

ETS Exercise Rhythm and Vines (R & V)

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 - Midland Region Emergency Operation Centre which did not use ETS
 - The EOC was situated in Hamilton and the Incident Control Point (ETS exercise) was in Gisborne.

Rhythm and Vines (R & V)

- ▶ R & V is a music venue held during the New Year period in Gisborne.
- ▶ Up to 30 000 people attend
- ▶ Held over 3 days this year (previously 1 day)
- ▶ St John Midland Region decided to use this event to test the Midland Regional Mass Casualty (MC) Plan and use the findings to support the R & V Operational Plan.

Key Performance Indicators

- ▶ Notification
- ▶ Activation of Midland Regional Mass Casualty (MC) plan
- ▶ Chain of command
- ▶ Allocation of resources
- ▶ Patient tracking

Participants

- ▶ St John
- ▶ Police
- ▶ Fire service
- ▶ Rural Fire
- ▶ Event organiser
- ▶ Security staff

Scenario

- ▶ 2300 hrs New Years Eve
- ▶ Party goers were in full swing until a riot occurred. Then suddenly a wall collapsed and party goers were trapped.
- ▶ Police and St John in the crowd activated their notification systems.
- ▶ Event Managers, Police, Fire, Security, St John then assembled in area that became the EOC.
- ▶ Police became the lead agency



Scenario

- ▶ 49 injured patients (gubers)
- ▶ Status 1- 8
- ▶ Status 2 – 10
- ▶ Status 3 – 20
- ▶ Remainder walking wounded..

Boards

- ▶ Scene
- ▶ Casualty clearing post
- ▶ Transport
- ▶ Walking wounded tent
- ▶ Emergency Department

Outcomes

- ▶ Notification: Internal cascade was tested during this exercise
- ▶ Tested the St John Midland Regions MC Plan in response to the surge of mass casualties involved in the exercise incident
- ▶ Good timely intervention of patient management options (adverse outcomes were measured by the medical umpire)
- ▶ Effective patient tracking occurred

Recommendations

- ▶ Review roles and responsibility task lists that are distributed to staff once the Health Plan is activated.
- ▶ Ensure that the event staff members and resources are reflected and included in the activation process of the Health Emergency Plan.
- ▶ Involve the wider emergency service group and District Health Board in the next exercise.
- ▶ Consider adopting the patient tracking form at the CCP
- ▶ The R & V Steering group will use these findings when developing the R & V operational plan.
- ▶ The St John Midland Regional Management group will also hold a post exercise cold debrief

And the gubers!!

- ▶ Preventable complications = 8
- ▶ Preventable deaths = 4

