



FEMA

HSEEP Exercise Program Resources Training Opportunities

A range of exercise training courses and programs are available from various sources. Types of exercise training are described below.

Independent Study

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) is working to incorporate the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) guidance and methodology into a variety of existing EMI exercise training courses. Periodic EMI newsletters describe course content and availability. Additional information is available at training.fema.gov/emiweb.

Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Training

For the classroom, FEMA is developing an enhanced comprehensive HSEEP training course. This scalable, modular course will take students through the full spectrum of exercise design, development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning.

Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP)

The EMI Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP) is a performance-based curriculum focusing on the competencies required to plan, develop, design, conduct, and evaluate jurisdiction-specific exercises. The resident MEPP consists of three resident courses and eight proficiency demonstration activities, and the nonresident MEPP requires completion of several independent study courses and several additional courses administered by the appropriate State emergency management agency. A nonresident MEPP candidate may complete the training and proficiency demonstration requirements by enrolling in the exercise practicum, a unique self-directed and self-negotiated series of 11 proficiency demonstrations. The MEPP candidate is challenged to apply the knowledge, skills, and abilities acquired through participation in comprehensive exercise curriculum courses to emergency management exercises. Additional information is available at training.fema.gov/emiweb.

State-Provided Exercise Training

Many States offer exercise design, conduct, evaluation, and program management courses through State-run training centers or in conjunction with Federal agencies. For example, the California Office of Emergency Services' Readiness Program includes several exercise-related training courses for members of the California homeland security community. New Jersey and New York engage responders in and provide credit for participation in the FEMA Professional Development Series and Advanced Professional Series, each of which involve exercise design and management courses. Numerous States (e.g., Florida) provide regular HSEEP evaluation methodology training for exercise planners statewide.