



HOMELAND SECURITY EXERCISE AND EVALUATION PROGRAM (HSEEP)

April 2013 Revision

The HSEEP guidance document has been consolidated into six chapters with updated templates and samples. New HSEEP concepts and terminology reflect the National Preparedness Goal and the National Preparedness System, including focus upon core capabilities and engagement with whole community stakeholders. However, the document also contains an overarching emphasis on flexibility rather than compliance with HSEEP doctrine.

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Key changes to content include:

- Engagement of elected and appointed officials (to conduct tasks such as After Action Report review and corrective action development for improvement plans)
- Whole community integration
- Capability-based, objective driven
- Informed by risk
- Progressive planning approach (focuses on improving core capabilities through a series of exercises anchored by a common set of exercise objectives rather than a linear progression of exercise types as implied by the building block approach)
- Multi-year training and exercise program priorities (in addition to the National Preparedness Goal priorities and core capabilities, factors to establish exercise program objectives should also include specific threats and hazards, areas for improvement, external source requirements, and accreditation standards and regulations)

The chapters are aligned to each phase of the exercise planning cycle:

- Exercise Program Management
- Exercise Design and Development
- Exercise Conduct
- Evaluation
- Improvement Planning



Among many items of specific guidance, exercise planners are advised that the schedule, type and timing of planning meetings should be dictated by the complexity of the exercise. Exercise Evaluation Guides should be discussed in the initial planning meeting. Similarly, modeling and simulation planning should take place early in the exercise design process. Planners are also encouraged to develop contingency processes for the exercise day.

Seventy-eight sample exercise material and templates have been updated to reflect the changes in HSEEP doctrine and terminology and are available at www.llis.dhs.gov/content/hseep-doctrine-and-templates. The new **Rolling Summary Report**, which provides an analysis of issues, trends, and key outcomes from all exercises conducted as part of an exercise program, is coming soon.

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