

Team Army Medicine,

LTG Dingle and I are pleased to announce the 3rd Quarter, FY 2023 Army Medicine Wolf Pack Award winner, the Medical Readiness Command, East (MRC, East) G 3/5/7, Phoenix Operational Planning Team (OPT).

The Eastern Phoenix Operational Planning Team (OPT) is comprised of 27 Army Active Duty military and Department of the Army Civilians. The team worked cohesively to assess individual and collective readiness in support of public health emergency management and activation of the Army's medical mobilization system simultaneously. These well-planned exercises provided the Phoenix OPT opportunities to build partner relationships between the civilian and military communities thus enabling capacity building.

During the time-period of October 22 through April 2023, the Phoenix OPT worked tirelessly to improve the exercise strategy and develop focused training scenarios by conducting four (4) interagency IPRs and three (3) planning conferences. Partnerships included Health and Human Services (HHS), FORSCOM, MEDCOM and COMPO 2 and 3. The exercise design aimed to place stress capability and capacity throughout MRC, East through the simulation of an operational environment implementing multi-domain, high-intensity conflict in conjunction with homeland defense operations. The planning team created four (4) separate scenarios primarily focused on assessing readiness at MEDDAC Fort Campbell, MEDCEN Fort Eisenhower, and MEDDAC Fort Benning. The team used several elements that provided complexity and hybridity through live, virtual, and constructive training environments.

The OPT's exceptional exercises were designed via collaborative means and allowed MRC, East to identify risks in current structure, authorities, and functions. These well-designed exercises provided for a dynamic operating environment, enabling MRC, East to not only develop partnerships but to synchronize and increase transparency with civil and military partners such as HHS, FORSCOM and installation Senior Mission Commanders. The exercises also provided opportunities to integrate the command into global patient evacuation operations through patient movement coordination and planning, patient staging and managing hospitalization during simultaneous large-scale deployment and civil support operations. MRC, East demonstrates their commitment to achieving a high state of readiness while developing partnerships.

Please join us in congratulating the Phoenix OPT for their exceptional teamwork and noteworthy outcomes. These efforts and achievements illustrate selfless service and dedication reflecting great credit on each team member and epitomizing the highest standards of the Army and Army Medicine.

Congratulations Team!

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