

CODE ORANGE – HAZARDOUS MATERIAL WMD RESPONSE



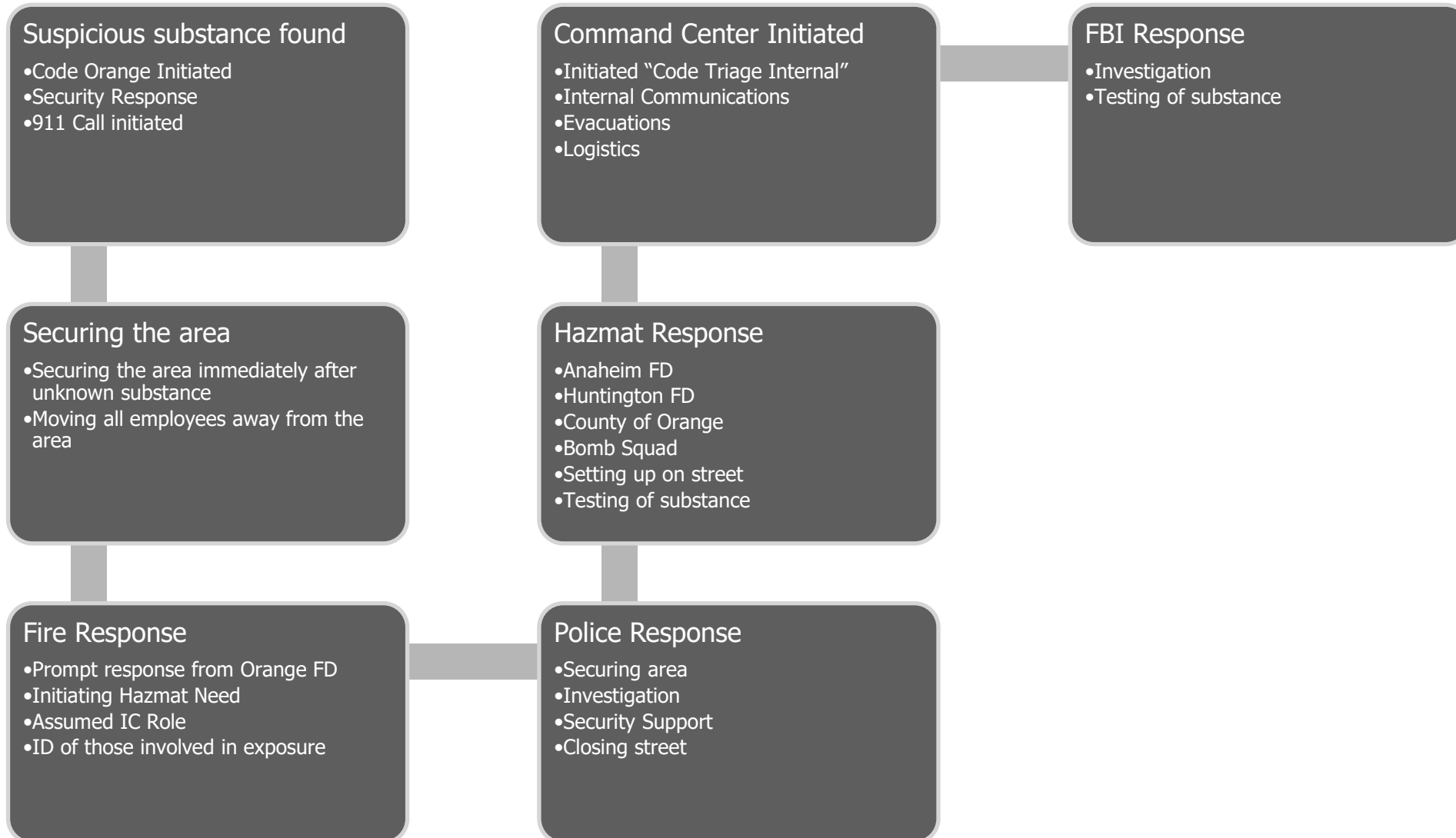
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Code Orange Incident



Timeline



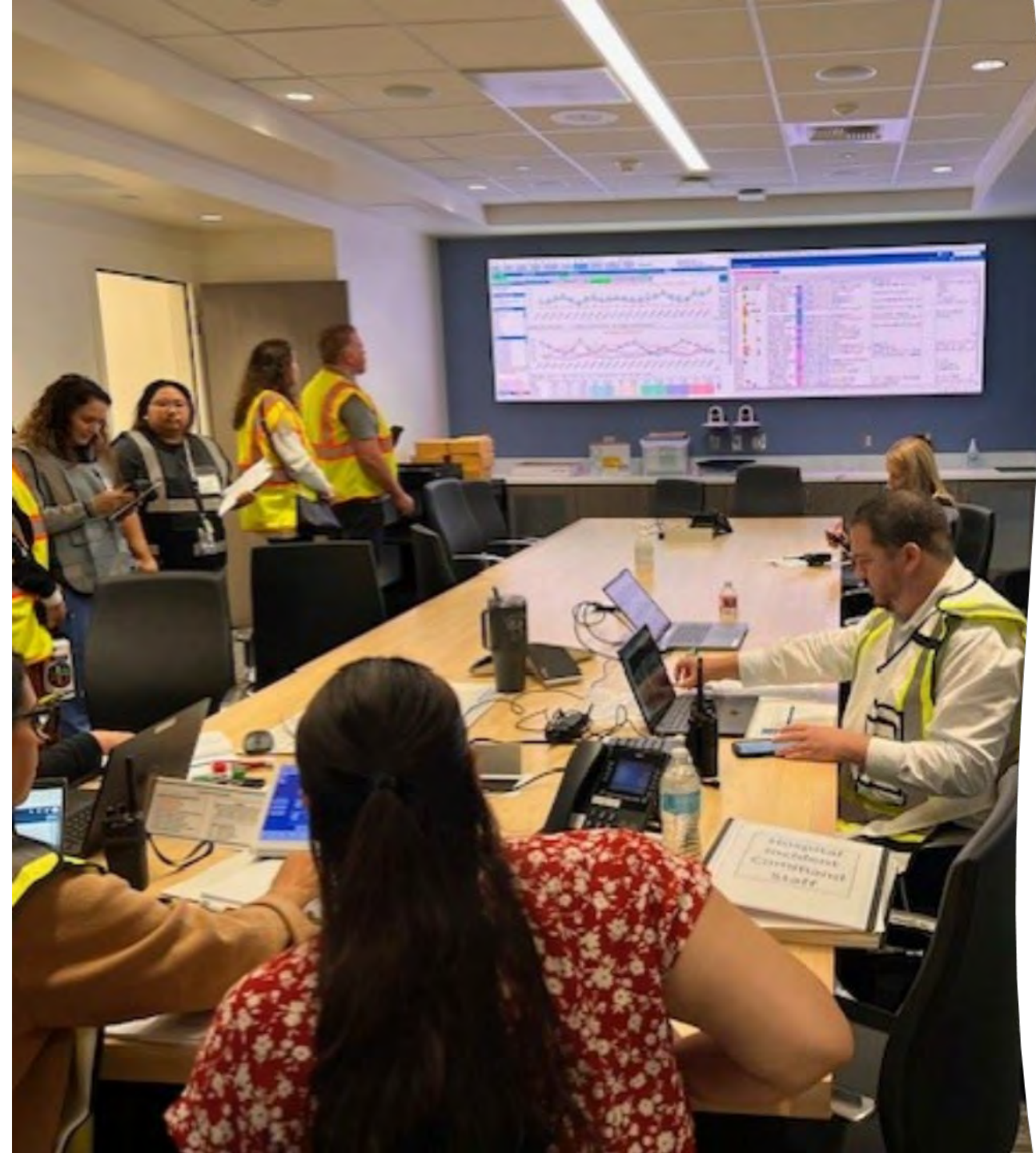
Response Actions

- Evacuation of Basement – Command Center established
- 10 employees impacted by exposure
 - 2 underwent full decontamination and ER Visit
 - 8 declined under Against Medical Advice (AMA)
- Field Tests conducted by HazMat Team
 - Non-toxic indicated
- Field Tests conducted by Bomb Squad
 - Samples sent to OC Health Department
 - Inconclusive
 - Sent to LA County Health Department for further testing
 - Negative for any harmful substance
 - Area was secured until test was conclusive of no harmful substance



Key Successes

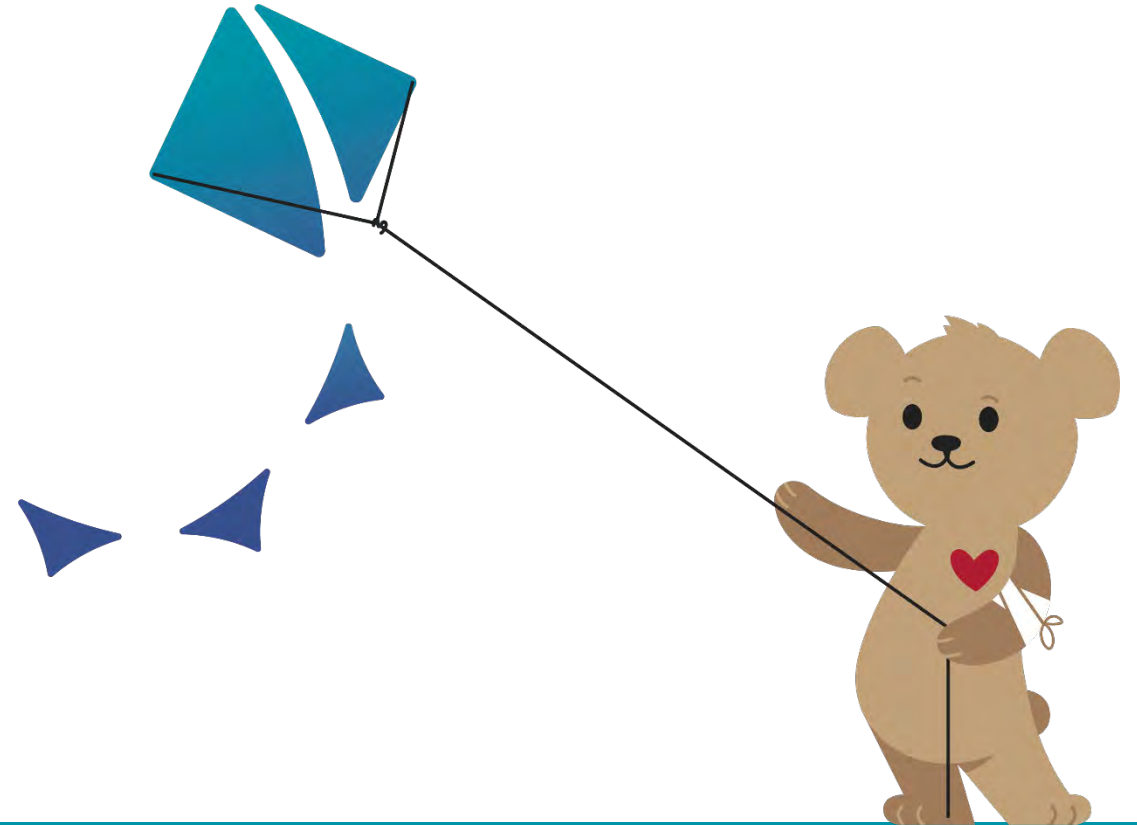
- CODE Orange activation
- Hospital (HICS) Command Center (HCC) operations
- Outpatient Pharmacy Operations
- Facilities and Security response to securing area
- Hospital Liaison Approach
- Communications
- Facilities shut down HVAC system in basement of CHOC
- Information accuracy (bidirectional) under duress



Lessons Learned

- Immediate containment protocols must be reinforced during hazardous material events.
- Staff training will be revisited to ensure appropriate first-response actions are understood and followed.
- Cross-departmental communication and Unified Command coordination were strong and contributed significantly to the safe resolution.





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