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Get Involved in the National Exercise Program

What is the National Exercise Program (NEP)?

The National Exercise Program (NEP) is a cycle of exercises across the nation that examines and validates capabilities in all preparedness mission areas: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery. FEMA's National Exercise Division manages the NEP.

Why Participate in the NEP?



Receive technical assistance and support throughout design, development, conduct, and evaluation of your exercises from experienced exercise specialists.



Pursue new exercise ideas and broaden the impact of your exercises to a wider group of stakeholders.



Access exercise templates, tools, and other resources to help you design, conduct, and evaluate your exercises.



Influence national preparedness policy and resource allocation decisions at all levels by contributing exercise findings.

How Does the NEP Work?

- ▶ State, local, tribal, and territorial government organizations are eligible to submit requests for exercise support. The NEP accepts requests twice a year, spring and fall.
- ▶ Exercises can be discussion based (e.g., seminars, workshops, tabletop exercises, games) or operations based (e.g., drills, functional exercises, full-scale exercises).
- ▶ Support could include assistance with exercise design, scenario development, planning, conduct, and/or evaluation in the form of subject-matter expertise, material production, and/or facilitation for selected exercises.
- ▶ All exercises submitted to the NEP will be considered; however, support depends on resource availability and a strong support request package. Local and tribal jurisdictions, as well as new sponsors who have not submitted support requests in the past, are heavily encouraged to apply.
- ▶ Exercises in the NEP contribute evaluation data to the National Preparedness System to provide a clearer picture of the nation's readiness.

How Do I Request Exercise Support?

