



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 *RRK*
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DATE: October 23, 2019

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

Planning for the 2019 Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) Statewide Exercise is now being finalized. State agencies are not scheduled to participate in the first day of the exercise, which will take place on Wednesday November 13, 2019. **The main portion of the exercise will take place on Thursday November 14, 2019 from 8:00 am to 12 noon at the State Emergency Operations Center in Hartford.** This year, the exercise will provide 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?

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. The current schedule calls for a Governor's Unified Command meeting/conference call at 10 am, followed by a simulated call with municipalities. The second call will not involve actual municipalities but will instead provide the Unified Command with an opportunity to practice responding to typical issues raised by communities during a longer term emergency event. Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner participation is requested at the Unified Command. A template for the Unified Command list in a major emergency is attached here. If your agency is listed on the template, please plan to participate.

In addition to exercising the Governor's Unified Command, numerous Task Forces will be activated to meet at the State EOC and consider various potential issues. These Task Forces include the following, identified by Emergency Support Function and/or name:

- ESF 1 Evacuation Task Force
- ESF 2 Communications
 - Telecommunications Restoration Task Force

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- ESF 2/5 Cyber Disruption Task Force
- ESF 6 Mass Care Task Force
- ESF 7 Resource Support/Private Sector Task Force
 - Fuel and Generator Task Force
 - GIS Working Group
- ESF 8 Public Health
- ESF 11 Agricultural, Animal and Natural Resources
 - Community Emergency Response Animal Response Teams
- ESF 12 Energy and Utilities Restoration Task Force
 - Water Task Force
- ESF 14 Long Term Recovery
- ESF 15 External Affairs and Emergency Communications

The second part of this year's exercise will test each state agency's Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP), which tests the ability to convene its internal agency Incident Management Team and provide an employee absentee report through the state's WebEOC real-time situational awareness site. **This part of the exercise will be run on the morning of November 14 by the Department of Administrative Services in coordination with DEMHS.**

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.

Attachment

Cc: Commissioner James C. Rovella

Unified Command Roll Call
TEMPLATE

NOTE: Participants in the Governor's Unified Command depend upon the incident. This list represents the likely participants in a major emergency.

Weather or Other Significant Status Update

Comments from Leadership

Department Reports:

Emergency Services and Public Protection

DEMHS

CT State Police

Commission on Fire Prevention and Control

Other Divisions as needed

CT Military

Transportation

Public Health

Energy and Environmental Protection

PURA

Other Divisions as needed

Administrative Services

DAS BEST

Other Divisions as needed

Agriculture

Motor Vehicles

Correction

Aging and Disability Services

Developmental Services

Children and Families

Mental Health and Addiction Services

Social Services

Veterans Affairs

Consumer Protection

Education

Higher Education

Board of Regents

UConn

Insurance
OPM
Labor
Economic and Community Development
Revenue Services
Banking
Secretary of the State
Attorney General
Judicial
Any other state agencies?
FEMA

Non-Governmental Organizations

Infragard
American Red Cross
United Way 2-1-1

Task Forces

Evacuation
Telecommunications Restoration
Cyber Disruption
Mass Care
Public Health
Resource Support/Private Sector/Commodities
Fuel/Generators
Energy and Utilities Restoration (also Water Task Force if needed)
Long Term Recovery

Utilities

Eversource
Avangrid
Frontier
AT&T/FirstNet
Other telecommunications companies may include: Comcast, Cablevision,
Cox, Charter, Sprint, Verizon, T-Mobile, Metrocast