

**Patriot Services Corporation Conducts
Full-Scale Public Health Exercise in Wayne County**

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December 12, 2007, Walled Lake, MI - Patriot Services Corporation, a leading national provider of emergency preparedness and homeland security services, recently conducted a full-scale public health emergency preparedness exercise in Wayne County.

“We are extremely proud of the significant positive impact our exercises have in helping our clients improve their emergency responsiveness capabilities. As a Michigan-based company, we are very pleased to be selected as a partner to Wayne County in helping them become prepared to help our state’s citizens the event of a public health crisis,” states Scott Hiipakka, Vice President of Patriot Services Corporation and the company’s Public Health Industry Lead.

The exercise tested multiple agencies at the county and local levels response capabilities and resource coordination to a biological terrorist attack. Agency staffs were deployed to field sites and faced realistic incident-specific scenarios and challenges. Response actions included requesting and activation of the Strategic National Stockpile, implementation of the Incident Command System, establishing the Emergency Operations Center, and a Dispensing Sites for medications.

In the event of a biological terrorist incident, providing medications to the public quickly is important in saving lives. Establishing multiple medication dispensing sites will help to relieve pressure on hospitals and minimize the number of sick individuals. In addition, public health, law enforcement, and fire services must be able to continue to provide their services for those in need. Public health dispensing sites help to rapidly distribute medications to the public.

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“While we hope something like this will never happen, testing our public health agencies’ preparedness enhances their readiness for a major public emergency. Public health crises and their response require significant coordination between both public and private sector entities. This exercise provided an excellent opportunity to test agency plans and response protocols to best the citizens of southeast Michigan” says Hiipakka.

Patriot Services Corporation is a national provider of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness services. The company is headquartered in Walled Lake, Michigan with offices in Cincinnati, Ohio and Indianapolis, Indiana. A veteran-owned small business enterprise, we have earned our reputation as a nationwide leader in comprehensive disaster and emergency preparedness solutions, including site, threat and vulnerability assessments; emergency plan development and review; training; and exercises. Our clients include city, county, and state agencies; schools (K-12) to higher education institutions; public organizations; and private enterprises, in the U.S. and abroad. For more information please visit www.patriot-services.com or call 248.436.8420.

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