FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Virtual Tabletop Exercise Program Fiscal Year 2021

EMI conducts a series of virtual tabletop exercises using a video teleconference (VTC) platform to reach community-based training audiences around the country and provide a virtual forum for disaster training. The VTTX process involves key personnel from the emergency management community of practice reviewing a pre-packaged set of exercise materials, then convening for a four-hour tabletop exercise discussion of a simulated disaster scenario with a total of 10-15 individual sites.

The event allows the connected sites to assess current plans, policies, and procedures while learning from the other connected sites, as they provide their perspective and practice while exercising a similar situation.

The VTTX program is designed for a "community-based" group (not individual participation) of at least five or more personnel from local or State emergency management organizations with representation from all emergency management disciplines - public safety, public works, public health, health care, government, administrative, communications, military, private sector, non-governmental, and critical stress professionals.

These exercises will continue throughout 2021 and cover a variety of responses to include cybersecurity, operational coordination and communications, mass care and housing, school safety and security and more. More information and the application process can be found here: (Link to attached pdf)