

Biohazard Detection System

September 18th multi-agency simulation of anthrax in postal system



History and Issue

- Anthrax attacks in 2001
- Prevention plan for post offices
- Continuous monitoring and collection



Biohazard Detection System (BDS) Goals



- Protect employees and public
- Manage a multi-agency response
- Maintain postal operations

Agencies Involved in BDS

- United States Postal Service
- MN Dept. of Health Lab
- U.S. Postal Inspectors
- Minneapolis Fire Dept.
- Minneapolis Police
- Hennepin County and Minneapolis Health Departments
- Metro Transit
- FBI



BDS Drill

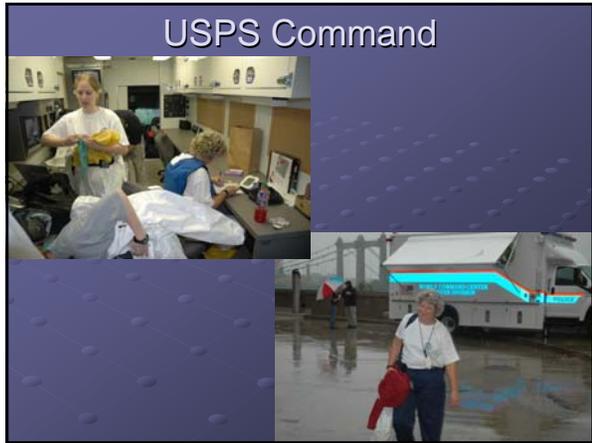
- Detection, alarm and simulated confirmation of anthrax
- Evacuation of Post Office
- Decontamination of “exposed” workers
- Transportation to med dispensing site
- Mass dispensing of “medications”



City Role in Exercise

- Minneapolis Fire Department
 - Stage Fire Fighters and equipment
 - Decontaminate postal workers
 - Assure worker and building safety





Transportation



City Role in Exercise

- Health and Family Support dispensed medication to postal workers
 - Clinical Roles: 13 staff set up site, registered workers, screened for meds, educated about anthrax, dispensed "medication", observed drill
 - Leadership Roles: Client Flow Supervisor and Planning/Logistics Chief



Dispensing Site



Registration



Forms Completion



Forms Review



Education



Screening



Dispensing



Command Center

