

**Session title:**

Time to exercise the Emergency Support Function

**Session speakers:**

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**Session summary:**

When it comes to training and exercises, Emergency Support Function (ESF)-12 is probably not emphasized enough. With this in mind we are utilizing our Long Term Care planning groups annual full scale exercise to focus on this specific ESF. We will be incorporating a full level 3 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation along with two neighboring county EOC's who each have a facility that participates in our planning group. We also hope to activate a district Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC). The focus will be a coronal discharge event which creates a major blackout situation. I will be sharing the results of the exercise as it relates to our level of preparedness and response capabilities for ESF-12.