



## County of Simcoe Emergency Response Plan Emergency Response Plan Testing

The County of Simcoe Emergency Planning Department tests its Emergency Response Plan annually pursuant to the *Emergency Management & Civil Protection Act*.

The County of Simcoe follows the recommended Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) standard by conducting tactical exercises of the Emergency Response Plan every 5 years. Each test of the plan is to be followed up with an analytical report including gap analysis and action plans. Tests of the notification plan do not include such reports unless problems are encountered.

Below is a summarization of recent Emergency Response Plan exercises wherein hazardous events were tested in table top and/or full tactical implementation.

Date	Exercise	Description
Fall 2010	Operation White Cloud	A complex multi-agency, multi-disciplinary tabletop exercise to train and test hazardous materials technical response, emergency response communications and emergency human / social services
May 2010	Operation Helping Hand	A power outage scenario which tested the social services component of the emergency response plan by exercising the fan out lists, evacuation centres and staff deployment. <u>Partners:</u> Red Cross, Township of Tiny
November 2009	Operation AC Down	A Tabletop exercise simulating a regional outbreak of pandemic influenza that resulted in significant staff illness/ absence- average corporate absenteeism is 30%. No external partners other than EMO
September 2008	Operation Water Blast Part 2	Full tactical implementation simulating



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		a drinking water and air contamination emergency <u>Partners:</u> CSPS, OPP, New Tecumseth, Essa, Borden Fire, Stevenson Memorial Hospital
December 2007	Operation Winter Freeze	Table top exercise simulating natural gas disruption during winter cold snap <u>Partners:</u> Enbridge Gas, Clearview, Springwater, Wasaga Beach
February 2007	Exercise Deep Chill	Mock evacuation exercise in response to a hypothetical winter storm and power outage <u>Partners:</u> Tiny Township, Tay Township, Midland, Penetanguishene, North Simcoe Hospital Alliance
December 2006	Operation Fever Phix	Table top exercise to discuss the effects of a pandemic influenza emergency <u>Partners:</u> District of Muskoka, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit