



Statewide Exercise Program


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Comprehensive Exercise Program

 Goal - To establish a statewide policy and program for the conduct of exercises within the public safety community




 *"...Additional guidance for certain exercises will be provided separately, as for the annual statewide Severe Weather Emergency Preparedness Exercise."*

Fall Severe Weather Exercise





Historically

-  Designed to provide a training opportunity for new EPLO and SEOC staff
-  Normally, limited county participation, usually 5-10 counties depending on the scope of the exercise
-  Counties generally providing inputs to SEOC as opposed to full-scale play







C2009-1 Spring Hazardous Weather Preparedness Exercise

-  The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), in conjunction with the National Weather Service (NWS), will conduct the 2010 Spring Hazardous Weather Preparedness Exercise for all of the counties within Pennsylvania.
-  The state exercise scenario is designed to ensure that each county can experience significant weather problems from severe storms.
-  To test the integration of the emergency plans and activities of schools, hospitals, nursing homes, adult and child day care centers, community infrastructure, and volunteer organizations into the Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) of the counties and appropriate municipalities.

Challenges with Current Program

-  39 counties participated in 2008
-  316 schools participated in 2008
-  Level of planning and exercise development too extensive to create a beneficial exercise experience for all participants
-  Numerous other exercise opportunities through the year

Current Exercises and Opportunities

-  Fall Severe Weather Exercise (PEMA)
-  Spring Severe Weather Exercise (PEMA)
-  Power Plant Exercises
-  Regional Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Exercises
-  Regional and Statewide Multi-Agency Exercises (Red Rose, Steel Rose)
-  Planned Events (LLWS, Pocono 500, G20, etc)

??? Your Thoughts ???

 Regionally-Based Severe Weather Exercise

 Once every three (3) years?

 Other Thoughts?

THANK YOU

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