



General Facts and Questions:

What type of equipment should I prepare for the Exercise?

At a minimum, having access to a computer, the internet and some type of radio communication is required. Since the exercise is divided into three discipline lanes, it will depend on what role you play. For Public Safety and Healthcare, we expect all agencies to have access to a VIPER radio at a minimum. For AUXCOMM, it will depend on what radio equipment is available. All lanes will be required to log into a WEBEX, have a working email and internet connectivity. For agencies that have adjunct communication paths (Satellite voice, satellite data), you may be asked to demonstrate their use. In simple terms, ready all radio communication equipment you would for any disaster or infrastructure outage.

What type of Information Sharing Platforms should I prepare to use?

All participants should be prepared to use WEBEX (Web Conferencing), WEBEOC (If permitted), General Email and all forms of telephones. Depending on your discipline lane, you may be asked to access web links in the READYOP platform. You may want to download the EHPC app (On iOS or Android) for a head start. We will also touch on the GETS/WPS platforms. In simple terms, ensure you are able to log in to all relevant information sharing platforms you would during any disaster. Having good email accessibility is imperative for a successful outcome during this exercise. Familiarize yourself with ICS213/214 forms!

What type of personnel should participate?

If you are representing a Healthcare Facility, it is recommended Emergency Managers participate at a minimum. It may be beneficial to have Information Systems / IT support on standby to address specific fallback procedures and answer any access needs. You may be asked to investigate the GETS/WPS/TSP services from DHS and how your agency can register for it. We fully encourage facility Administrators to also participate. If you are an individual or agency, we recommend to follow your internal practice on who would activate for an internal or external disaster.

Can any tasks count towards COMU PTB checkoffs?

This exercise format is somewhat unique to traditional methods of evaluation. While the exercise is functional, it is mostly virtual and self-paced in nature. The North Carolina COMU Credentialing Manual dictates tasks must be observed by a qualified person to obtain credit. Tasks in this exercise are measurable, and with verification, can credit you on certain items. This must be worked out ahead of time with the exercise staff so we can ensure someone can witness the task work for the user end. This exercise is NOT designed around PTB task completions in the virtual format. That being said, we will accommodate assistance with specific PTBs as able.

HSEEP Exercise and where can I obtain documentation?

Yes, this exercise is an HSEEP compliant. All exercise paperwork, including the AAR (After Action Review), will be available. We hope to have the documentation available by late JUNE 2022. All participants will be emailed the documentation along with a survey.

Exercise Goal: Exercise the communications policies, procedures, plans, available assets, and capabilities used by regional agencies in response to a land falling hurricane in North Carolina.



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