

# The Anarchist Strategic National Stockpile Activation: A Tabletop Exercise

## INTENDED AUDIENCE

Public health workers and their local emergency response counterparts (e.g., EMS, hospital workers, public safety, and response leaders) who would like to gain knowledge and skills in the SNS activation process.

## FORMAT

PowerPoint® presentation, a facilitator's manual, and handouts.

## ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE

This module takes approximately one hour to complete.

## LEAD COURSE DEVELOPER

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## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See <http://www.nwcphp.org/anarchist>

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This tabletop exercise presents a fictitious scenario in which anthrax spores are intentionally released via an aerosol dispersal device into a crowded shopping mall, prompting the need for local assessments leading to a request to activate the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). The exercise emphasizes policy issues in addition to operational procedures relevant to incident command systems. Participants will focus on answering questions such as: Who should be responsible? What information is needed? When is public information given out?

The table top exercise will help participants prepare for similar events by examining the issues relevant to SNS activation and mass dispensing. The purpose of the exercise is for participants to identify strengths and gaps in the participants' current organizations and discuss ways to address policies, resources, communication, coordination, data management, and mental health needs that relate to plans for SNS activation.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this tabletop exercise, participants will be able to:

- Identify some of the participating organization's current strengths and gaps in relation to SNS activation
- Review and list the various roles, functions, and procedures involved in SNS activation
- Identify issues relevant to SNS activation and preparing for mass dispensing, e.g., policies, resources, communication, coordination, data management, and mental health needs.

## About the Course Developer

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