



## ***Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP) Overview – FY2018***

**Purpose:** To provide an overview of the Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP) and the admissions notification process for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018.

**Program Description:** The Master Exercise Practitioner Program is a series of two classroom courses (E0132 and E0133) focusing on advanced program management, exercise design and evaluation practices in each phase of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). A MEPP Capstone exercise project is required within one (1) year after the completion of E0133.

MEPP candidates work within a collaborative environment on exercise design challenges and establish a network of peers. Candidates are assigned to an Exercise Planning Team where they are to demonstrate their expertise at all levels of exercise design and conduct through in-class teach backs and the individual MEPP Capstone Project.

MEPP is designed for mid-level exercise practitioners with a minimum of three (3) years' experience in an Emergency Management (EM) exercise design. Participants refine and practice skills critical to performing the phases of the HSEEP cycle, such as exercise program management, Master Scenario Events List (MSEL) writing and evaluation data analysis.

Candidates apply the key learning concepts from the MEPP curriculum relative to their organizations and their own jurisdictional environments.

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<http://training.fema.gov/mepp>

**Target Audience:** Ideal candidates will have 3-5 years' experience designing and conducting emergency management exercises consistent with the HSEEP Doctrine. This experience should include the development of discussion-based and operations-based exercises and experience in a Simulation Cell (SIMCELL). Candidates are expected to have overall experience with Exercise Program Management, as well as individual experience as Exercise Director, Exercise Planning Team Leader, Facilitator, Controller/Simulator, and Evaluator.

**Application Process:** Applications were accepted from June 1-July 1, 2017. Completed application packets will be reviewed by a formal selection board in August/September and applicants will be notified of an admissions decision by mid-October 2017. Classes begin during the 3rd quarter of FY18 (April), with follow-on classes being completed during FY18.

**Application Selection Criteria:** Applications will be evaluated based on recommended prerequisites to include:

- Three (3) – five (5) years' experience in an exercise design position;
- Individual experience in a lead role within exercise design
- Demonstrated experience with exercise program management
- Demonstrated experience with exercise control and simulation
- Commitment to consistency using the HSEEP Doctrine
- Whole community representation