

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Dr. Dora B. Schriro, Commissioner

TO:

State Agency Commissioners and State Agency Heads

FROM:

Dr. Dora B. Schriro, Commissioner

SUBJECT:

2018 Statewide Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI)

State Agency Introduction

DATE:

March 27, 2018

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the 2018 Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) Statewide Exercise. This year's State Agency Liaison and Task Force exercise will convene on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>May 16</u>, <u>2018</u>. On that date, your state agency's liaison will join representatives from the Public Utilities and state Task Force representatives will participate in the training exercise.

This year's EPPI exercise coincides with FEMA Region 1's National Level Exercise 2018 (NLE-18), titled *Patriot Response*. The scenario will be based on a tropical storm with similar flooding results as seen in Vermont after Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. The department's Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) will send you shortly planning tools and additional information to help you prepare for the upcoming EPPI exercise as well as Connecticut's next inevitable natural disaster or other emergency.

This memorandum along with supporting products and exercise update messages will be posted on the DESPP website at http://www.ct.gov/demhs. If you have any questions or if you require any additional information regarding the Governor's EPPI, please contact us by e-mail at demhs.eppi.questions@ct.gov.

Please also note, the Municipal portion of this year's exercise will be held on Saturday, June 16 and Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Some state agencies will be asked to participate in the exercise in a limited capacity on June 20 for a Unified Command meeting on that date. DEMHS will contact selected agencies in advance.

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