

Barents Rescue Exercise planning

Future exercises, report from the working group

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Main topics for Exercise planners

- Follow up of evaluation from previous exercises
- How can we generate a BEAC exercise calendar ?
- Next generation of Barents Rescue Exercises ? How are they ?
- Is there a need for updating the BEAC EXPG ?
- The role of BEAC JC as steering group for the exercise ?



Follow up of evaluation

- Who keeps track of the eval highlights ?
- What system is in force for doing this ?
 - If any
 - Only national initiative ?
- How do we want it to be ?
- The importance of organizational learning
 - How is the follow-up done in the respective countries ?



The BR exercise Calendar ⁽¹⁾

- Background:
 - There is a need for predictable exercise planning
 - There is a need for predictable scenarios as basis for the exercises
- Proposal
 - To establish a joint exercise calendar amongst the participating nations
 - Shall be a supplement to the Exercise Manual, containing scenarios that the nations see as the most relevant for the BR-exercises
 - Must be risk based
 - Must contain cross- sectorial challenges
 - Must contain rescue missions
- The calendar must be updated annually.



The BEAC Exercise calendar (2)

- Questions for debate:
 - Does such calendar exists to day in the regions ?
 - What does the nations risk assessment reports states as the incident with the highest risk ?
 - What added value would a joint ex-calendar give ?
 - The same risk-picture across borders ?
 - Joint level of triggering int-assist ?
 - Predictability in terms of what to exercise and how to exercise
 - FTX, CPX



The next generation of BR Exercises ?

- Do we get enough value for the money spent on exercises?
- Still bi-annual full scale exercises ?
- Skip FTX for one "round"/8 yrs ?
- Intro of CPX ie every 2 yrs and FTX every 2 yrs or
- Enhanced intervals between the exercises ?



Task from the Joint Committee:

- Identify the risks in the region, incidents where international assistance is needed
- Identify possible scenarios for future exercises
- Suggest use of different exercise types (TTX, CPX, FTX)



Study in the countries

- Short study among the rescue organization in each nation
- Joint group meeting in Luleå spring 2011



Suggested scenarios

- From Norway the following incidents came as a common result:
 - Great landslides in the Lyngen areas in Troms County
 - Ship collision in coastal waters off the coast of Nordland, Troms and Finnmark counties
 - Tourist-Helicopter accident i.e. in the three country border area
 - Offshore, large petroleum industry related incident



Future scenarios (2)

- From Sweden:
 - Hydro-electric power dam-failure
 - Air accidents
 - Mine-related accidents
 - Large scale environmental accidents
 - Extensive disruptions in electricity-/telecommunications



Future scenarios (3)

- From Finland:
 - Large incidents related to the tourist traffic
 - Large forest fires
 - Air related accidents



Future scenarios (4)

- From Russia
 - Hydro-electric power dams
 - Nuclear Power plant
 - Large transportation accidents
 - Forest fires
 - Ship accidents, pollution related



Exercise types

- Alarmex or warning exercise
- Tabletop or discussion exercise (TTX)
- Command post Exercise (CPX)
- Field Training Exercise (FTX)



Alarmex

- Easy to plan
- Easy to conduct
- Focuses on existing plans and procedures



TTX

- Relatively easy to plan
- Requires participation in planning
- Relatively easy to to conduct
- Scaleable
- Little long term organizational learning effect
- Focuses on decisions, roles and responsibilities
- Very often focused on dilemmas



CPX

- Requires no “forces” in the field
- Focuses on plans, procedures, agreements, established organizations and “greyzones” related to roles and responsibilities
- Will mainly focus on the organizations and their tasks
- Low/moderate cost
- Large exercise value for money



FTX

- FTX is very resource consuming to run
- FTX is iaw the intentions in the BEAC agreement
- FTX gives little organizational learning effects
- FTX is very “hands-on”
- FTX gives good demo effect
- FTX is very political “visible”
- FTX is hard to determine long term learning effects (org)



The further process

- Recommendation on exercise type to the nations
- Development of a web-based common planning tool in addition to BEAC EXPG and Joint Manual, i.e for CPX'
 - What exists today ?
 - What are the needs ?
- Further discussions on follow-up after exercises
- Revision of EXPG, experiences from SWE related to BR 11

