EXERCISE PROGRAM

TPEP exercises can:

- Enhance prevention capabilities

- Exercise intelligence analyst capabilities

- Assess the Information Sharing Environment

- Validate fusion center capabilities

- Improve cooperation between federal, state, local and tribal entities

- Enhance awareness of potential threats

Exercises can assess participants' abilities to:

- Implement Suspicious Activity Reporting processes

- Detect and identify terrorist activities among daily flow of "white noise"

- Employ predictive analysis to determine potential future activities

- Engage in information sharing with other agencies and communities to identify patterns locally, regionally and nationally

- Develop and disseminate appropriate notifications and alerts, resulting in operations that disrupt terrorist activities

FEMA

For more information on TPEP or to receive assistance in planning, conducting and evaluating a prevention exercise, please contact TPEP@dhs.gov or visit the TPEP partner page hosted on www.llis.gov

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TPEP

The prevention of terrorist attacks within the United States is a primary goal in both the National Security Strategy and the National Strategy for Homeland Security.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) established the **Terrorism Prevention Exercise Program (TPEP)** to enhance the nation's overall terrorism prevention capabilities through prevention-focused exercises and support activities that increase levels of awareness and cooperation, and improve horizontal and vertical information sharing among homeland security and law enforcement officials at all levels of government.

This comprehensive program provides fully funded direct support exercises that assess pre-incident capabilities such as intelligence fusion and information sharing, and enhance participants' ability to detect, deter and preempt threats to the homeland.

TPEP goals are to:

- Evaluate prevention capabilities across the nation;

- Support fusion center development and Information Sharing Environment implementation; and

- Refine and validate the best models/methods for exercising prevention capabilities.

TPEP IS A FULLY FUNDED DHS DIRECT SUPPORT PROGRAM

TPEP PROVIDES DISCUSSION– AND OPERATIONS–BASED EXERCISES

TERRORISM PREVENTION EXERCISE PROGRAM BUILDS AND VALIDATES CAPABILITIES

DHS TARGET CAPABILITIES LIST (TCL)

TPEP exercises evaluate the prevention and protection capabilities as described in the TCL.

GLOBAL FUSION CENTER GUIDELINES

TPEP specifically meets Guideline 16: Center Performance Measurement and Evaluation. During exercise conduct, fusion centers may test the implementation of as many or as few of the Fusion Center Guidelines as they desire, based on their objectives and priorities.

BASELINE CAPABILITIES FOR STATE AND MAJOR URBAN AREA FUSION CENTERS

"Exercises – Fusion centers should conduct or participate in another agency's scenario-based tabletop and live training exercises to regularly assess their capabilities" - Baseline Capability I.A.10

TPEP directly meets this capability, and can provide support for the implementation and evaluation of Baseline Capabilities as a whole. All facets of Section I: Fusion Process Capabilities can be assessed in a prevention-focused exercise. By watching the fusion process in action, conclusions can also be reached regarding the implementation of Section II: Management and Administrative Capabilities.

Exercise evaluation identifies capability strengths and gaps, and provides corrective actions which allow for better supported and informed funding requests and investment justifications.