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Home Fires: It's Everyone's Fight



The United States Fire Administration (USFA) reported that fires kill an average of seven Americans every day in the United States and cause an estimated \$7.3 billion property loss annually. Home fires can be prevented by having the basic knowledge of fire prevention, such as the use of smoke detectors. In a recent partnership between FEMA and Red Cross, they focused on a simple goal – to provide smoke detectors to households that need them the most.

FEMA and Red Cross collaborated and combined data on fatal home fires in order to determine the various neighborhoods that are most at risk of home fires. The results gathered from this study will be used to support households and provide smoke detectors. The goal of this new program is to prevent deaths caused by home fires as well as property loss.

USFA is also working with FEMA to prevent home fires. USFA's "Fire Is Everyone's Fight" campaign is a national initiative to unite the fire service, life safety organizations, and professionals in an effort to reduce home fire injuries, deaths and property loss by changing how people think about fire and fire prevention. Fire safety and prevention webinars are available for individuals interested in joining the campaign and promoting fire safety.

To watch previous fire safety and prevention webinars, visit USFA. Home fire prevention and safety information are also available from Ready.gov.

Interagency Coordination Newsletter for Environmental and Historic Preservation

Before establishments and structures are re-built after a Presidentially-declared disaster, there must be an environmental and historic preservation (EHP) review. EHP reviews ensure that natural and cultural resources are considered in the federal decision-making process regarding funding or permitting actions

Deadlines



FEMA National Training Program Continuing Grant Application Deadline



EMI Earthquake Virtual Tabletop Exercise Sign Up Deadline



EMI Earthquake Virtual Tabletop Exercise First Session



EMI Earthquake Virtual Tabletop Exercise Last Session



Emergency Management Institute Higher Education Program Webinar



National PrepareAthon! Day



Draft Interagency Concept for Community Resilience Indicators and National-Level Progress Measures Deadline

The Unified Federal Review (UFR) Process was created as an improved approach for the EHP reviews associated with disaster recovery projects. The goal of the UFR Process is to promote the use of best practices and to provide tools designed to address gaps in EHP review processes, increase consistency, and leverage existing resources to create process efficiencies.

Examples of best practices and success stories regarding the UFR Process are compiled in a newsletter showcasing successful interagency coordination. The newsletter also allows agencies to stay involved with efforts to create a UFR Process across the nation. The third issue of the UFR newsletter is now available online.

Agencies are encouraged to submit content and articles that show examples and experiences of the UFR process, general EHP review efficiencies, and successful interagency coordination for a project(s) to federal-unified-review@fema.dhs.gov.

For more information on the UFR Process, visit the Unified Federal Environmental and Historic Preservation Review Library.

Emergency Management Institute Offers Earthquake Virtual Tabletop Exercise

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) program will offer an earthquake scenario from **September 20 to 22, 2016 at 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT**. The VTTX was designed to help communities specifically look at an earthquake in their community, using historical events and recovery actions. The VTTX involves key personnel discussing simulated scenarios in an informal setting and can be used to assess plans, policies, training, and procedures. Content for each session is the same for all days and participants should only attend one session.

EMI conducts a monthly series of VTTXs through video teleconferences (VTC) to reach community-based training audiences around the country, and provide a virtual forum for disaster training. The VTTX is designed for a group of ten or more representatives from state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency communities of practice. Participants will need to connect via a site equipped with the appropriate VTC capability, but alternate ways to participate are also available upon request.

The goals of the VTTX are to test the participants' knowledge, skills, and abilities to conduct all-hazards emergency response and recovery effectively. The VTTXs also enable coordination of response operations with counterparts from federal agencies, state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, private sector organizations, non-governmental agencies, and other whole community partners.

To participate in a VTTX, send an email request to Doug Kahn at douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov and copy fema-emi-iemb@fema.dhs.gov. Participants can also call 301-447-7645 or 301-447-1381. The deadline for all applications is **August 26, 2016**. Additional information is available at <https://training.fema.gov/programs/emivtx.aspx>.

Draft Disaster Resilience Indicators Concept Deadline Extended

The deadline has been extended until **December 15, 2016**, to submit inputs and feedback to the Mitigation Federal Leadership Group (MitFLG) Disaster Resilience Indicators Subcommittee's "Draft Interagency Concept for Community Resilience Indicators and National-Level Progress Measures." Stakeholders can submit comments and feedback to FEMA-CommunityResilience@fema.dhs.gov.

In response to broad public interest in identifying key factors of community resilience nationwide, FEMA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and federal partners in the MitFLG Disaster Resilience Indicators Subcommittee released the draft white paper in June 2016. This white paper is intended to start a broad conversation among public- and private-sector stakeholders on ways to best define and track improvements in community resilience capacity

The document is the result of a year-long effort to identify potential indicators of community resilience capacity building that align with the Mitigation and Recovery Core Capabilities under the National Preparedness Goal. Learn more details about this initiative through FEMA and NOAA partnership [here](#).



Reminder of Upcoming Deadlines

Higher Education Webinar in Emergency Management Education

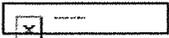
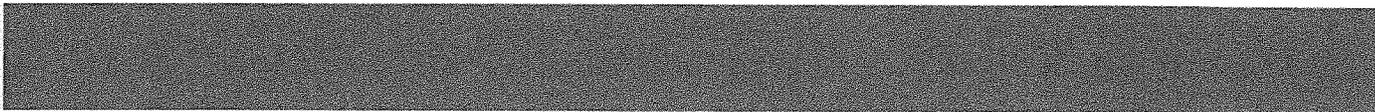
FEMA's Emergency Management Institute Higher Education Program is hosting a webinar, "The Role of Research in Emergency Management Education: Current Status and Future Directions," **September 28, 2016 from 3 - 4 p.m. EDT**. The webinar highlights research issues in emergency management higher education programs. The webinar will examine the results of a recent research study by Arkansas State University students who will discuss the relationship between the results of their research and the perceptions and experiences at their institutions. Presenters include:

- **Deborah J. Persell, Ph.D., RN, APN**, Director, Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education College of Nursing and Health Professions Arkansas State University
- **Jessica Jensen, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Management Co-Director, Center for Emergency Management Education and Research, North Dakota State University

Interested individuals should register using the event registration link and contact Wendy Walsh at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov for more information on the webinar.

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