



FEMA Fact Sheet

Eagle Horizon 2009 Exercise

Eagle Horizon 2009 is a mandatory, annual, integrated continuity exercise for all federal executive branch departments and agencies, as required by National Security Presidential Directive-51 Homeland Security Presidential Directive-20 (NSPD-51/HSPD-20), National Continuity Policy, and the National Continuity Policy Implementation Plan (NCPIC). Eagle Horizon 2009 is scheduled to be conducted on June 17, 2009 from each department or agency's continuity or alternate facility. The Eagle Horizon series of exercises allows the executive branch to implement integrated, overlapping national continuity concepts in order to ensure the preservation of our government and the continuing performance of essential functions. These services provided by governments at all levels and the private sector affect the everyday lives of citizens and customers.

Exercise Eagle Horizon Objectives

- Exercise the Federal Executive Branch Continuity alert, notification, and deployment procedures
- Test interagency Continuity communications
- Exercise department and agency Continuity implementation and operational procedures
- Review and update the viable elements of the department or agency's continuity capability
- Assess the department or agency's ability to identify and prioritize essential functions
- Conduct operations from pre-planned alternate locations

Highlights of Eagle Horizon 2009

- An activation of department and agency continuity plans and relocation of organizational leadership and other Emergency Relocation Group personnel to continuity facilities
- A Mission Essential Function/Primary Mission Essential Function discussion for Emergency Relocation Group members
- A continuity tabletop exercise for Emergency Relocation Group members focusing on the ten elements and supporting components of a viable continuity capability
- Communications systems that support continuity operations will be tested with interagency partners

Validation of Continuity Programs

These operations-based exercises allows agencies and jurisdictions to ensure consistency across continuity plans, establish consistent performance matrixes, prioritize implementation plans, promulgate best practices, and facilitate consistent cross-agency continuity evaluations.



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