



Mission

- To coordinate and facilitate all federal efforts, including those of the FBI, DOD, FEMA, DHHS, DOE, and the EPA, to assist state and local emergency responders with planning, training, equipment, exercises, and health and medical issues necessary to respond to a conventional or non-conventional WMD incident.



Milestones

- On October 19, 1999, the NDPO received Congressional *authorization* through the passage of the Congressional conference report for the Commerce/Justice/State Appropriation
- In December, 1999, the NDPO Blueprint was approved by the interagency and Congress
- On January 1, 2001, the NDPO received \$1.4 million for operating costs



State & Local Advisory Group (SLAG)

- Federally-registered
- Obtain stakeholder input regarding program strategy development and implementation
- Representatives of various state and local domestic response disciplines
- First meeting 26-27 Sep 2000
- Attended by Attorney General and Director, FEMA



Planning

Provide coordinated planning assistance to state and local governments

- *On-Scene Commander's Guide*
- *Collection of federal, state, and local plans*
- *JOC/ICS Integration*



Training

Act as a clearinghouse for available federal WMD training, including establishment and maintenance of a training catalogue

- *Compendium of Training Courses*
- *Link to state and local training web sites*
- *Distance Learning - Links to web-based distance learning; NFA's "Emergency Response to Terrorism" course is currently online*
- *Planning a Curriculum Review Panel*



Exercises

Provide recommendations, guidance and technical support to federal, state or local agencies in planning WMD exercises

- *Developing an Exercise Handbook*
- *Link to state and local exercise web sites*
- *After Action Review Tracking (WINJIIP)*



Equipment Research & Development

Coordinate federal:

- efforts to provide the emergency response community with equipment necessary to prepare for, and respond to, a WMD terrorist incident
- efforts to provide new WMD equipment technology to the community
 - *Interagency Board (IAB) (DoD/FBI)*
 - *Standardized Equipment List (SEL)*
 - *Information Bulletin #2 "Chem/Bio Equipment Questions for Procurement Officials"*



Information Sharing Outreach

Establish a robust information sharing system to collect and distribute information from/to the federal, state, and local first responder community.

- *The BEACON (monthly newsletter)*
- *Special Bulletins & Information Bulletins*
- *Common Communication Link (CCL)*
- *Web Sites (Extranet & Internet)*
- *Speaker's Bureau*
- *Huntsville Connectivity Project*



Health & Medical

Facilitate interagency efforts to support DHHS and integrate health care planning into WMD response plans.

- Compilation of health & medical-related information regarding WMD planning, training, exercises, equipment, and info sharing
- Serve as a pointer system for the health & medical community regarding WMD preparedness
- Engage in information sharing/outreach program to include HHS, CDC, VA, health departments, labs, hospitals, physicians, nurses, EMS, and professional associations