

Draft Safety Brief

The Safety Officer should present the safety brief to all exercise participants (e.g. players, observers, controllers, evaluators, media) prior to the start of exercise play. Dependent upon the exercise schedule and number of venues, it may be necessary to repeat the safety brief a number of times to ensure that all participants receive the brief. Planners should edit and/or expand the brief as appropriate for your jurisdictional specific exercise, however, it is recommended that at a minimum the below information be covered.

- Participant safety takes priority over exercise events. All players, observers, and exercise staff (e.g. controllers, evaluators, support staff) share the responsibility to ensure the safety of all involved in the exercise and have the power to stop exercise play if a safety problem is identified and cannot be immediately resolved. _____ is serving as the Exercise Safety Officer and can be identified by _____. All Controllers will also service as safety observers during exercise play.
- If exercise play needs to be stopped for any reason, the phrase "**stop exercise**" will be communicated via available communication tools. The Exercise Director and Safety Officer are responsible for determining if and when exercise play can resume and informing participants of such.
- In the event of an emergency or injury, the phrase "**real world emergency**" should be used and exercise play stopped immediately. Those observing the emergency should render aid as appropriate for their level of training and/or call 9-1-1 as warranted. A controller should be notified of the situation as soon as feasible.
- All communications should begin and end with the phrase "**this is an exercise.**" Given the nature of the exercise subject, it is critical to ensure that anyone who may overhear exercise-related communications does not misinterpret the communication as related to a real-world incident.
- Observers and media may not enter the areas of exercise play. Non-players must remain in areas designated for their use.
- Law enforcement personnel will remained armed for the duration of the exercise. There are no exercise injects for challenging the authority of law enforcement personnel. All challenges to law enforcement personnel will be considered real-world, with law enforcement personnel responding accordingly. *(If this statement does not reflect your jurisdiction's policy regarding law enforcement remaining armed during the exercise, be sure to change the statement to accurately reflect your weapons policy.)*
- Be cognizant of your surrounding and vigilant to avoid slips, trips, and falls.
- Be sure to remain hydrated throughout the exercise.
- If your role in the exercise requires the donning and wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE), all pre-donning physical assessments (e.g. vital signs) and post-doffing physical assessments and rehab must be completed per your organization's existing policy.
- A controller will monitor the length of time that each player wears PPE and stop exercise play if a player is noted to be wearing PPE uninterrupted for longer than _____ and/or appears to be experiencing adverse effects from wearing the PPE.