

## Annual Tornado Drill - Wednesday, April 9, 2014

### BASIC OBJECTIVE #1:

Demonstrate our ability to make actual notifications by normal means as outlined in current policies, procedures and directives.

### BASIC OBJECTIVE #2:

Demonstrate our ability to connect to the MICIMS (internet program) and create an Activity Log and make a request for additional resources (specific to their area of responsibility) through MICIMS using the appropriate Board.

### BASIC OBJECTIVE: #3

Demonstrate our ability to contact outside resources for supporting our Response and Recovery efforts.

### BASIC OBJECTIVE: #4

Demonstrate our ability to keep EOC staff apprised of all events at / near real time. This to be accomplished with both verbally and electronically. Sharing information and data.

The drill commenced at 8:30am with the EOC staff members reporting and Dispatchers sending the first weather WATCH notices to schools (8), Fire (7), EMS (6), County Building, Tribal Governments, Law Enforcement and Road Commission. This is standard policy for weather events.

At 9:00am, the Fire Departments self-deployed to their respective school(s) so they were on-scene prior to the start of the school drill. We were not testing response times; so artificial times were approved for drill purposes.

Starting at 9:15, the same agencies were notified to take action, WARNING this time, seek shelter immediately. Notification timeline was artificial to accommodate other activities needing to take place to accomplish other testing requirements of the drill.

At 9:45, we received notification of a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) at Glen Lake Schools. Several ambulances were sent and our MCI Response Plan was activated. Triage, patient care / transporting were underway minutes later.

The EOC staff was busy tracking deployed resources and anticipating other needs. Staff was able to connect with the internet, display status boards and understood / briefed on the scenario. Some staff were given assignments / tasks at the onset of the drill. As time went on, more and more tasks were assigned.

The intent at the start of the drill (first 2 hours) was to create some realism in allowing staff to overhear the radio traffic, create some chaos and stress while making assignments and opening their reporting tools on-line.

Shortly after 10:30am, EOC staff was directed to take a break. Upon their return to the EOC, we simulated the next Operational Period (20 hour jump in time) to Thursday morning. We were now to focus on Recovery efforts. This may be the first time we spent so much time on Recovery, usually we are in Response mode. For the sake of the drill, they were told all First Responders were back at quarters / off duty so to speak.

Agencies were instructed to engage on specific topics with the understanding and focus being to get Glen Lake School and Leelanau County back to a state of normalcy, if that is realistic or not, was not their assigned task. Specific topics were introduced, one at a time. The team worked to address the topic and when completed, they were immediately given the next topic. There was some built-in overlapping too.

The drill ended about noon. It had to end at noon by design, but it was interesting to see the amount of discussion and interaction between the players after we ended. Some were still in the EOC an hour later still engaged in the drill wanting to learn / do more.