

## **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Biological Threat Exercise Training 2004**

In July 27-30 2004 the Miami-Dade County Health Department (MDCHD) participated in an intense four day tabletop exercise and training where County, State and Federal public health protection assets and plans were tested and discussed. The MDCHD Strategic National Stockpile Plan was activated via a simulated biological threat event occurring throughout Miami-Dade County. The County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated and staffed with numerous other partner response agencies including: Florida Department of Health, Police, Hazmat Unit, Fire Rescue, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and others.

The exercise closed with a visit to the county EOC from Mr. Tom Ridge, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Miami-Dade County Health officials participating in the exercise were there to meet and greet Mr. Tom Ridge at the EOC.



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