



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



**TO:** State Agency Commissioners and State Agency Heads

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

**DATE:** October 1, 2019

**RE:** 2019 Statewide Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) Statewide Exercise Introduction

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the 2019 Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) Statewide Exercise. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP)/ Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), will be contacting appropriate state agencies to participate in the exercise scenario as well as to serve on assigned Task Forces, and/or the Governor's Unified Command. This year's state agency exercise is scheduled for Wednesday November 13, 2019, with the main portion of the exercise to take place on Thursday November 14, 2019.

This year's exercise is being delivered to coincide with a national utilities' exercise known as GridEx 2019 V. GridEx is an energy grid security exercise which provides an opportunity to demonstrate how the State would respond to and recover from simulated, coordinated cyber and physical security threats and incidents while strengthening crisis communications relationships. In other words, what are the critical lifelines and priorities that your agency will have to address in a prolonged power outage, both internally and for the people you serve, and how will you maintain those services or provide needed resources? DEMHS will be sending your agency additional correspondence containing information and tools to help you prepare for this exercise.

For November 13, a limited number of agencies will be asked to send a representative to the State Emergency Operations Center to simulate an activation. The main portion of the exercise will occur on the morning of November 14 at the State Emergency Operations Center, when the Governor's Unified Command will meet and mission-centric Task Forces addressing such critical functions as mass care, transportation, energy and telecommunications restoration, cyber security, communications, external affairs, resource support and private sector will convene to consider emerging issues and scenarios.

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 give either of us a call or contact us at DEMHS via e-mail at [demhs.eppi.questions@ct.gov](mailto:demhs.eppi.questions@ct.gov).

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