

Washoe County Regional Emergency Operations Center in Reno, Nevada "Operation Full House" Tabletop Exercise, 2007



Brondolo Associates completed the first dedicated mass fatality exercise for the Washoe County Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) in Reno, Nevada. The tabletop exercise introduced the REOC response personnel to the unique requirements of a mass fatality incident. The exercise focused on two distinct operational periods in the recovery phase: the period after life and safety activities but prior to the arrival of federal assets, and the period several days into the incident once federal assets are expected to be operational.

The process tested the Incident Command management structure in an extended mass fatality incident. The exercise established a fictitious casino complex that was attacked by terrorists. It was designed to identify resource needs for a large mass fatality incident, while offering local, state, and federal personnel the opportunity to understand problems they may face during a large scale mass fatality incident.

The exercise resulted in identifying critical resource and preparedness gaps in interagency coordination during a mass fatality incident.

