



# Strategic National Stockpile & Point of Dispensing Operations

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Crawford County Volunteer Unit Training



# Objectives

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- Demonstrate basic knowledge of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)
- Demonstrate basic knowledge of a Point of Dispensing (POD) site & its operations



# What is the SNS?

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- A national storage of medications & medical supplies for use in the event that a public health emergency is severe enough to cause local supplies to be depleted
- Designed to supplement & replenish state and local public health agencies



## More SNS info...

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- ❑ Medication & supplies are free
- ❑ Enough medication & supplies to protect several large cities simultaneously
- ❑ Stockpiles are strategically located and are ready to deploy supplies within 12 hours (Push Packages)



# SNS Background

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- Originally established in 1999 as the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile (NPS) managed by HHS and CDC
- March 2003 – became SNS and managed by HHS and DHS



# SNS Assets

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- Determined by current threats, material availability, ease of distribution, and medical vulnerability
- Inspected quarterly for quality assurance/control



# Transport & Distribution of Supplies

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- ❑ 12-hour Push Packages transported to receiving site by cargo plane or truck
- ❑ Supplies transferred to state & local authorities upon arrival at designated site
- ❑ Push Packages then broken down for distribution to local drop site
- ❑ Possible that supplies may be sent in multiple shipments depending on the size of the event



# SNS Deployment

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- ❑ Must be evidence of disease outbreak, biological or chemical incident, or a national emergency
- ❑ SNS assets are requested from an affected state's governor
- ❑ HHS, CDC, & other federal officials evaluate & determine the course of action





# Examples of events that justify SNS Deployment

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- CBRNE event
- Medical emergency brought on by natural disaster
- Information from intelligence or law enforcement
- Clinical, laboratory, or epidemiological indicators
- Unexplained increases in EMS requests
- Unexplained increase in prescriptions of medication use



# SNS Request Procedure

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- Hospital sends SNS request to LHD
- LHD forwards hospital request, along with its own request to local EMA
- Local EMA sends request to IEMA
- IEMA informs IDPH of request
- IDPH then determines what/how much to dispense
  
- Remember that an emergency declaration must be made before activation of the stockpile



# Point of Dispensing Site

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- ❑ Designated site for the distribution of SNS medication in the event of an emergency
- ❑ Generally operated by local health department staff & volunteers
- ❑ Public PODs – for the general public
- ❑ Closed PODs – for critical infrastructure personnel & their families (i.e. first responders, POD workers, large industry employees, etc.)

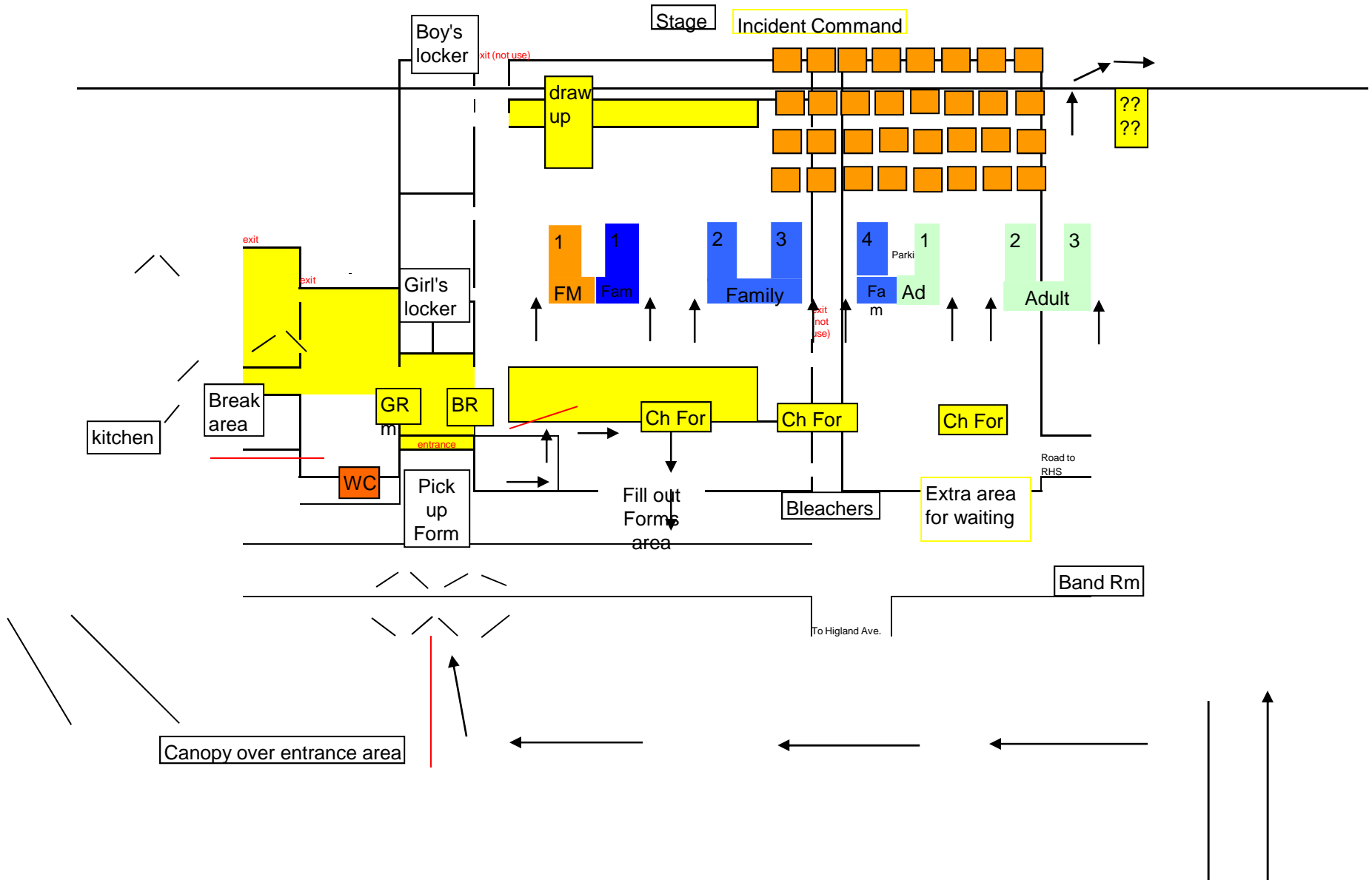


# POD Operations

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- ❑ Discuss sections of a POD
- ❑ Discuss POD layout at NMS: primary site
- ❑ Just-in-time training cards will be given for workers
- ❑ POD forms: Client medical form, Agent information form, and medication form

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# Questions/Comments?

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# Thank You

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