



Operation Population Protection Exercise Participant Testimonials

Found below are testimonials from workplaces that have participated in previous Operation Population Protection Exercises.

United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Florida – Pensacola – Florida

Hopefully, this exercise will be offered annually.

Florida Department of Lottery – Tallahassee – Florida

We found the exercise well worth while!

Florida Department of Citrus – Bartow – Florida

Thanks for making this happen for the Department of Citrus. It was very beneficial to us. As a very small agency supporting the citrus industry, our emergency management planning usually takes a back seat to marketing citrus. Our marketing and research staff joined in this exercise, and I was excited at the interest / concern they held in the exercise.

Thanks again for making it happen for us.

NAS Pensacola - Fleet and Family Support Center – Pensacola – Florida

We all agreed it was time well spent participating in this exercise.

Florida Office of Attorney General – Tallahassee - Florida

Really impressed with the whole exercise!

Florida Department of Lottery – Tallahassee – Florida

Exercise injects made us think of how it would affect our organization.

Publix Super Markets – Jacksonville – Florida

The exercise and support material was extremely beneficial.

Florida House of Representatives – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise videos were very informative and helped set the stage for the exercise.

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority – Pensacola – Florida

As long as we apply what we learned from this exercise to our agency, we will be better prepared to deal with an unknown shooter incident. I just hope we never have to go a real time incident, but if we do I will be better prepared. Thank you

NAS Pensacola - Fleet and Family Support Center – Pensacola – Florida

We engaged in candid conversations regarding organizational readiness.

Florida Department of Revenue – Tallahassee – Florida

I truly applaud the efforts to collaboratively orchestrate this type of training; in real time and with real discussions. This training will help our organization better prepare, respond, and recover from such an incident by putting into place the plan and rehearsal processes. Job well done!

Legal Services of North Florida Inc – Pensacola – Florida

Gave us a chance to talk about an existing informal active shooter response plan and assess it. Including determining who would be responsible for implementing and managing the plan.

NAS Pensacola - Fleet and Family Support Center – Pensacola – Florida

It was eye opening. Good exercise with real world situations.

Florida Department of Lottery – Tallahassee – Florida

We considered specific issues and circumstances that we had not considered before.

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority – Pensacola – Florida

The exercise identified the need for developing an active shooter response plan.

Deloitte Consulting LLP – Tallahassee – Florida

It was well presented. In today's current society, it would be useful information for a good majority of businesses.

Florida National Guard – St Augustine – Florida

The interactive modules helped facilitate a smooth training environment and contributed to the significant discussion and engagement. Using a scenario-driven model to guide the thoughts and discussion helped participants maintain a sense of urgency and focused energy.

Florida Department of Lottery – Tallahassee – Florida

It was a good scenario that I hope we will never experience. However, I feel that this exercise got the communication going in our agency to be better prepared if it should.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Tallahassee – Florida

Within a few hours of the exercises ending I started the ball rolling to ensure we had floor plans available at our building front desk.

NAS Pensacola – Fleet and Family Support Center – Pensacola – Florida

Our team brainstormed on ways to minimize harm to ourselves and clients during an active shooter episode.

Florida Department of Financial Services – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise generated a lot of discussion about the topic.

Eden Condominiums – Pensacola – Florida

The exercise was most beneficial and EYE OPENING!

NAS Pensacola – Fleet and Family Support Center – Pensacola – Florida

The exercise helped remind us that we are not immune from such tragedy.

Florida Department of Lottery – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise scenarios were excellent and thorough.

Greater Pensacola Chamber – Pensacola – Florida

We felt the scenario addressed issues that we would actually be faced in the workplace should this type of situation occur.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise opened a line of discussion about what should be expected of everyone in the workplace during this kind of event.

NAS Pensacola - Fleet and Family Support Center – Pensacola – Florida

Our team worked together to identify a list of items in our place of employment that could be addressed to improve our readiness for an active shooter situation.

Florida Department of Revenue – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise videos were excellent in describing the situations and responses.

Greater Pensacola Chamber – Pensacola – Florida

We chose to participate in the exercise with a cross section of businesses working together at one location. I felt that was a good idea as businesses were able to interact and share ideas and it helped with the participation.

Florida Department of Lottery – Tallahassee – Florida

We will take what we learned and share with others, including Executive Management.

United Cerebral Palsy of Tallahassee – Tallahassee – Florida

This exercise made us aware of the need to prepare a policy to address an active shooter.

NAS Pensacola - Fleet and Family Support Center – Pensacola – Florida

We realized that our risk for having an active shooter in our workplace is a reality.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Tallahassee – Florida

Our team knows a lot more than we did before the exercise.

Be Ready Alliance Coordinating For Emergencies – Pensacola – Florida

The opening video was very helpful. Thank you. Once again, the exercise was very helpful.

Florida National Guard – St Augustine – Florida

The conversation guided through specific scenarios helped to identify shortfalls within our own organizational plans. As a result, we walked away knowing that our team had completed good work thus far while helping us see our work is not yet complete.

Tallahassee Community College – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise video was well done and made us all aware that an active shooter situation could happen anywhere and that we all are vulnerable to attack.

NAS Pensacola - Fleet and Family Support Center – Pensacola – Florida

As we participated in the exercise we were able to identify sound solutions to the various scenarios.

Greater Pensacola Chamber – Pensacola – Florida

I felt that the scenario asked appropriate questions during the exercise that allowed us to think about how to develop a plan of action for this type of event.

NAS Pensacola - Fleet and Family Support Center – Pensacola – Florida

The scenario and video clips stimulated good discussion.

Big Bend Hospice – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise was excellent and relevant to every day practice. Well done!

NAS Pensacola - Fleet and Family Support Center – Pensacola – Florida

It brought up some good questions within the group and discussion of how to make system changes to our policies and procedures.

Florida Department of Lottery – Tallahassee – Florida

Helped us identify opportunities to improve security, evacuation, rally points, coordination with police, PIO, etc.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise was very good and realistic.

Flag Credit Union – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise scenarios and videos initiated conversations and food for thought.

Florida Department of Revenue – Tallahassee – Florida

The online, scenario based situation. The ability to discuss, plan, identify strengths and opportunities as well as, being able to respond on a self-paced level.

Florida House of Representatives – Tallahassee – Florida

Exercise injects were relevant and thought-provoking. It led to good discussion and confirmed procedures we have in place.

Florida National Guard – St Augustine – Florida

We had a group of approximately 25 individuals participating in this training. Although we had previously engaged in discussions and emergency management situation planning process, this event solicited much more discussions than in previous meetings. All participants seemed engaged and contributing to the discussion.

Florida Department of Lottery – Tallahassee – Florida

This exercise produced good communication between the participants in our agency.

Florida Department of Children and Families – Tallahassee – Florida

I thought the whole exercise was very good.

NAS Pensacola - Fleet and Family Support Center – Pensacola – Florida

The exercise met our expectations and generated full participation; everyone's thoughts and ideas were viable.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise was presented as a "real life" situation.

Leon County MIS – Tallahassee – Florida

There is no way to really be fully prepared for such a horrific event. However, the exercise was successful in making us think about what to do and what to expect, so if the worst case does happen, we'll already know how we should respond.

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise provided us with an opportunity to evaluate what we currently have in place (or lack thereof) for situations like an active shooter.

Tallahassee Community College – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise helped us review our own policy and apply it to the incident presented during the training exercise. This opened our eyes to what would work and what wouldn't.

NAS Pensacola - Fleet and Family Support Center – Pensacola – Florida

We were able to identify our strengths and weaknesses.

Deloitte Consulting LLP – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise was very well-presented.

Citizens Property Insurance Corp – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise brought out areas that need attention. They were documented and will be worked out in the near future.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Tallahassee – Florida

The exercise scenario and associated questions flowed smoothly and encouraged participation.

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity – Tallahassee – Florida

We were able to brainstorm ideas to determine the best means to communicate information to employees.