



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



TO: Municipal and Tribal Chief Executive Officers, Service Chiefs, and Emergency Management Directors

FROM: Regina Rush-Kittle Deputy Commissioner
William J. Hackett, State Emergency Management Director

DATE: September 30, 2019

RE: 2019 Statewide Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) Statewide Exercise Introduction and Extent of Play

Thank you in advance for your continued commitment to emergency preparedness. This year's 2019 Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) Statewide Exercise will be a regional tabletop exercise delivered in each Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) Region on scheduled dates between November 15 and December 15. Each municipality/tribal nation is strongly encouraged to attend this exercise with its Unified Command. Identification of your participants and submission of After Action comments allow your municipality/tribal nation to receive Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) credit for participation.

This year's exercise is being delivered to coincide with a nationwide utilities exercise known as GridEx 2019 V. GridEx V is an operational grid security exercise which provides an opportunity to demonstrate how we would respond to and recover from simulated, coordinated cyber and physical security threats and incidents while strengthening crisis communications relationships. DEMHS will be sending you correspondence containing information and tools to help you prepare for the upcoming statewide exercise as well as for the next inevitable emergency.

The EPPI 2019 Regional Delivery Tabletop Exercises (TTX) are scheduled as follows:

Region 1

12/11/19—Bridgeport Emergency Operations Center (Day delivery)

Region 2

11/21/19 – Haddam Fire Department (Evening delivery)

11/18/19 – Branford Fire Department (Day delivery)

Region 3

12/3/19 - 241 Main Street, Hartford (Day delivery)

12/5/19 - RCC Manchester (Evening delivery)

Region 4

12/10/19 – Colchester Town Hall (Day Delivery)

12/3/19 – NECCOG, Dayville (Evening Delivery)

Region 5

12/4/19 – Watertown Fire Department (Day Delivery)

12/12/19 – Litchfield County Fire School (Evening delivery)

Exact times of exercise delivery will be coordinated through DEMHS regional offices.

Swearing in of Local Emergency Management Directors will take place prior to the beginning of the exercise.

Extent of play:

Convene a Unified Command team, including local Information Technology personnel, for the exercise and consider the following:

- Have access to appropriate documents, including:
 - Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP)
 - Cyber security plans and programs;
- Identify roles and responsibilities of key personnel, both for response to emergencies, and for long term recovery;
- Discuss declaration of a local emergency;
- Mass care, including: emergency and longer term sheltering; staffing; feeding; functional needs; transportation to and from shelters; multi-jurisdictional shelters; animal care and sheltering;
- Coordination with local /state law enforcement and the CT Intelligence Center;
- Communications procedures, information and request flows, particularly to and from DEMHS Regional Office, utilities, and internally within the municipality. What will you do if you lose connectivity? What are your IT capabilities?

We are looking forward to this exercise as an opportunity to practice decision-making at the local, state, and private sector levels. This memorandum along with supporting products and exercise update messages will be posted on the DESPP/DEMHS website at <http://www.ct.gov/demhs>. If you have any questions or if you require any additional information regarding the Governor's EPPI, please contact us at DEMHS via e-mail at demhs.eppi.questions@ct.gov.

cc: Commissioner James C. Rovella