

# MassDEP Geographic Response Plan – 2016 Marblehead Harbor (NS-27) Exercise

Exercise Plan May 25, 2016

The Exercise Plan (ExPlan) gives elected and appointed officials, observers, media personnel, and players from participating organizations information they need to observe or participate in the exercise. Some exercise material is intended for the exclusive use of exercise planners, controllers, and evaluators, but players may view other materials that are necessary to their performance. All exercise participants may view the ExPlan.

#### **EXERCISE OVERVIEW**

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2016 Marblehead Harbor GRP Exercise

#### **Exercise Date**

May 25, 2016

Scope

This exercise is a Full Scale Exercise, planned for approximately six hours in Marblehead, MA and upon the waters of the Marblehead Harbor. Exercise play is limited to the Marblehead Harbor and the adjacent shoreline.

#### **Mission Area(s)**

Response

## Core Capabilities

Environmental Response/Health and Safety, Operational Coordination, Operational Communications.

Objective 1: Demonstrate the ability to deploy oil spill equipment from one or more MassDEP pre-positioned oil spill response trailers utilizing common Geographic Response Plan (GRP) tactics.

## **Objectives**

Objective 2: Demonstrate the ability to assemble a spill response organization utilizing Incident Command System (ICS) principles through development and execution of an Incident Briefing (ICS 201) and implementation of on-site incident management and tactical operations.

Objective 3: Demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate between multiple local, state, and federal agencies including fire departments, police departments, harbormasters, and other state and federal first responders using VHF communications.

### Threat or Hazard

Discharge of oil into a navigable waterway

Scenario

An oil spill has occurred that threatens Marblehead Harbor. The Marblehead and Swampscott Fire Departments and Harbormasters staff will utilize GRP NS-27 to deploy protective booming to protect sensitive resources in Marblehead Harbor.

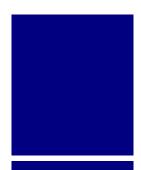
Sponsor

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

## Participating Organizations

Participating organizations will include:

- Marblehead Fire Department (MFD)
- Marblehead Harbormaster (MHM)
- Swampscott Fire Department (BFD)
- Swampscott Harbormaster (BHM)



- Rehab-Five
- Atlantic Ambulance Service
- MassDEP
- U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston (USCG)
- Moran Environmental Recovery (MER)
- Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC (Nuka Research)

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **Exercise Objectives and Core Capabilities**

The following exercise objectives in Table 1 describe the expected outcomes for the exercise. The objectives are linked to core capabilities, which are distinct critical elements necessary to achieve the specific mission area(s). The objectives and aligned core capabilities are guided by elected and appointed officials and selected by the Exercise Planning Team.

Exercise Objective	Core Capability		
Demonstrate the ability to deploy oil spill equipment from one or more MassDEP prepositioned oil spill response trailers utilizing common Geographic Response Plan (GRP) tactics.	Environmental Response/Health & Safety		
Demonstrate the ability to assemble a spill response organization utilizing Incident Command System (ICS) principles through development and execution of an Incident Briefing (ICS 201) and implementation of on-site incident management and tactical operations	Operational Coordination		
Demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate between multiple local, state, and federal agencies including fire departments, police departments, harbormasters, and other state and federal first responders using VHF communications	Operational Communication		

**Table 1. Exercise Objectives and Associated Core Capabilities** 

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#### APPENDIX A: EXERCISE SCHEDULE

Time	Personnel	Activity	Location				
May 25, 2016							
0830	Marblehead & Swampscott FD & HM	Mobilize and Stage Equipment	Chandler Hovey Park/Lighthouse Point and Corinthian YC at Nahant St.				
0900	All	Conduct First Responder Training, GRP Overview, Oil Spill 101 (classroom)	Abbot Public Library, 235 Pleasant St., Marblehead, MA 02945				
1030	All	Transit to Chandler Hovey Park/Lighthouse Point					
1045	All	Conduct MassDEP trailer equipment familiarization and hands-on training	Chandler Hovey Park/Lighthouse Point				
1130	All	Lunch	Chandler Hovey Park/Lighthouse Point				
1200	All	Safety, Operational, and Communications Briefing. Deploy Diversion (DV-01a) tactic at cove south fo Lighthouse Point. Deploy surrogate. Evaluate configuration.	Chandler Hovey Park/Lighthouse Point and Corinthian YC				
1330	All	Demobilize all boom, rinse and repack equipment	Chandler Hovey Park/Lighthouse Point and Corinthian YC				
1400	All	Hot Wash/Complete and turn in all Participant Feedback Forms	Chandler Hovey Park/Lighthouse Point				
1430	All	Demobilize/Adjourn					

## Tides (Marblehead Harbor, MA – May 25, 2016)

HIGH			LOW				
AM	AM	ft	PM	ft			
2:03	9.8	2:41	8.8	8:23	0.1	8:35	1.1

#### **APPENDIX B: EXERCISE PARTICIPANTS**

Participating Organizations	
Town of Marblehead, MA	Participant Count
Marblehead Fire Department	10
Marblehead PD/Harbormaster	5-6
Town of Swampscott MA	
Swampscott Fire Department	10
Swampscott Harbormaster	2
Other	
Atlantic Ambulance Service	2
TOWN PARTICIPANTS	29-30
Federal	
United States Coast Guard (USCG)	7
State	
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)	2-3
Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC (contractor for MassDEP)	3
Moran Environmental Recovery (contractor for MassDEP)	2
TOTAL	43-45

#### **APPENDIX C: EXERCISE EQUIPMENT**

Agency	Type	Description (length, horsepower, spec capability)
Local		
Marblehead FD	MassDEP Trailer	Boom Deployment
	Apparatus	Boom/Equipment Rinse
	Vessel	25' Safeboat
Marblehead HM	Vessel	25' Hornet
Swampscott FD	MassDEP Trailer	Boom/Equipment Demonstration
	Vessel	19' Boston Whaler/150HP
Rehab-Five*	Support Equip.	Tents/Canopies, Water, Other
Atlantic Ambulance	Ambulance	First Aid/Emergency Transport
State		
MassDEP Trailer(s)		See above under local equipment

<sup>\* -</sup> Roger Baker (volunteer firefighter) provides services for firefighters including cooling tents, water, food

#### **APPENDIX D: COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

	INCIDENT RADIO		Incident Name		Date/Time Prepared		Operational Period Date/Time		
C		ATIONS PLAN	Marine (	Oil Spill Exe	18-May	-16	25-May-16		
NET	Function	Channel Name/Trunked Radio System Talkgroup	Assignment	RX Freq N or W	RX Tone/NAC	TX Freq N or W	Tx Tone/NAC	Mode A, D or M	Remarks
	COMMAND	MARINE CH 17	Maritime	156.8500 W	CSQ	156.8500 W	CSQ	Α	Maritime VHF Users/Access
1P		UTAC43D	ALL	453.8625 N	156.7	453.8625 N	156.7	Α	UHF Users/Access
		8TAC93D	ALL	852.5125 W	156.7	852.5125 W	156.7	Α	800MHz Users Access
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				1P - Radio Pato Communication					
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repa	red By (Communica	ations Unit)	1	1	Incident Location: Marblehead				<u> </u>
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The convention calls for frequency lists to show four digits after the decimal place, followed by either an "N" or a "W", depending on whether the frequency is narrow or wide band. Mode refers to either "A" or "D" indicating analog or digital (e.g. Project 25) or "M" indicating mixed mode. All channels are shown as if programmed in a control station, mobile or portable radio. Repeater and base stations must be programmed with the Rx and Tx reversed.

<sup>\*</sup>This exercise will serve as a proof of concept for maritime/land interoperability.

APPENDIX E: MARBLEHEAD HARBOR (NS-27) GRP MAP

