



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

National Exercise Program

The National Exercise Program (NEP) serves as the principal mechanism for examining the preparedness and readiness of the United States across the entire homeland security and management enterprise. The purpose of the NEP is to design, coordinate, conduct, and evaluate exercises that rigorously test the Nation's ability to perform missions and functions that prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards. As a component of the National Preparedness System, the NEP provides a consistent method to examine and validate federal and whole community partner core capabilities, which in turn indicate the Nation's progress in reaching the National Preparedness Goal (Goal).

Each Program cycle consists of a two-year, progressive schedule of exercises that are selected based on their support to the Goal, and the Program's Principals' Objectives. The types of exercises selected into the program may include facilitated policy discussions, seminars and workshops, tabletop exercises, modeling and simulation, drills, functional exercises, and full-scale exercises. All of which may be sponsored by organizations from any level of government, non-governmental and private sector, and the whole community.

The National Exercise Program also provides contractor support, free of charge, to assist in development, conduct, and documentation your exercise. It does not provide additional funding to cover other exercise expenses.

The NEP cycle 2017-2018 is open for applications. To apply for exercise support, your exercise needs to meet at least one of the program Principal Objectives. Although this program is not directly linked to the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) or the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program, exercises conducted under the NEP are eligible for credit under both HSGP and EMPG.

Program Principal Objectives

- **Principal Objective 1 – Intelligence and Information Sharing:** Examine and validate core capabilities and processes to rapidly exchange and analyze appropriate classified and unclassified information among federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private sector and international partners prior to and during an incident that threatens the security of the nation
- **Principal Objective 2 – Non-Stafford Act Incidents:** Examine the ability of departments and agencies to prepare for, respond to, and recover from incidents where a Stafford Act declaration is not likely, by identifying and validating appropriate authorities, roles, responsibilities, resources, and organizational structures

- **Principal Objective 3 – Complex Attacks:** Examine the ability of the federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions to respond to complex terrorist attacks with a focus on integrated response planning among law enforcement, medical services, emergency management, and other whole community stakeholders
- **Principal Objective 4 – Cybersecurity:** Examine the implementation of national policy, frameworks, and guidance for whole community stakeholders on relevant authorities, plans, procedures, and available resources for cyber incident coordination
- **Principal Objective 5 – Long-Term recovery:** Demonstrate the ability of the whole community, especially state, territorial, tribal, and local governments, to perform effective recovery coordination and planning in parallel with response operations to achieve long-term community recovery objectives
- **Principal Objective 6 – Infectious Disease:** Examine the ability of the federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions to respond to infectious disease pandemics and biological incidents
- **Principal Objective 7 – Catastrophic Incidents:** Examine the ability of the whole community to deliver life-saving and life-sustaining capabilities to survivors following a catastrophic incident that severely affects communities and critical infrastructure

To apply

Complete the NEP Application Form and return to your State Exercise Officer doug.jimenez@state.or.us

Because the selection process takes place at the national level, be sure to schedule your exercise at least 6 months out. With larger exercises, schedule even further out to provide for enough time for the selection process and exercise development. Exercises that include multiple jurisdictions and/or disciplines have a greater chance of being selected, though small and/or rural jurisdictions have received exercises support in previous years.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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