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“OPERATION POWER PLAY 2017” STATEWIDE EXERCISE

ABOUT THIS EXERCISE

Operation Power Play 2017 is an operations-based exercise simulating a response to a major flooding throughout Illinois as a result of a severe storm event. This exercise is a multi-jurisdictional and multi-discipline collaborative effort sponsored by ComEd, Ameren Illinois, DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the City of Chicago’s Office of Emergency Management and Communications, the U.S. Army Reserve, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

WHAT WILL BE TESTED BY THIS EXERCISE?

- Response to low probability/high risk scenarios severely impacting key sectors:
 - Energy (electricity and gas), Transportation, Communications and Water
- Utilizing Public-Private partnerships to respond to disasters

WHO IS INVOLVED IN THIS EXERCISE?

Over 30 public and private agencies will be involved in the exercise and will be communicating with each other throughout the State of Illinois during the exercise in response to the simulated disaster. Participants include agencies from Local, County, State and Federal governments and the private sector

WHERE WILL THE EXERCISE TAKE PLACE?

Exercise play will occur in many locations throughout Illinois. The primary venue for this exercise will be at the University of Illinois at Chicago (1139 W Harrison St. Chicago, IL 60607)

WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF THE EXERCISE?

The 2017 Statewide Exercise is designed to test several low-probability high-impact events to prepare the State of Illinois for catastrophic events. Some areas to be tested include:

- Responder Safety and Health
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Management
- Critical Logistics and Resource Management
- Interoperable Communications
- Restoration of Lifelines (power restoration to critical infrastructure)

WHEN?

Operation Power Play 2017 will take place across two days: Thursday May 18th and Friday May 19th 2017. The backup date of June 2nd 2017 will be used in the case of an actual emergency on the primary date.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE EXERCISE?

An After Action Report/ Improvement Plan (AAR/IP) will be created. This will identify areas for improvement along with persons responsible and deadlines for implementation.

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Sponsor Agencies:

ComEd
United States Army Reserve
City of Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communications
DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Illinois Emergency Management Agency

Ameren Illinois
University of Illinois at Chicago

Private Sector Participants

- AGL Resources
- American Water
- Aqua Water
- Ameren Illinois
- AT&T
- BP
- Caterpillar
- ChicagoFIRST
- CITGO
- ComEd
- Exelon Generation
- Sears Holdings, Inc.
- Sprint
- State Farm
- Target
- UPS
- Verizon
- Walmart
- Walgreens

Public Sector Participants

- American Red Cross
- Argonne National Laboratory
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications
- Chicago Police Department
- Chicago Department of Water
- Cook County Department of Homeland Security an Emergency Management
- Civil Air Patrol
- DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Federal Emergency Management Agency Region V
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Illinois Emergency Management Agency
- Illinois National Guard
- Lake County Emergency Management Agency
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
- Mutual Aid Box Alarm System
- National Weather Service
- Salvation Army
- Will County Emergency Management Agency
- United States Department of Homeland Security
- University of Chicago
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- United States Army Reserve