



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



**TO:** Municipal Chief Executive Officers, Service Chiefs, and Emergency Management Directors

**FROM:** William P. Shea, Deputy Commissioner

**DATE:** February 10, 2014

**RE:** 2014 Statewide Hurricane Exercise Introduction – General Information

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I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce the 2014 Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) Statewide Hurricane Exercise. This year's exercise will focus on a statewide response to a hurricane with an emphasis on Functional Needs and Mass Care. The Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) will be sending you correspondence containing information and tools to help you prepare for the upcoming Statewide Exercise as well as for the next inevitable emergency.

These messages and their attachments will also be posted on the DESPP/DEMHS website at [www.ct.gov/demhs](http://www.ct.gov/demhs).

This year's exercise is scheduled for Saturday, June 21 or Monday, June 23, 2014 depending on which day works best for your community. Each municipality is encouraged to open their EOC and convene their Unified Command as part of the exercise. Identification of your participants and submission of After Actions comments will allow your municipality to receive Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) credit for participation.

One of the major goals of this year's exercise process is to enhance municipal mass care readiness, including addressing functional needs issues. To that end, it is anticipated that each municipality will convene a mass care/functional needs working group at least once before the June exercise. Depending on the size of your community, this working group may include, in addition to the usual Unified Command, local public health, emergency medical services, transportation companies, social services, nursing homes and elderly housing representatives, Meals on Wheels, and local charitable groups. Working group members will consider a number of mass care topics such as sheltering, mass feeding, transportation, children's needs, and opening warming/cooling/showering/charging centers. We are soliciting your comments on mass care matters to help shape this part of the exercise.

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In order to maximize the benefit of the exercise, municipalities will be encouraged to select ahead of time from a menu of options on how they choose to exercise their mass care/functional needs preparedness on June 21<sup>st</sup> or June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be more to follow on this.

A second goal of the exercise is to deploy the decontamination trailers and prime movers that are stationed across the state. Again, there will be more information to follow.

If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding the Statewide Hurricane Exercise, please contact us at DEMHS via e-mail at [demhs.eppi.questions@ct.gov](mailto:demhs.eppi.questions@ct.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William P. Shea", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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