



# Player Information Packet

Franklin County Public Health

Operation Dark Water – FCPH WASH TTX

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## Introduction

The Franklin County Public Health – Operation Dark Water – WASH Tabletop (TTX) Exercise 2023 is sponsored by Franklin County Public Health and National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Water Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Grant Partnership. This Exercise was developed with input, advice and assistance from the Franklin County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Planning Team, which followed the guidance set forth in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

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## Section 1: General Information

### Introduction

The Franklin County Public Health – Operation Dark Water – WASH Tabletop (TTX) Exercise 2023 is designed to establish a learning environment for players to exercise emergency response plans, policies and procedures as they pertain to extreme winter weather and shelter activation.

### Purpose

The purpose of this exercise is to assess public health emergency preparedness capabilities and local partner engagement to support a response to extreme flooding, affected homelessness populations, water & sanitation outbreak with potential complications. Exercise objectives and associated public health emergency preparedness capabilities include Emergency Operations Coordination, Emergency Public Information and Warning, and Information Sharing.

### Exercise Objectives

The planning team selected objectives that focus on evaluating emergency response procedures, identifying areas for improvement, and achieving a collaborative attitude with all partners involved with the TTX. This exercise will focus on the following objectives:

- Demonstrate the ability direct and support an incident with public health or medical implications by establishing a standardized, scalable system of oversight consistent with jurisdictional standards and NIMS. (Emergency Operations Coordination)
  - Discussion based on the threshold for activation of emergency operations resulting from a water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) emergency affecting those experiencing homelessness, in accordance with the FCPH WASH Plan.
  - Discussion of the process for deploying go-kits and portable wash stations to most affected areas resulting from a WASH emergency, in accordance with the FCPH WASH Plan.
- Demonstrate the ability to develop, coordinate, and disseminate information and alerts to the public and incident management responders. (Emergency Public Information and Warning)
  - Communications and partner agencies will examine the push text notification system for alerting the target population of WASH emergencies as defined by the WASH Plan.

- Demonstrate the ability to assess and address the public health, medical, and mental/behavioral needs of those impacted by an incident at a congregate location, through coordination with partner agencies on an ongoing basis (Information Sharing)
  - Organizations involved in WASH emergency response will identify critical information requirements necessary to establish a common operating picture during WASH emergency event affecting those experiencing homelessness as dictated by the FCPH WASH Plan.

## Section 2: Exercise Overview

### General

The Franklin County Public Health – Operation Dark Water – WASH Tabletop (TTX) Exercise 2023 will conduct exercise play on March 8, 2023 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and scheduled until 11:15 a.m. or until the Controller determines that the exercise objectives have been met.

### Assumptions

The following general assumptions apply to the Franklin County Public Health – Operation Dark Water – WASH Tabletop (TTX) Exercise 2023:

- This exercise will be conducted in a no-fault learning environment.
- Earnest effort has been made to create a plausible and realistic scenario to exercise and validate identified objectives.
- Exercise operations will occur virtually via [Teams Link](#).
- The exercise will not utilize a Sim Cell. Any correspondence to an agency not playing in the exercise will be discussed with the group and lead exercise controller.

### Exercise Rules

The following are the general rules that govern exercise play:

- Real-world emergencies take priority over exercise actions.
- Exercise participants will comply with real-world response procedures, unless otherwise directed by control staff.
- All communications (written, radio, telephone, etc.) made during the exercise will begin and end with the phrase, **“This is an exercise.”** As applicable.

## Real Emergencies

The following procedures should be used in case of a real-world emergency during the exercise:

- The lead Controller will be notified as soon as possible if a real emergency occurs.
- As this will be a virtual TTX, as needed please turn off your camera in the event you are unable to keep it turned on.
- If you need to leave the virtual TTX please notify the lead controller via Teams chat function or email and FCPH will follow up post TTX.
- If a real emergency occurs that affects the entire exercise, the exercise may be suspended or terminated.

## Exercise Start, Suspension, and Termination Instructions

This exercise is scheduled to run for a minimum of one hour or until the lead Controller determines that the exercise objectives have been met.

**All spoken and written communication will start and end with the statement, “THIS IS AN EXERCISE.”**

## Player Communication

Players will use routine, in-place agency communication systems. In no instance will exercise communications interfere with real-world emergency communications.

The primary means of communication will be via discussion during the exercise as well as Chat function within the established Teams Platform.

This exercise may be recorded for post exercise needs and follow-up.

## Section 3: Player Instructions

### Before the Exercise

- Review the appropriate emergency plans, procedures, and exercise support documents for your agency.
- Review the FCPH WASH Plan (Draft)
- Read this Player Information Packet & Player Briefing Slides

### During the Exercise

- Respond via discussion to the exercise events and information **as if the emergency were real**, unless otherwise directed by an exercise controller.
- Controllers will only give you information they are specifically directed to disseminate. You are expected to obtain other necessary information through existing information channels, if needed.
- **Don't fight the scenario!**

### Following the Exercise

- At the end of the exercise, participate in the Hot Wash with the controllers and evaluators. The Hot Wash is a verbal review of exercise activities that focuses on identified strengths and areas for improvement.
- Complete the [Participant Feedback Form](#).
- Provide any notes or materials generated from the exercise to the Controller at your agency for review and inclusion in the After Action Report/Improvement Plan.

## Appendix A: Exercise Schedule

**Table A.1** The Franklin County Public Health – Operation Dark Water –  
WASH Tabletop (TTX) Exercise 2023

Time	Personnel	Activity	Location
Before the Exercise			
Before StartEx	All Player, Evaluators, Controllers	Review of documentation and FCPH WASH Plan	n/a
<b>March 8, 2023</b>			
0950	All Player, Evaluators, Controllers	Login & Player Registration	<a href="#">Teams Link</a> & <a href="#">Survey Link</a>
1005	All	Player briefing	Teams
1015	All	Exercise Play (StartEx)	Teams
1100	All	End of Exercise (EndEx)	Teams
1105	All	Hot Wash	Teams
1115	All	End Call - Hot Wash ends, Complete participant feedback from	Teams & <a href="#">Survey Link</a>
1116	Evaluators, Controllers	Debrief	Teams

**Appendix B: Communications Directory****Table B.1** *Communications Directory***PLAYER Communications Directory****Use contacts below to reach any player during the exercise.**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
Franklin County Public Health	Eva Wollerman	Controller	<a href="mailto:evawollerman@franklincountyohio.gov">evawollerman@franklincountyohio.gov</a>
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Franklin County Public Health	Scott Brewer	Player – Infectious Disease	<a href="mailto:scottbrewer@franklincountyohio.gov">scottbrewer@franklincountyohio.gov</a>
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Franklin County Public Health	Jenna Durham	Observer – Community Engagement	<a href="mailto:JennaDurham@franklincountyohio.gov">JennaDurham@franklincountyohio.gov</a>
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Garrett Recovery Housing	April Caudill	Player	<a href="mailto:garrettrecoveryhousing@gmail.com">garrettrecoveryhousing@gmail.com</a>
SafePoint – Equitas Health	Elizabeth Onzima	Player	<a href="mailto:elizabethonzima@equitashealth.com">elizabethonzima@equitashealth.com</a>