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Joining Forces: Collaborating with Law Enforcement to Boost Resilience

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**“Coming together is the beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success.”
— Henry Ford**



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Objectives

- Determine why you might consider incorporating Law Enforcement into your Health Care Facility (HCF) plans, policies and procedures
- Identify ways to involve Law Enforcement into your HCF's Emergency Management Program exercises/drills, training and community outreach
- Understand how to utilize Law Enforcement in to your HCF's safety/security threat assessment and Workplace Violence Prevention Program (WPVPP)
- Recognize the benefits that collaborating with Law Enforcement will have on boosting resilience in your HCF and community as a whole

Remember the 4 C's When Considering Joining Forces with Law Enforcement

- Cooperation
- Collaboration
- Coordination
- Communication

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Incorporating Law Enforcement

Think Cooperation

It takes cooperation to develop a partnership with law enforcement. Cooperation in planning makes sense because of the following:

- Shared hazards, vulnerabilities and risks
- Shared common goals
- Shared commitment



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Shared Hazards, Risks and Vulnerabilities

- Earthquake
- Wildland fire
- Mass Casualty Incidents



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Shared Goals

- Preservation of life
- Preservation property
- Preservation of the environment
- Preparedness of our community
- Resilience in our community




Shared Commitment

Serving our community



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Think Collaboration

“Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.”
—Helen Keller

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Collaboration and Involvement

Collaboration is required in involving law enforcement in the following:

- Drills and exercises
- Trainings
- Community outreach



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Drills and Exercises

Practicing together promotes collaboration, allowing the following:

- Law Enforcement understands how the HCF operates
- The HCF understands how Law Enforcement operates
- Promotes a cohesive relationship, which promotes the best interest of both entities



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Trainings

Training together results in:

- Building teamwork
- Strengthening your partnership



Community Outreach

Collaborating in community outreach promotes our partnership and helps boost resilience.

- Ebola precautions and guidelines
- El Niño preparedness
- Disaster Expo
- Backpack giveaway





Utilizing Law Enforcement



Think Coordination

When a health care facility and Law Enforcement work together in coordination for a common cause, such as their community ... They make a great team!



Your HCF Risk or Threat Assessment

Utilizing Law Enforcement to identifying potential risks, threats and vulnerabilities of your HCF results in:

- Assistance in implementing mitigation actions
- Promoting coordination
- Increasing visibility, participation and a vested interest
- Building resilience in the community as a whole



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Your Workplace Violence Prevention Program (WPVPP)

Utilizing Law Enforcement to identifying potential risks, threats and vulnerabilities in your HCF results in:

- Assistance in preparing for and mitigating against workplace violence and repeat offenders
- Assistance in responding to and recovery from workplace violence incidents
- Promotes a coordinated effort and demonstrates a vested interest
- Increases visibility and participation
- Promotes safety among employees



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Increasing Visibility and Promoting Partnership

Ways to increase visibility and promote partnership:

- Consider establishing a place for law enforcement officers to post within the HCF parameter
- Establish a direct liaison with Law Enforcement, involving them in all events occurring within the HCF



Benefits of Joining Forces with Law Enforcement

Think Communication

Communication is **essential** in any relationship. It is the capability that often fails in many situations.



Communication with Law Enforcement

Honest, open, and effective communication is essential in any collaborative relationship, leading to:

- Heightened awareness
- Understanding
- Acceptance
- Improved dissemination and sharing of critical information



Improved Dissemination and Sharing of Critical Information

How a HCF and Law Enforcement share critical Information can directly impact the response, recovery and resilience of their community. Improvement can be achieved by:

- Being available and willing to provide education and resources on emerging illness (i.e., Ebola) and/or infections, which could impact the community
- Facilitating the exchange and sharing of critical information utilizing appropriate methods (Live Process and Reddi-Net)

Improved Dissemination and Sharing of Critical Information (cont.)

Improvement can be achieved by (cont.):

- Coordination of efforts and response actions as needed in volatile or dangerous incidents which may impact the community (active shooter)
- Appropriate dissemination and sharing of critical information and resources, facilitates a coordinated response

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Conclusion


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Incorporating Law Enforcement into Your Health Care Facility Plans, Policies and Procedures Requires Cooperation



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Involving Law Enforcement in Your Health Care Facility Requires Collaboration




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Utilizing Law Enforcement in Your Health Care Facility Requires Coordination



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The Benefits of Joining Forces with Law Enforcement

Heightened awareness, understanding, acceptance and improved dissemination and sharing of information leads to improved resilience in the community as a whole.



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Resources

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bja/210678.pdf>



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Questions?



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