




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



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

FROM: William J. Hackett, Deputy Commissioner 
State Emergency Management Director

SUBJECT: 2018 Statewide Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI)
Statewide Exercise Introduction – General Information

DATE: March 28, 2018

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the 2018 Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) Statewide Exercise. This year's exercise is scheduled for municipal participation on **Saturday, June 16, 2018** and/or **Wednesday, June 20, 2018**. Each municipality/tribal nation is strongly encouraged to open its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and convene its Unified Command as part of the exercise. 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 National Level Exercise 2018 (NLE-18), titled *Patriot Response* and conducted by FEMA Region 1. The scenario will be based on a tropical storm, with similar flooding results as seen in Vermont after Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. The Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (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.

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 Dora B. Schriro