

Dells Delton Area Response Exercise Series (DARES)

Full Scale Exercise – September 22-23, 2020

Community Profile

- Four million visitors annually
- Annual revenue over \$1.5 billion
- Supports over 16,000 jobs
- Hosts approximately 4,100 international students annually on J-1 visas
- Largest concentration of hotels in the state
- Largest concentration of water parks in the world



Exercise Overview

On September 22-23, 2020, the Wisconsin Dells and Lake Delton area will be the site of a full-scale exercise (FSE) simulating a coordinated attack on the area. The threats presented will require a coordinated response between response agencies, as well as health care and public health. From a health perspective, the exercise will involve EMS triage and transport, medical surge involving trauma and burn victims, family assistance and reunification, regional medical coordination, and more.

Core Capabilities

Throughout the exercise, 14 FEMA Core Capabilities will be evaluated. Those most specific to health partners include:

- Fatality Management Services
- Mass Care Services
- Public Health and Medical Services

Partnership

This exercise is co-led by the Lake Delton Fire Department and Wisconsin Emergency Management, with partnership from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is working closely with the South Central Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition, as well as hospital, public health, EMS, and emergency management partners in the area to plan and prepare for the exercise.

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