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# Contingency Planning for Mass Gathering Events

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# Special Events

Special events as “*Pre-Planned Disasters*”

Training opportunities for:

- Incident Command System (ICS) implementation
- Unified Command Center (UCC) coordination
- Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) planning & response

# Contingency Planning 101

- Why contingency planning?
- The “plan within the plan”
- Gaps in planning = failures in real world

# Scene Assessment

- Identify specific threats/hazards unique to an event/venue: Geography, Weather, Demographics, etc.
- Tailor preexisting MCI plan for large-scale events known ahead of time to be as specific to event as possible in order to further eliminate elements of chaos and confusion

# Mass Gathering Events

- Aim of planning geared towards Mass “care”
- High probability of low acuity calls for assistance
- Majority are treat-and-release
- Occasional acute illness/injury requiring interventional treatment and transport to hospital



# Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI)

- Low probability but high-consequence event
- Widespread interventional treatment and mass transport to hospital



# EMS “Audibles”

- Ability to “switch gears” between mass “care” and mass “casualty” is crucial
- The “old” mass care plan is now replaced by the “new” MCI plan: new rules and new objectives

