



## **EHPC COMMEX General Exercise Information:**

Thank you for registering to participate in the Eastern Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (EHPC) Communication Exercise. The exercise will be fast paced and challenge all participant experience levels. The following is a brief summary on how the exercise will be conducted and general advice/expectations. The following information may be a bit lengthy. Please review the information well prior to the exercise. At the end of the day, our goals are for all players to be challenged, identify gaps and most importantly HAVE FUN!

The following items are mandatory for successful completion of this exercise:

- A working email
- The ability to attend a briefing and hotwash on a conference bridge
- If you have credentials for information sharing platforms (WebEOC, ReadyOp, TERMS)- having a working username and password. Due to the volume of players, we may not be able to address all these issues the day of the exercise.
- You must complete some of the tasks to receive credit for the exercise. We understand you may not be able to finish and/or complete all tasks.

The exercise will start with a briefing on a video conference bridge sharply at 10am on May 24<sup>th</sup> 2022. The conference bridge info will be shared a week prior to the exercise. A full briefing will occur on exercise play and Master Scenario Event List (MSEL) will be distributed to players via email. Three lanes have been established for exercise play (Public Safety, Healthcare and Auxiliary Communications). Based on your NC TERMS profile, you have been placed in the most appropriate discipline lane.

Your task will be to work through the objective list assigned to you in sequential order. You will receive this objective list via email the day of the exercise. Most tasks have some type of measurable outcome (sending something digitally, voice or recording an answer). When you arrive at the end of BLOCK 1 of tasks, you will submit the documentation to Exercise Control and you will be assigned BLOCK 2. Instructions will be provided. If you manage to reach the end of BLOCK 2, that is the end of the tasks assigned to you. Be prepared to be assigned random tasks by exercise control throughout the exercise.

Participants will receive weather briefings via email starting at 120hrs, 50-72hrs and day of the exercise. Information will be disseminated from Exercise Control on any information needed prior to the exercise.

## **Important Links:**

EHPC APP- COMMEX 2022 Document Reference Page (web view):

<https://subsplash.com/easternhealthcareprepare/media/ms/+5fmtgwn>

EHPC App Information:

<https://subsplash.com/easternhealthcareprepare/app>

NIFOG 2.0 (Also an app)

[https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/NIFOG%20Ver%202.0 508%20version FINAL 9 23 2021 %28signed%29.pdf](https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/NIFOG%20Ver%202.0%20508%20version%20FINAL%209%202021%20signed.pdf)

AUXFOG (Auxiliary Communications)

[https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/AUXFOG%20June%202016%20-%20508%20Reviewed%20-%20Final%20%282-16-17%29 0.pdf](https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/AUXFOG%20June%202016%20-%20508%20Reviewed%20-%20Final%20%282-16-17%29%20.pdf)

## **Information Sharing Platforms:**

This exercise will test WEBEOC, NC OEMS MHTD, ReadyOp, B4PS, NC TERMS, EHPC APP. If you have accounts with any of these, please make sure they are working. If you do not have accounts, that is acceptable. We can work with participants post exercise for platform access (if applicable to the user). We encourage all participants to download the EHPC APP prior to the exercise to save time.

Bridge4PublicSafety:

While not mandatory, we encourage all players to download B4PS (Bridge4PublicSafety) App and/or desktop application ahead of the event. This is an excellent information sharing tool for both the exercise and daily operations across North Carolina. Instructions are included in a WORD document and also a PDF on the desktop version. This APP is free for public safety responders and not for profit healthcare agencies.

## **HSEEP requirements and EMPG Credit:**

This exercise classifies as an HSEEP format event. A player handbook, SITMAN, Controller/Evaluator Handbook, After Action Report and Improvement Plan will be distributed. This does qualify for EMPG Credit for attending a COMDEX.

## **Position Task Book Credit:**

Since this exercise is a Hybrid Functional (Mainly virtual), PTB (Position Task Book) credit is very limited. A majority of positions will have limited tasks that can be signed off by a qualified evaluator. Players wishing to have PTB tasks signed off, must communicate with the EPT (Exercise Planning Team) ahead of the event. The EPT must verify the in person evaluator and the tasks being completed. The EPT is following the process with the North Carolina COMU Qualification guidebook. It is still up to the NC SIEC Credentialing COMU Committee to approve/deny entries.

Next step (Summary):

- You will receive an email with your assigned tasks the morning of May 24<sup>th</sup> after the Conference Bridge Briefing.
- The conference bridge information will be sent out about a week before and any additional info

**We look forward to the exercise and let's have some fun on May 24th!**