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**DARK SKY
EXERCISE**

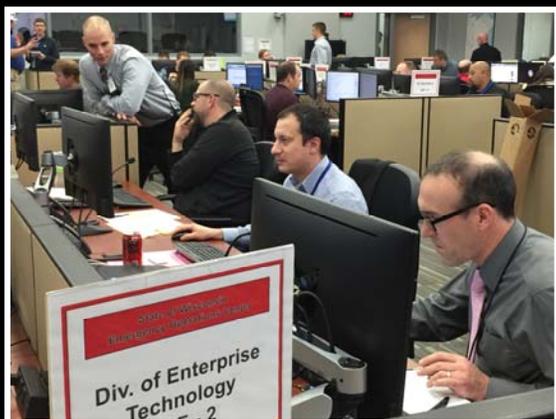


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Why is the Wisconsin National Guard canvassing in my community?

Long-term power outages pose many challenges for both local responders and the impacted populations. In a real scenario, the Wisconsin National Guard may be called upon to provide support by conducting wellness checks on the impacted populations that may be unable to evacuate their homes, obtain critical information, contact first responders, and address other challenges created by the lack of electricity.

In place of conducting wellness checks for the exercise, the Wisconsin National Guard is conducting a community preparedness survey using tools similar to those that would be used for the wellness checks. Questions will include general preparedness questions to help emergency management officials understand where support may be needed in a real incident. **NO personal information will be gathered.**

Complete the Survey

If we missed you, please consider completing the survey over the phone. To complete the survey, simply dial 2-1-1 from any phone and an operator will assist you in completing the survey. THANK YOU!



What is Dark Sky?

Dark Sky is a large-scale exercise hosted by the State of Wisconsin, Division of Wisconsin Emergency Management, and includes many participants from local, state, and federal agencies, voluntary agencies, the private sector and more. Exercises provide an opportunity for responders to validate their emergency response plans, train, and collaborate with new partners in a safe environment before a real incident occurs.

Participants involved in your community include:

- Omro Police and Fire Departments
- Winnebago County Emergency Management
- Wisconsin National Guard
- Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC)
- 2-1-1 Wisconsin
- American Red Cross
- Wisconsin Emergency Management

Exercises such as Dark Sky ensure the State of Wisconsin and its partners are prepared to provide the best support to its citizens when disaster strikes.

Be Prepared

While Wisconsin's first responders do an incredible job of keeping our communities safe, in a large-scale emergency responders may not be able to reach you immediately or may be required to focus their efforts elsewhere.

ReadyWisconsin encourages citizens to be ready and prepared for emergencies, whether it is a severe weather event or a hazardous materials spill.

ReadyWisconsin asks individuals to do four key things:

- Get an emergency supply kit— You should have your own food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least three days.
- Make a family emergency plan— Before an emergency happens, sit down as a family and create a communications plan. Make sure everyone has each other's phone numbers and the phone numbers of friends nearby who can help relay information. Also decide on a safe location to meet at if you are unable to return home right away.
- Be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses. This not only includes natural disasters, such as storms and tornadoes, but also hazardous materials incidents or other emergencies.
- Get involved in emergency preparedness and response planning efforts in their own communities.

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