



# SCENARIO EXERCISE DESCRIPTION

SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION STRATEGIES, OBJECTIVES & TACTICS for **DISASTER RESPONDERS & SURVIVORS**

## PANDEMIC INFLUENZA

### PURPOSE

**SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION for Disaster Responders** presents a variety of emergency, disaster, and extreme event scenario exercises as a way to practice the PREPARE and RESPOND SKILLS SETS and the six SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION strategies, applied first to you and your team (with disaster response roles) and applied to disaster survivors you serve.

### MATERIALS

SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION **FLIPBOOK**  
SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION **LAMINATED SHEET**  
SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION **SCENARIO EXERCISE WORKSHEET**  
SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION **SCENARIO EXERCISE DESCRIPTION** (this form)

### PROCESS

**READ** the scenario.

**DEFINE YOUR RESPONDER ROLE** in the scenario.

**DEFINE THE SURVIVOR GROUP(S) YOUR TEAM IS SERVING** in the scenario.

**APPLY** the SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION FRAMEWORK:

- 1 **PREPARE SKILLS SET: IDENTIFY** the most important PREPARE SKILLS to plan, practice, and prioritize stress management for this scenario.
- 2 **SFA STRATEGIES FOR RESPONDERS: SELECT, ADAPT, APPLY and CUSTOMIZE** objectives and tactics that will SAFEGUARD, SUSTAIN, COMFORT, CONNECT, ADVISE, and ACTIVATE you and your team.
- 3 **RESPOND SKILLS SET: IDENTIFY** the most important RESPOND SKILLS to approach and appraise survivors, and attend to their special needs.
- 4 **SFA STRATEGIES FOR SURVIVORS: SELECT, ADAPT, APPLY and CUSTOMIZE** objectives and tactics that will SAFEGUARD, SUSTAIN, COMFORT, CONNECT, ADVISE, and ACTIVATE survivors of this event.  
RECORD findings on your SFA SCENARIO EXERCISE WORKSHEET  
DISCUSS with team members.

### YOUR ROLE

**OPTION 1** Assume the role you and your team would play in this event.

**OPTION 2** Assume a realistic responder role and “play through” that role. Roles and response duties differ for each scenario. However, you can use any scenario to practice the use of the SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION FRAMEWORK.

### PANDEMIC INFLUENZA SCENARIO

The long-awaited pandemic strain of influenza is sweeping the globe. During this first-wave exposure to the new influenza virus, no vaccines are available. In areas that have already encountered “panflu”, one-third of the population has been infected. The rate of severe illness has overwhelmed the healthcare system. Alternative medical treatment centers are activated in convention centers to handle the overload. Points of distribution are set up with heavy security to dispense limited supplies of antiviral medications and masks. The death rate is the worst since the notorious 1918 influenza pandemic.

Public health authorities invoke hygiene measures and “social distancing” procedures. Mass gatherings are canceled. Most schools are closed and children are advised to stay at home with their parents. Guidance on preventive measures is broadcast through the media, including the Internet. Public health hotlines are operating but cannot handle the call volume. Public health and healthcare professionals, and persons in other essential services, may not be able to return home for fear of infecting their family members. Reports of power failures and food shortages are surfacing in some areas.