

200th RED HORSE Patriot Exercise 2015

Patriot Exercise 2015 is a Domestic Operations training exercise sponsored by the National Guard Bureau and accredited by the Joint National Training Capability Program. The Patriot Exercise focuses on improving the coordination, policies and procedures required during a Joint Inter-Agency domestic response. The 2015 exercise consisting of a multiple event natural disaster scenario required various military and civilian agencies to demonstrate their unique skill sets. In total, over 1,070 personnel from 90 organizations and 33 states took part in this effort.



The 200th RED HORSE Squadron (RHS) supported the exercise by providing equipment and training, and acting as controller/evaluators during the set-up, operation, and maintenance of the Disaster Relief Beddown Set (DRBS). The DRBS is a deployable kit providing housing and basic life support facilities for approximately 500 personnel. The 200 RHS also inventoried packed and loaded commercial trucks for shipment of the DRBS from the Detachment in Mansfield, OH to Volk Field, WI. Lastly, three Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from the 200 RHS traveled with the equipment to observe different aspects of the exercise and assist with training. This included working with the 127th Civil Engineering Squadron (CES), 118th CES and 646th Army Regional Support Group.



The Structures SMEs from the 200 RHS organized set-up of nine tents: four were used by the Red Cross, four for dining facilities, and the final tent was served as a shower/shave shelter.



The Power Production and Electrical SME observed and evaluated personnel form the 118th Prime Power unit during an exercise power loss scenario impacting various buildings on base and a civilian fire station in the nearby town of New Lisbon. The 118th evaluated

facility power requirements with local power personnel to determine tools and equipment needed to hook up emergency power.



The Utilities SME supported Mechanical (Utilities and HVAC) teams during the installation, operation and maintenance of the shower/shave kit, Field Deployable Environmental Control Units (FDECUs), and Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit (ROWPU). This portion of the exercise focused on developing a plan to provide potable water to a local hospital, while repairing faulty pumps and valves, as well as water bladder punctures.





The training provided to over 90 organizations and 1000 personnel during the Patriot Exercise 2015 enabled airmen, troops, and civilians to assess their skills and special life-saving capabilities in an exceptional joint training and exercise environment. The 200 RHS personnel were able to provide valuable training to the 127th Squadron (CES), 118th CES and 646th Army Regional Support Group, while developing valuable relationship with Air Force, Army and civilian agencies.



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