



2019

### SCOPE

The Winter Weather Tabletop 2019 is a 1 hour, facilitated exercise held in Knoxville. The exercise is designed to examine the organizational ability to understand and plan for critical issues and capabilities related to a severe winter storm scenario.

### RULES

- Real-world emergency actions take priority over exercise actions.
- “Real-world emergency” will be the designated phrase to indicate that there is an emergency in the exercise area that requires immediate attention and may stop exercise play.
- “Timeout” will be the designated phrase that Controllers use to temporarily stop exercise play.
- Exercise communication and coordination will be limited to participating parties at the EMAT conference.

### EXERCISE SCHEDULE

October 15th, 2019 11:00am—Noon

### ARTIFICIALITIES

- Operating under the presumptions of a fictional “Winter Storm”
- All content is generic
- All players in the exercise are receiving information at the same time

### Participation

- This is a “No-Fault” environment
- Active participation by all parties is highly encouraged



## EXERCISE—EXERCISE—EXERCISE



### Module 1: Initial Warning

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a severe winter storm warning for a large portion of middle and eastern Tennessee. An approaching Hurricane will begin to track into the Southeast region beginning Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 2019. With current cold weather conditions in the area, it is anticipated that large amounts of snowfall and extreme cold temperatures will affect the area with strong, gusty winds.

Winter storm watches stretch as far north as Pennsylvania and Hurricane watches extend up the entirety of the east coast. Further tracking shows that the storm will move west into the later part of Thursday, October. Snowfall of 1 to 2 feet is expected in the mountains of southwestern Virginia to the Kentucky border with 12 to 18 inches of snow possible near the North Carolina / Tennessee border.

### Organizational Preparedness

- What preparedness measures will your organization take?
- Does your organization have a severe weather plan?
- Do you have a family severe weather plan?
- Will business continue as normal?
- What contingency plans are in place?

**Group Discussion—work within your group to discuss answers for future discussion (10 Minutes)**

### Entering the Workplace

- What are your immediate concerns at this point?
- Are employees prepared (both physically and mentally) to continue work through the impending storm?
- Should power or water be lost, how will the organization and employees respond?
- What is your plan for patients in case of a long term outage?

**Group Discussion— work within your group and discuss actions needed (10 Minutes)**



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