



# 2023 EXERCISES AT A GLANCE

In 2023, the IDHS Exercise Section sponsored **20** exercises with **973** participants.

## 2023 EXERCISE SUMMARIES

### INDIANAPOLIS 500 TABLETOP EXERCISE

- April 19
- 68 participants
- In person

With planning and facilitation coordination by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway hosted a tabletop exercise with various public safety agencies. The scenario assessed participants' response to a human-caused threat on the day of the 2023 Indianapolis 500.

### IDHS SOUTH DISTRICTS DAMAGE ASSESSMENT GAMES

- District 9: May 9
- District 10: June 1
- District 8: June 23
- 77 total participants
- In person

This exercise was conducted in IDHS Districts 8, 9 and 10 respectively. The scenario featured tornadoes striking the fictitious "Hoosier County" and various other counties in southern Indiana. A game board was developed, and the focus of the exercise was on individual assistance. There were players integrated from the local, state and federal level. This game received national attention.

### STATE INTEGRATED PREPAREDNESS PLANNING WORKSHOP (IPPW)

- May 11

- **91 participants**
- **Hybrid and recorded**

Annually, IDHS hosts a state IPPW to bring together the whole community to develop an Integrated Preparedness Plan and Schedule for the next three years. This effort confirms coordination of whole community initiatives, prevention of duplication of efforts, assurance of the efficient use of resources and funding and avoidance of overextending key agencies and personnel.

## **IDHS NORTH DISTRICTS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT**

- **May 25**
- **71 participants**
- **Virtual and recorded**

Being a seminar, this was the first exercise of a three-year progressive series. Because this seminar was facilitated through Microsoft Teams, all county emergency managers were invited to attend. There were integrated presentations from the private sector, local, state and federal level. A resource book was developed and provided to participants.

## **WABASH VALLEY SEMINAR**

- **June 13**
- **81 participants**
- **Hybrid and recorded**

This exercise occurred after previously being postponed for a couple years to focus on updating Indiana's Wabash Valley Catastrophic Earthquake Plan further. There were presentations from the private sector, state and federal government. This exercise was the first of a three-year progressive series. Because this was offered via Microsoft Teams, all county emergency managers were invited to attend.

## **FEMA REGION 5 POWER OUTAGE INCIDENT ANNEX FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE AND WORKSHOP**

- **July 27**
- **43 Indiana participants**
- **In person**

FEMA Region 5 planned a Power Outage Incident Annex Functional Exercise that the Indiana State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) decided to participate in. The SEOC split exercise play by participating in FEMA's functional but by also facilitating a workshop to review applicable plans.

## **IDHS DISTRICT 3 MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE**

- **Aug. 29 and 30**
- **21 participants**
- **In person**

Parkview Health, located in IDHS District 3, conducted a full-scale exercise that was supported by the FEMA National Exercise Division. In coordination with this exercise, IDHS District 3 emergency managers took the opportunity to have a concurrent functional exercise directly related to Parkview Health's scenario. Emergency managers had the opportunity to observe the different participating hospitals' family reunification center and evaluate Parkview Health's exercise.

## **IDHS CENTRAL DISTRICTS CIVIL UNREST TABLETOP/FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE**

- **Sept. 26**
- **51 participants**
- **In person**

With a scenario revolving around civil unrest following the 2024 presidential election, attendees participated in tabletop discussion during the first module and completed operational assignments during the second module. Players had the opportunity to assess their civil unrest plans and produce incident command system forms. This is the final exercise concluding a multi-year series.

## **TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE SEMINAR**

- **Sept. 28**
- **155 participants**
- **Hybrid and recorded**

In preparation for the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse, entities throughout the state came together to discuss the Special Event Planning Guide, receive tools and resources, learn about various sub-committee efforts and lessons learned from other states who have experienced this event before. Presentations were from various state agencies representing the different sub-committees.

## **(6) TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE EXERCISE IN A BOX**

- **Various dates**
- **101 participants**
- **Various locations**

IDHS developed an exercise-in-a-box document so that different entities can modify it to fit their needs. This mirrors a tabletop exercise. Instructions were developed. It was recommended that these exercises take place in the fall so that there is still time to incorporate lessons learned. IDHS Local Government Support and the Exercise Section helped support facilitation of district exercises.

*Participant count is of IDHS-sponsored exercises in a box within 2023.*

## **NEW EMA ORIENTATION SEMINAR**

- **Oct. 24**
- **41 participants**
- **In person and recorded**

Each year, IDHS facilitates a new EMA Orientation Seminar in advance of the Emergency Management Alliance of Indiana Conference. The purpose is to orient new (and current) emergency managers to different IDHS processes as it relates to emergency management. Following the seminar, presenters create a Microsoft Teams recording of the content and it can be provided.

## **INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT AUTHORITY TABLETOP EXERCISE**

- **Nov. 6**
- **105 participants**
- **In person**

With planning and facilitation coordination by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, the Indianapolis Airport Authority hosted a tabletop exercise with various public safety

agencies. The scenario assessed participants' response to a human-caused threat in the airport.

## **CYBER SEMINAR**

- **Dec. 18**
- **68 participants**
- **Virtual**

Planned in coordination with the Indiana Executive Council on Cybersecurity, this seminar aimed to present the updated Emergency Manager's Cyber Toolkit, provide resources and tools, present the Cyber Training and Exercise Guide and "break down the walls between emergency management and information technology."

*For the purposes of the counts within this document, the Damage Assessment Game is being considered three different exercises, and the Total Solar Eclipse Exercise in a Box is being considered six different exercises. Hybrid exercises are considered one exercise.*