Cooperation & Interaction:

The Paris Terrorist Attacks

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The BSPP: specific position and status

Since 1811

DOUBLE SUBORDINATION

Ministry of interiors
PRÉFET DE POLICE OF PARIS

DEFENCE Administration

Missions and Budget

Paris Fire Brigade

Militarv status and career
Principles:
• 1 Fire station for 10 km²
• On spot in 10 min
• 77 Fire stations

- 800km²
- 7 millions inhabitants
- 30 millions tourists/year
- 25% of the French GDP

Total strength of the Brigade: 8500 firefighters
Friday, November 13th 2015

Video of the events...
Kinetic and amplitude of the attacks

1st strike: 21.19 pm
2nd strike: 21.26 pm

Fear of a third strike
SPACE-TIME FRAMEWORK

**PHASE 1**
REACTION
21.19
- 7 PRA en 40 Min
- Less phone calls at the call center

**PHASE 2**
RECOVERY INITIATIVE
22.00

**PHASE 3**
CONCENTRATION OF EFFORTS
23.30
- 0.20 Assault at the Bataclan Theatre
- Progressive closure of sites advanced medical posts
- Focusing on:
  - Evacuation at the Stade de France
  - « Red Plan» at the Bataclan.

**PHASE 4**
BACK TO NORMALITY
4.21
- Paris Fire Brigade capacities at 100%
- Ready for secondary MEDEVAC

DURATION OF THE ACTIVE PHASE: 8H
Cooperation and interaction with others (Police, Army, Civil protection....)
Sharing of responsibilities and zoning

• **Command and control principles:**
  - DO – Director of operations (Prefet de police)
  - COS – Commander of Rescue operations (BSPP)
    - DSM: Director of the Medical Response (BSPP)
  - COP – Commander of Police Operations (Police)
  - COPJ – Commander of Judicial Operations (Justice)

• **Zoning of the area of operations:**
  - Exclusion Zone (Only SWAT units)
  - Controlled zone (Rescue units)
  - Support Zone (Command Post and logistics)
Interservices action

- Exclusion zone
  - Extraction corridor
  - Casualties Grouping point (PRV)
- Controlled zone
  - Extreme urgencies
  - Relative urgencies
- Support zone
  - Hospital
  - Advanced medical post
  - Tactical Command Posts

- Police officers
- GES Chief
- GES teams (firefighters)
- Medical team BSPP
- Ambulances
- Extraction entrance PRV
Principles of the Red plan alpha

Gathering

Evacuation Regulation by SAMU

Triage

Evacuation Regulation by SAMU

Back to basic notions of disaster medicine
Key operational issues and main lessons learned
• **Understanding** the overall situation.

• 72 000 people within the “Stade de France”. **Potential panic.**

• Security of the Firefighters in an hostile environment (better secure the personal)

• Identifying the « COP » (Acting police officer on each site)

• Very complex maneuver for the Emergency Medical Service (SAMU)

• **SINUS** not used by all services

• **False alarms... sometime coming from the top!**
Plan and anticipate all what you can!
- Immediate adaptation of the operational response for standard calls
- Reinforcements by to the zonal command center (Helos,...)

Adapt to the situation!
- Activation from 7 to 21 BSPP’s Intensive Care Ambulances within one hour.
- Naming of each spot + 1 COS (Emergency Cdr) and 1 DSM (1 doctor) per site

Call for solidarity!
- Adaptation of the welcome message at the call center (18/112)
- Use of social networks (Twitter: 29000; Facebook: 39000 in 1 hour)
- Improve the resilience
BSPP Firefighting units:
• 450 firefighters deployed on sites
• 250 firefighters in support (Ops Center + Logistics)
• 1000 firefighters in stand by (anticipation 2nd wave)
• 21 BSPP Medical teams deployed on sites
• 125 BSPP Vehicles deployed

Hospitals:
• 40 medical teams on sites
• Activation of the "White Plan" in Paris hospitals (AP-HP)
• Activation of 2 Military Hospitals (HIA Percy and Begin)

Rescue Association: 500 rescue workers deployed

Reinforcements by Civilian Firefighters:
• 260 including 60 deployed for evacuations only
• 250 extra-zonal FF (National reserve not deployed)

Police forces: 3000 police officers

Military Forces: 1500 soldiers
## The Highest death toll since the 2$^{nd}$ World War in France...

### Nationalities Among the Dead Persons

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### TOTAL Number of Victims:
- 130 Dead
- 481 Injured
- 4000 psychologically impacted
QUESTIONS?