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Community Preparedness and Participation

TCL Number: 4

Mission Area: Common

Capability Definition: The Community Preparedness and Participation capability provides that everyone in America is fully aware, trained, and practiced on how to prevent, protect/mitigate, prepare for, and respond to all threats and hazards. This requires a role for citizens in personal preparedness, exercises, ongoing volunteer programs, and surge capacity response. Specific capabilities for UNIVERSAL preparedness, including knowledge of all-hazards (technological, natural, and terrorist incidents) and related protective measures, skills, and supplies, will be determined through a collaborative process with emergency responders.

Outcome: There is a structure and a process for ongoing collaboration between government and nongovernmental resources at all levels; volunteers and nongovernmental resources are incorporated in plans and exercises; the public is educated and trained in the four mission areas of preparedness; citizens participate in volunteer programs and provide surge capacity support; nongovernmental resources are managed effectively in disasters; and there is a process to evaluate progress.

Activities:

- Establish Collaborative Structure and Process for Government and Non-Governmental Entities at All Levels
- Integrate Public Outreach and Non-Governmental Resources into Emergency Operations Plans and Exercises
- Provide Education and Training for the Public in All Mission Areas
- Provide Volunteer Opportunities: year round and in surge operations
- Incident Response

Additional Information:

- [Full TCL Report \(page 55 - Community Preparedness and Participation\)](#)

Exercise Evaluation Guide: Community Preparedness and Participation

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HSEEP

Description:

What is an EEG:

The purpose of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) is to provide common exercise policy and program guidance that constitutes a national standard for homeland security exercises. As part of HSEEP, Exercise Evaluation Guides (EEGs) have been developed as tools to assist the evaluation of the performance of the tasks, activities, and capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from natural and manmade disasters. The EEGs are foundational to exercise evaluation, improvement plans, and corrective actions. They are documents which assist with the exercise evaluation process by providing evaluators with consistent standards and guidelines for observation, data collection, analysis, and report writing.

The EEGs will act as the primary reference to ensure all jurisdictions/organizations evaluate exercises against the same measurable baseline. This method of evaluation will not only help to identify significant gaps in preparedness capabilities across the nation, but will also serve as a tool to develop stronger and more consistent After Action Report/Improvement Plans (AAR/IPs). EEGs provide exercise evaluators with a manageable tool with which they can collect data during an exercise, in a format allowing the easy transfer of information to the AAR/IP.

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Responder Knowledge Base

Website: https://hseep.dhs.gov/pages/1002_About.aspx

Exercise Conduct: Recruiting Full-Scale Exercise Volunteers

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Abstract: Exercise planners can increase full-scale exercise (FSE) volunteer recruitment by contacting Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and/or local colleges that have programs related to emergency response, such as nursing programs. More volunteers often make exercises more complex and realistic.

Submitting Organization:

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