devices.
- Less-than-lethal weapons, tools, or devices
- Any object capable of causing bodily harm.

ACTUAL EMERGENCIES

Real-world emergencies and participant safety take priority over exercise conduct. In a real-world emergency, notify the nearest mentor/coach and state, “**This is a real-world emergency.**” Cease all exercise play immediately and comply with exercise control staff instructions.

ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES

All players have a basic responsibility to act as safety officers. Immediately report safety concerns, unsafe acts or conditions, injuries, and accidents to the nearest mentor/coach.

EXERCISE SCHEDULE

Friday - February 17, 2023

DAY 1	
IST Travel Day	0700
Mentor/Coach Meeting	TBD
Arrival IST Cache	TBD
IST Establish Work Area (Gateway)	1700

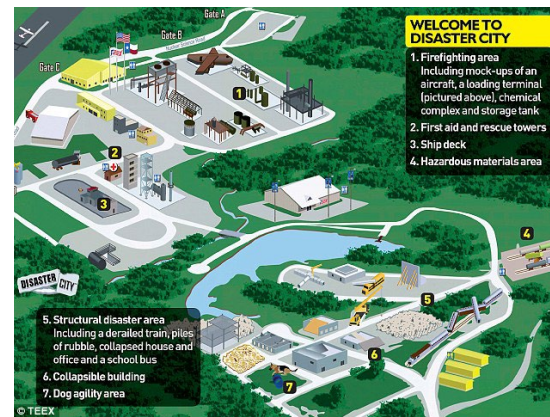
Saturday - February 18

DAY 2	
IST Player Brief	0800
IST Set-up and Prep	1000
IST Full-Scale Start	1000
Dinner	1900
Continue FSE	2000
End Day 2	0000

Sunday - February 19

DAY 3	
IST Operational Briefing	0600
Continue FSE	0700
ENDEX	1900
IST Hotwash – M/C & Team	1930

EXERCISE SITE MAP



QUESTIONS AND MEDIA RELATIONS

Direct questions regarding exercise play to the venue mentor/coach. Media contact should be directed to the nearest mentor/coach, who will contact the Public Information Officer (PIO) if needed.



2023 TEXAS GAS EXPLOSION US&R IST

Player Information Handout



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PURPOSE, SCOPE, AND SCENARIO

PURPOSE

Texas Gas Line Explosion is a full-scale (FSE) exercise and was designed to test and evaluate many aspects of a FEMA US&R Incident Support Team with an emphasis on the following:

- Mobilization of Personnel
- Arrival and Information Gathering
- Team Integration w/IMT
- Communication of Situation
- Onsite Operations / Resource Management
- Demobilization/AAR

SCOPE

This exercise is a full-scale exercise planned for two days at Disaster City, College Station, TX. This exercise emphasizes US&R specific onsite incident management and interoperability of the FEMA Incident Support Team (IST), multiple FEMA US&R teams, other federal, state, and local force multipliers, and support organizations during a no-notice event.

SCENARIO

Late Friday morning the Brayton Gas and Electric Company (BG&E) owned 30-inch natural gas pipeline suffered a large explosion near the downtown community of Disaster City, LA. The source of the explosion is unknown, but it's believed to be the result of a technical disaster and no malice intent is believed at this time. The resulting explosion has damaged and demolished structures within the small community, ranging from residential structures to commercial suites, office buildings, and government structures. Within the affected area was a small pest and residential pesticide manufacturing & storage facility and a multi-story regional government building.

EXERCISE LOCATION INFORMATION

GATEWAY CENTER – TEXAS TASK FORCE 1

101 Gateway Blvd, College Station, TX
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DISASTER CITY

10076 Stillwater Road, College Station, TX



CORE CAPABILITIES AND EXERCISE OBJECTIVES

The Exercise Planning Team has selected the following: Operational Communication, Situational Assessment, Search & Rescue Operations, and Situation Awareness core capabilities on which to focus the exercise.

These capabilities form the basis of exercise evaluation. The following objectives have been created to exercise the selected capabilities:

Primary IST Exercise Objectives:

- Mobilization of Personnel
- Arrival and Information Gathering
- Team Integration w/IMT-AHJ
- Communication of Situation
- Reporting
- Onsite Operations / Resource Management
- Demobilization/AAR

GENERAL INFORMATION

EXERCISE DOCUMENTATION

Any documents generated by players during exercise play must be submitted to a mentor/coach as part of the overall exercise documentation (e.g., entries, e-mail messages, notes, and exercise response and/or activity logs).

PARTICIPANT ELECTRONIC FEEDBACK FORMS

Please complete the participant feedback form on-line at the end of the exercise.

COMMUNICATIONS

Players will use FEMA US&R designated radio channels, email, or cell phones during the exercise. Players will communicate and coordinate only with participating entities or the Simulation Cell (SimCell). All exercise transmissions must begin and end with the statement “**This is an exercise**” if by radio.

ASSUMPTIONS AND ARTIFICIALITIES

Earnest effort has been made to create a plausible and realistic scenario to exercise and validate identified objectives.

Participating entities will identify all agencies and individuals simulated during the exercise.

Exercise operations will occur at predesigned site(s) and facilities to maximize exercise control.

Communicate with mentor/coach to better understand scenario activities if not completely understood. Please complete all tasks in their entirety unless directed otherwise by exercise staff.

