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

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

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

Shared Hazards, Risks and Vulnerabilities

- Earthquake
- Wildland fire
- Mass Casualty Incidents
Shared Goals

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

Shared Commitment

Serving our community
Involving Law Enforcement

Think Collaboration

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

Collaboration is required in involving law enforcement in the following:
- Drills and exercises
- Trainings
- Community outreach

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
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

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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

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
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 immergeing 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
Conclusion

Incorporating Law Enforcement into Your Health Care Facility Plans, Polices and Procedures

Requires Cooperation
Involving Law Enforcement in Your Health Care Facility
Requires Collaboration

Utilizing Law Enforcement in Your Health Care Facility
Requires Coordination
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.

Resources

https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bja/210678.pdf
Questions?

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