**Prepare a local Long Term Power Outage (LTPO) emergency plan for your community to be ready for a Grid Failure.**

**No matter what causes the LTPO event, cyber-attack, natural disaster, physical attack, geomagnetic solar storm, or electromagnetic pulse attack, America’s resilience will happen when local communities prepare for the worst.**

1. Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
   1. The basis for emergency response and short-term recovery actions.
   2. An all-hazards EOP should include, at a minimum, short-term power failures.
   3. Consider either a Hazard Annex or a separate “attached” plan for LTPO.
   4. A LTPO plan shouldn’t replicate the EOP but compliment it.
2. Example Format for a Long-Term Power Outage Plan
   1. Basic Plan
      1. Purpose
      2. Situation and Assumptions
      3. Concept of Operations
      4. Organization and Assignment of Responsibilities
      5. Authorities and References
   2. Functional Annexes
      1. Direction, Control and Coordination
         1. Continuity of Civil Government
         2. Continuity of Emergency Operations
      2. Emergency Communications
         1. Long Range HF Radio
         2. Local Simplex VHF and/or UHF
         3. Amateur Radio, GMRS, FRS, CB
      3. Emergency Public Warning and Information
         1. Guidance and Directives
         2. Technical Means (AM/FM Radio, IPAWS, GMRS/FRS)
      4. Public Safety
         1. Auxiliary fire, police and emergency medical
         2. Security Forces
      5. Mass Care
      6. Health Services
      7. Disaster Logistics
         1. Assignment of Civil Defense Recovery Duties
      8. Emergency Electrical Power
3. Some questions that need to be answered in your LTPO plan
   1. How will you recognize a LTPO event?
   2. What will be the trigger point to activate the LTPO?
   3. How will you notify EOC staff to report to the EOC if normal comms is out?
   4. How will you keep your EOC functioning during a LTPO?
   5. Is your EOC staff prepared at home and able to travel to the EOC?
   6. Are other EOCs (local and state) able to activate and function?
   7. If there is a warning period before the LTPO occurs, what protective steps will be taken to mitigate possible damage to electrical systems/equipment.
   8. What emergency authorities will be used to justify your directives?
   9. Has the Governor issued an emergency declaration?
   10. What is your extreme emergency continuity of government actions?
   11. Does your plan identify how to keep the court system functioning?
   12. What means of communication will be used with which partners?
   13. If online digital common operating picture systems are down, how will you share, record and distribute information?
   14. If radio repeaters are offline, how will you communicate over distance?
   15. What information will you provide to the public?
   16. How will you communicate with the public? 2-way Radio (Ham, GMRS)?
   17. Are your public safety responders prepared at home and able to travel?
   18. How will you keep your public safety functioning during a LTPO?
   19. How do you augment your public safety responders?
   20. How will you deal with elevated number of crimes when your police department is most stressed by security needs and staffing shortfalls?
   21. What will you provide for mass care (shelter, food, water)?
   22. How will you assist local farms with fuel, staffing, and security?
   23. Will you provide emergency food and by what distribution process?
   24. How will your medical and public health agencies continue to function?
   25. How will you secure generators, fuel, food, and medications?
   26. Who will be available to provide facility security?
   27. How will you keep water and wastewater utilities functioning?
   28. How do you provide safe drinking water if water utilities are not functioning?
   29. Where will you get resupply of fuel (gasoline, diesel, propane, etc)?
   30. What duties and positions will you need to fill with volunteers?
   31. How do you organize a much larger emergency management organization to fill those needs that mutual aid and higher government are unable to fill?
   32. What do you need to stockpile for food and fuel?
   33. What actions will you implement to assist the power company?
   34. How will you manage local fuel supplies with distributors and retailers?
   35. Does the plan identify a supply of generator oil and filters?
   36. Does your plan identify how you will reimburse suppliers and retailers?