

Operational Decision Making: Tornado Exercise Replay

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Our Goal

Address the need for timely, reliable, and accessible sources of current operational and preparedness information to support local decision making.

Workshop Objectives

Assemble representative **cross-section of first-responders and public safety** officials

Document **key decisions** from the tornado exercise and/or needs for the next event

Prioritize information needs to support key decisions and/or needs



Identify when/where information is **most useful and helpful**

Identify owners (organization or agency) of this information

Work Session Agenda

1:45pm - Replay and Document Key Decision from the Tornado Exercise

2:30pm - Prioritization Effort for Defined Information Needs

3:15pm - Data Ownership Identification

3:25pm - Final Priority Check and Consensus



Tabletop Tornado Exercise and Discussion

Documenting key decision points

Tabletop Exercise Guidelines

- “Replay” of the local event
- We are focused on key decisions for each operational period we discuss
- Document your own ideas along the way, even if they are not discussed
- We will aggregate these into logical groups

Prioritize Information Needs

Finding consensus on the “Top 10”

Prioritization Guidelines

- Consensus does not mean unanimous agreement
- If you find yourself disagreeing, consider if you are a **Block** or **Stand Aside**:
 - **Block**: I have a fundamental disagreement with the core of the proposal that has not been resolved. We need to look for a new proposal.
 - **Stand asides**: I can't support this proposal because ... But I don't want to stop the group, so I'll let the decision happen without me.
- Everyone will get an equal chance to weigh in on the priorities
- We will address any ties should they occur, and discuss the final results for consensus

Data Ownership Identification

What organization or agency “owns” the data needed?

Ownership Guidelines

- We are looking for the general organization or agency that would have the data needed
 - Does not have to be an individual person
- This might vary between jurisdictions and that is ok
 - Make sure we hear from you to document this ownership

Final Say: Anything Missing or Off?

Priority Consensus

Thank you!

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