

# Training & Exercises

<i>Communications-Focused Exercises (TTX, FE, FSE)</i> <sup>10</sup>	
TA Delivery Method:	In-Person Exercise and Webinar Planning Meetings
Recommended Participants:	Public Safety Professionals

## Offering Overview

Exercises and operational assessments are important tools to assess, train for, and practice mitigation, prevention, response, and recovery capabilities. Frequently, communications are either omitted from or only notionally included in exercises or in operational assessments. To best approximate a real operational environment, exercises should thoroughly incorporate and evaluate available voice and data communications resources, procedures, tools, and personnel in each multi-agency, multi-discipline, and multi-jurisdictional training/testing opportunity.

**CISA provides exercise assistance and expertise focused on communications for:**

- Tabletop Exercises (TTX)
- Functional Exercises (FE)
- Full Scale Exercises (FSE)

**Customized support for this offering may vary to meet each state's unique needs. Potential design options, outcomes, and deliverables may include:**

- Designing, conducting, and evaluating communications-focused public safety/service discussion-based and functional exercises
- Evaluating communications capabilities at full scale exercises
- Preparing communications-focused scenarios and injects (both voice and data) for exercises
- Pre-planning for interoperable, emergency communications for special events
- Assessing Communications Unit trained personnel on-site operational procedures relating to communications tasks in their respective position task books
- Initial, mid, and final planning meetings
- Logistics checklist
- Exercise Plan (EXPLAN)
- Master Scenario Events List (MSEL)
- After Action Report/Improvement Plan (AAR/IP)

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<sup>10</sup> This exercise is structured under HSEEP guidelines.