

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY

Municipal Chief Executive Officers, Service Chiefs, and Emergency

Management Directors, Town Clerks, and Registrars of Voters

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RE: 2024 Statewide Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI)

Municipal Introduction

As we enter this year's elections cycle, it is critical that we are ready to support the election process and the people who are vital to that process. Therefore, this year's Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) Statewide Exercise will focus on convening the municipal Unified Command, to include local Information Technology, Town Clerk, and Registrars. The municipal Unified Command should review the local emergency operations plan, the municipal elections contingency plan and consider several potential scenarios that could affect the security of an election, including physical security, natural disaster, and cyber incidents. This exercise is a collaborative effort with the Secretary of the State, and other federal, state, and local partners.

As in previous years, the same exercise will be offered in two sessions, to accommodate both career and volunteer municipal officials: The exercise will be held in the morning and evening of June 12th. This early date will allow municipalities and state agencies to enhance their planning and preparedness activities based on the gaps and best practices identified during the exercise.

More information will follow as we get closer to the exercise date. If you have any questions or if you require any additional information regarding the Governor's EPPI, please contact DEMHS via e-mail at demhs.eppi.questions@ct.gov.