



# 2024 EXERCISES AT A GLANCE

In 2024, the IDHS Exercise Section sponsored **22** exercises with **1,138** participants.

## 2024 EXERCISE SUMMARIES

### (9) TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE EXERCISE IN A BOX

- Various dates
- 195 participants
- Various locations

IDHS developed an exercise-in-a-box document so that different entities can modify it to fit their needs. This mirrors a tabletop exercise. Instructions were developed. It was recommended that these exercises take place in advance of the total solar eclipse so there is still time to incorporate lessons learned. IDHS Local Government Support and the Exercise Sections helped support facilitation of district exercises.

*Participant count is of IDHS-sponsored exercises in a box within 2024.*

### NORTH, CENTRAL AND SOUTH INTEGRATED PREPAREDNESS PLANNING WORKSHOP (IPPW)

- North: Feb. 28
- Central: Feb. 8
- South: Feb. 29
- 144 participants
- Hybrid

For the first time, the north, central and south districts held an IPPW in advance to the state IPPW. At this workshop, the districts reviewed their hazard identification risk assessment and developed preparedness priorities for the upcoming three years. North districts are considered IDHS Districts 1-4, central districts are IDHS Districts 5-7 and south districts are IDHS Districts 8-10.

## INDIANAPOLIS 500 TABLETOP EXERCISE

- **May 2**
- **82 participants**
- **In person**

With planning and facilitation coordination by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway hosted a tabletop exercise with various public safety agencies. The scenario assessed participants' response to a technological hazard on the day of the 2024 Indianapolis 500.

## STATE IPPW

- **May 15**
- **153 participants**
- **Hybrid and recorded**

Annually, IDHS hosts a state IPPW to bring together the whole community to develop an Integrated Preparedness Plan and Schedule for the next three years. This effort confirms coordination of whole community initiatives, prevention of duplication of efforts, assurance of the efficient use of resources and funding and avoidance of overextending key agencies and personnel.

## EVANSVILLE AIRPORT TABLETOP EXERCISE

- **May 29**
- **30 participants**
- **In person**

With planning and facilitation coordination by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, the Evansville Airport hosted a tabletop exercise with various public safety agencies. The scenario assessed participants' response to a human-caused threat in the airport.

## **NORTH HAZMAT TABLETOP EXERCISE**

- **June 27**
- **85 participants**
- **In person**

The scenario for this exercise was a train derailment causing damage to a regulatory station in Marshall County, Indiana. This exercise followed the previous year's north hazmat summit. There will be a full-scale exercise in 2025. Participation ranges from hazmat teams, incident management teams, private sector including utility, rail and Toll Road, local, state and federal government. Core capabilities evaluated included operational communications, operational coordination, public information and warning, critical transportation, environmental response/health and safety, mass care services and economic recovery.

## **CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS FAILURE WORKSHOP**

- **Aug. 2**
- **126 participants**
- **Hybrid and recorded**

Public utility (telecommunications) failure topics and a plan template were presented at this workshop. Participants were encouraged to work with their whole community partners to have a public utility failure plan. This workshop is the first of a three-year preparedness priority series.

## **CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT DRILL**

- **Sept. 11**
- **30 participants**
- **In person**

Identified essential personnel from all three government branches were notified, transported and worked from a contingent location.

## IDHS SOUTH DISTRICTS DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FULL-SCALE EXERCISES

- District 8: Aug. 22
- District 9: Aug. 29
- District 10: Sept. 19
- 136 total participants
- In person

This scenario featured tornadoes striking the fictitious “Hoosier County” and various other counties in southern Indiana. ‘Tornado Tango’ was the third and final exercise of the south districts’ tornado preparedness priority. Participants completed a damage assessment application and submitted an impact statement to the state.

## WABASH VALLEY TABLETOP EXERCISE

- Dec. 2
- 157 participants
- In person

Following a 2023 Seminar to review the state’s Catastrophic Wabash Valley Earthquake Annex, the state emergency operations center and its primary and supporting agencies participated in a discussion to assess their plan. There will be a full-scale exercise in 2025.

*For the purposes of the counts within this document, the regional IPPWs and Damage Assessment Full-Scale is being considered three different exercises each, and the Total Solar Eclipse Exercise in a Box is being considered nine different exercises. Hybrid exercises are considered one exercise.*