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**INFO:** Full-Scale Bioterrorism Response Exercise—Operation Distribution

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This is a reminder that the Hunterdon County Division of Health, Emergency Preparedness group, will be carrying out a Full-Scale Bioterrorism Response Exercise in partnership with the County Prosecutors Office and County OEM on June 23, 2015, from 12 noon-8 pm. This complex exercise will focus on emergency response during the first 24 hours after a known bioterrorism attack and release of a Category A agent.

Our county will be the first LINGS agency in the state to integrate Fixed Facility/First Responder operations with Open POD medication distribution, SWAT operations, and possibly municipal distribution in one exercise. Our venues for the exercise will include our RSS site (warehouse), County HazMat Building, and a POD site (likely North Hunterdon High School). This exercise will also be testing the Prosecutors Office's Security Plans and will include a SWAT hostage negotiation at the high school.

In order to be successful, this exercise requires a large number of participants, in both player and actor roles. We would greatly appreciate your participation in the exercise and ask that you forward this message to any colleagues who may be interested. We are particularly looking for municipal CERT team participation; please forward this message to your CERT team members and any other volunteers/staff in your municipality.

Please contact me at the above email/phone number no later than Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> if you are interested in participating in this exercise. I will need names and emails of all participants by this date, along with a signed waiver form for each participant. If you are bringing children under 18 with you to participate in the exercise, please complete this portion of the waiver as well and provide their name(s) and age. Please, no children under 14 years of age.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to see you at the exercise. Working together, we can all enhance County emergency preparedness efforts to better protect the health of our residents.

For questions regarding this information, please contact the **Hunterdon County Division of Public Health** at (908) 788-1351 or [health@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:health@co.hunterdon.nj.us)