



2025 CTE Summer Swap Academy

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Emergency Preparedness and Exercise Design

Developed for: All teachers or staff involved in development of schools emergency plans, training, and exercise as well as 9-12 Law, Public Service, and Security (LPSS) teachers.

Exercise is not just for emergency managers. Exercise can be used for student engagement, as an assessment tool, and as training and skill measurement method for the entire school. Exercise cultivates buy-in. It is an interactive way to build understanding of a situation, resilience, and individual preparedness. Join us to dive into the fundamentals of preparedness and methods of achieving an effective exercise design.

Specific topics that will be addressed:

Day 1:

- Understanding and using preparedness curriculum
- Benefits and use of exercise design in the teaching process
- Free and easily accessible resources for the classroom

Day 2:

- Exercise design workshop - 8 steps of exercise design

Participants will leave with examples and experience of designing an exercise, ideas for potential lessons, understanding of how to use the preparedness tools in the classroom and in the entire school.

Participants will need to bring:

Laptop & charger: We will refer to online resources, do some online research, and build/share ideas electronically.

About the Presenter

Nathan Brown serves as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Prior to his current role, he served as the State Exercise Officer at the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM). He is a former first responder and a veteran with over 15 years of emergency management experience. Nathan holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Kansas and is a Certified Public Manager. He is a Master Exercise Practitioner (MEP) and has conducted a variety of local, state, and federal level exercises. Nathan teaches certification courses to Kansas emergency management and first responder professionals.