

Drilling Preparedness Since 1954

June 14 was a historical day for national preparedness! On this day in 1954, a mock nuclear attack drill took place. This event went down in history as the [first ever nationwide civil defense drill!](#)

The nuclear attack drill was held in select cities nationwide to practice and prepare for what would happen in the event of a nuclear attack. This drill, lasting little more than 10 minutes, proved the preparedness and communication skills of an entire county and showed that we would fair well in a nuclear attack.

Today, [America's PrepareAthon](#) is committed to preparing the nation in the face of possible future disasters. As part of the America's PrepareAthon spring 2014 National Day of Action, multiple drills and exercises were performed to promote and encourage nation-wide preparation. Some examples of these drills are exercises performed were:

- Flooding table top exercise at Boston College;
- Tornado Drill at the offices of the General Service Administration (GSA);
- Statewide tornado drill in Virginia;
- Volunteer Reception Center exercise at Kansas State University;
- Utah's Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill; and
- Denver Pride Fest Emergency Exercise.

It's time for you to take part! America's PrepareAthon! provides [Playbooks](#) and resources to help organizations from across the community implement successful preparedness activities that will enhance the resilience of individuals, organizations and the community as a whole.

The [Community Emergency Response Team](#) (CERT) community also provides [drill and exercise planning assistance](#) that was developed according to national guidance and principles outlined by the Homeland Security Exercise Program (HSEEP).