Use of the City of Boston WebEOC for ESF #8





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Introduce Yourself

- What's your name?
- Where do you work?
- About how many times have you used WebEOC?
 - Never?
 - 5, 10, 15 or more?



What Do You Hope to Learn?

What questions do you hope we cover today?

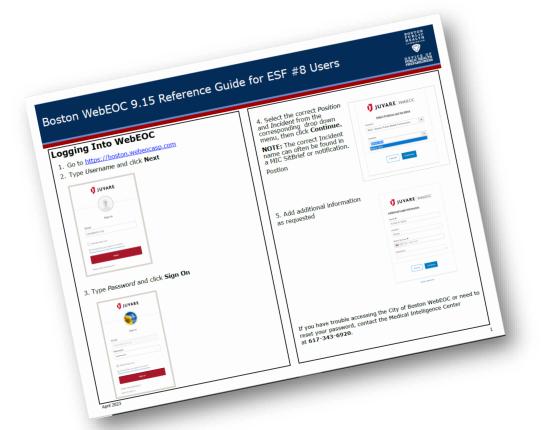


Course Objectives

- Describe the purpose of the City of Boston WebEOC and how it is used during an incident
- Access the WebEOC boards: Significant events,
 Activity log, Incident Documentation Library, and Emergency
 Patient Tracking System board
- Describe the characteristics of an effective WebEOC post
- Describe how to **post a message** to the Activity Log, using the reference guide provided
- Recall how and when to contact MIC for WebEOC technical support

WebEOC Reference Guide





Indicates when information can be found in your Reference Guide

Post-Course WebEOC Practice

Today starting at 2:00pm

Remember to have your Quick Reference Guide handy!



Purpose and Use of WebEOC

Purpose of WebEOC

- Web-based system
- Allows authorized users to enter and view incident information
- People across disciplines and jurisdictions monitor events and share information in real-time



Who Uses the City of Boston WebEOC?



What do you think?

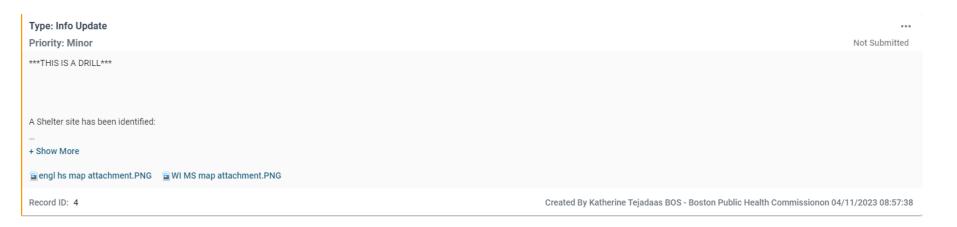
What events/incidents might warrant the use of WebEOC?

Type your answer in the chat box.

Past Uses of WebEOC in Boston



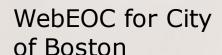
Information Found in WebEOC





Today's Training





- For ESF #8, public health and medical services
- Use of City of Boston WebEOC to view important information from statewide boards



We will not cover:

- How to access and navigate other boards
- Ex. MEMA and MDPH boards

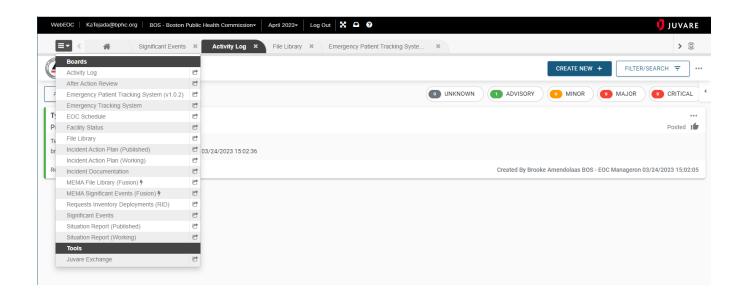




Navigating WebEOC



Live Demonstration: Navigating



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Communicating Effectively in WebEOC



Guidelines for WebEOC Posts



- 1. Post department-specific response actions, key issues, and requests for support.
- 2. Be brief and specific in your description of the event
 - 1. Include implications of the event and any initial actions taken
- 3. The information should be appropriate and polite
- 4. Avoid jargon or acronyms when entering information
- 5. Do not share protected patient information in your post
- 6. Provide the address of the incident location in your post
- 7. Remember to verify before you post!

What Not to Post – Sensitive Information

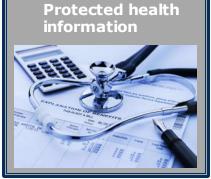












Protected Health Information

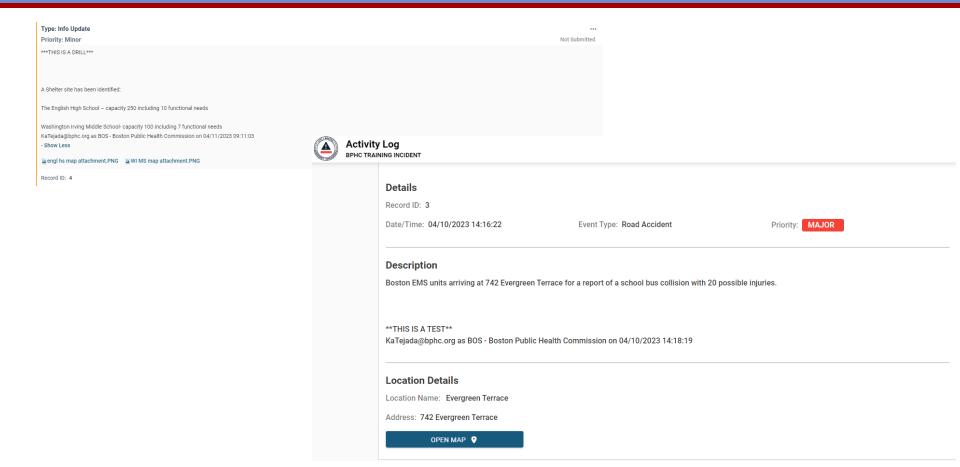
- Individually-identifiable information
- Protected under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Includes, but not limited to:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Age
 - Gender
 - Social Security Number
 - Telephone number
 - Physical or mental condition
 - Medications
 - Type of healthcare being provided



What to Post for ESF-8 Only

- Information that does not need to be shared beyond public health & medical (ESF #8)
- Detailed posts around an incident impact, which the MIC may summarize in a single post to Sig Events
- ESF #8 focused activation
 - Ex: Use of WebEOC in lieu of email due to cybersecurity concerns, November 2020

Examples of Activity Log Posts



Knowledge Check

■ There is a HAZMAT incident at Mojo Pharmaceuticals. 5 Workers were potentially exposed to a Chemical X spill. Two female patients, ages 35, 24, and 3 male patients, ages 50, 26, 38, are currently being transported to a hospital for further evaluation.

Is this considered sensitive information?

- Yes
- No 🗸 ____



Knowledge Check

- There is a HAZMAT incident at Mojo Pharmaceuticals. 5 Workers were potentially exposed to a Chemical X spill. Two female patients, ages 35, 24, and 3 male patients, ages 50, 26, 38, are currently being transported to a hospital for further evaluation.
- How would you change this message so that it can be posted to WebEOC?

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Posting to WebEOC Boards



Posting in WebEOC

As an ESF #8 user in WebEOC, you have access to post in the **Activity Log.**



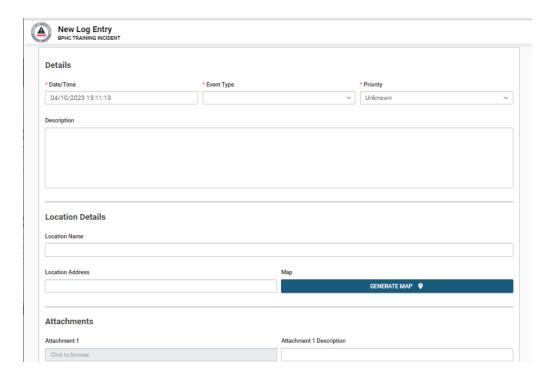
■ NOTE: You will also be able to send your post to the Citywide **Significant Events board**.

Significant Events – When to Post

- The Significant Events boards communicates with all WebEOC users (including local, state and federal partners)
- For use <u>only</u> in situations which multiple agencies need to be aware of such as:
 - Traffic or transportation impacts/closures
 - Terrorism threats
 - Critical infrastructure status (i.e. hospital evacuation)
 - Situation reports



Live Demonstration: New Post



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Knowledge Check

For ESF #8 City of Boston users, which board should you click on to post a new message?

- a) Citywide Significant Events
- b) File Library
- c) Emergency Patient Tracking



d) Activity Log

Knowledge Check

Read the Activity Log post below. Should Katherine also post to the Significant Events board?

Type: Road Accident

Priority: Major

Boston EMS units arriving at 742 Evergreen Terrace for a report of a school bus collision with 20 possible injuries.

THIS IS A TEST

KaTejada@bphc.org as BOS - Boston Public Health Commission on 04/10/2023 14:18:19

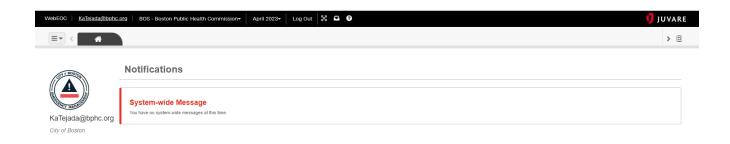
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Putting It All Together

https://boston.webeocasp.com



MIC Assistance for Technical Support

WebEOC Troubleshooting



Contact the Medical Intelligence Center (MIC) (617) 343-6920, MIC@bphc.org

- New WebEOC account setup
- Password reset
- WebEOC access issues, such as viewing a particular board or using a particular feature

Conclusion

Course Summary

Today you learned...

- How to use the City of Boston WebEOC to:
 - Log in and access the control panel
 - View citywide and statewide boards
 - Write an effective and concise message
 - Post a message to the activity log
- How to contact MIC for technical assistance

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Next Steps

- Complete the evaluation
 - https://forms.microsoft.com/g/5zisT7zswh

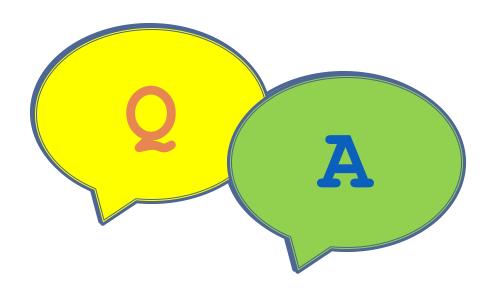
haven't already!

Request a new WebEOC account if you



Practice

Any questions?



Thank you for participating

For further questions or comments, please contact:

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