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Important Dates & Deadlines

Disability Integration Partners with Disaster Survivor Assistance

On July 26, 2016, FEMA celebrated the 26th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). FEMA recognizes the importance of inclusive emergency management in preparedness activities before a disaster strikes. The Agency works extensively with state, local, tribal and territorial governments to facilitate ADA compliance, and to increase physical, program, and effective communication access to the children and adults with disabilities in their communities.

Working Together to Assist Disaster Survivors is a video that depicts the relationship and partnership between Disaster Survivor Assistance and Disability Integration. The video provides open captioning and America Sign Language interpretation for audiences with hearing difficulties. Visit the [Ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) resource page for more information about take charge of your own preparedness.

FEMA Congratulates Master Exercise Practitioner Graduates

FEMA congratulates 36 participants in the Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP) Series #36 that graduated on May 5, 2016, from the Emergency Management Institute on the National Emergency Training Center campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

MEPP is a series of three courses focusing on advanced exercise design, conduct, and evaluation practices in each phase of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). Candidates apply best practices and lessons learned from their organizations and experiences, as well as key learning concepts from the curriculum to exercise planning team assignments. The MEPP is designed to challenge candidates to demonstrate their expertise within all levels of exercise design through both in-class and take-home proficiency demonstrations.

The program targets experienced individuals with significant responsibilities for progressive, all-hazard exercise programs consistent with the principles in the HSEEP. Ideal candidates will have three to five years of experience designing and conducting emergency management exercises consistent with the HSEEP doctrine.

Congratulations graduates! Interested professionals should visit <http://www.training.fema.gov/mepp/> for more information



Application Deadline for National Emergency Management Executive Academy Virtual Tabletop Exercise Application Deadline



Draft Interagency Concept for Community Resilience Indicators and National-Level Progress Measures Comment Period Ends



FEMA National Training Program Continuing Grant Application Deadline



Graduates of the Mater Exercise Practitioner Program

FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces Take on Vigilant Guard 2016



A simulated earthquake shook Camp Ethan Allen Training Site, Jericho, Vt, on July 29, 2016, as part of the Vigilant Guard 2016 exercise. This resulted in several downed trees, collapsed bridges and buildings, injured individuals, and other simulated casualties located throughout the scenario. Massachusetts Task Force 1, Vermont Task Force 1, and New York Task Force 1 collaborated with members of the Canadian Air Force, Vermont National Guard and New York National Guard and worked a variety of scenarios. The teams worked with their interagency and international partners on several simulated life-saving missions including: raising a collapsed building, completing a rescue in a partially submerged home, and extracting a survivor underneath a vehicle.

FEMA's Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces look forward to additional exercises and opportunities to collaborate with their partners to build relationships invaluable in real world scenarios.

EMI Offers Advanced Public Information Officer Training

The calm of a San Francisco day was shattered by recent multiple fire alarms involving five separate structures. Over nine hours, local public information officers (PIOs), led by Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Advanced PIO Course graduate Jonathan Baxter, successfully provided life-saving evacuation notices, safety messages, and shelter-in-place orders. Baxter gives

Nine Advanced PIO course trainings are scheduled over the next year on campus at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Md.

The PIO training program is enhanced by its partnerships with states teaching basic courses that prepare new PIOs for handling daily challenges of safeguarding and informing their communities during emergencies.

The Advanced PIO course enhances skills of the participants through interactive lectures from subject matter experts and functional exercises, including strategic communications and incident action planning as it relates to Joint Information Center operations.

The next Advanced PIO course will be held on **August 22-26, 2016** in Broward County, Fla. Interested individuals should contact mike_jachles@sheriff.org to register. For information on prerequisites and course schedules go to <http://training.femac.gov/programs/pio/>.



Reminder of Upcoming Deadlines

EMI Virtual Tabletop Exercise for Mass Casualty Incident

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) is offering a virtual tabletop exercise (VTTX) focusing on Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) on **August 23-25 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT**. This VTTX addresses MCI awareness and information sharing during response efforts to assist affected communities. Session content is the same each day and participants only need to attend one session.

This VTTX allows participating communities to share details and best practices regarding mass casualty awareness, integration into all-hazard preparedness, information sharing, incident management, and resource management processes. The goals of the VTTX are to enhance the participants' knowledge, skills, and abilities to effectively conduct all-hazards emergency response and recovery. The VTTX also enables coordination of response operations with counterparts from federal agencies, state, local and tribal governments, private sector organizations, non-governmental agencies, and other whole community partners.

Interested individuals should email Doug Kahn at douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov or call 301-447-7645. Additionally, it is requested that individuals send a courtesy copy email to the Integrated Emergency Management Branch at FEMA-EMI-IEMB@fema.dhs.gov or call 301-447-1381. The deadline for VTTX applications is **August 5**. Additional information can be found by visiting

Apply for the 2017 National Emergency Management Executive Academy

The objective of the Executive Academy is to engage, challenge and enhance the talents of emergency management executives through critical thinking, visionary strategic planning, and negotiation and conflict resolution when applied to complex real-world problems. The Executive Academy consists of four resident sessions, webinars, distance learning, and literature reviews. Executives will explore how they can leverage science, technology, engineering, and data analysis to impact critical decisions and guide informed policy development. Executives will have the opportunity to work collaboratively on projects, share smart practices, and participate in exercises on cascading and catastrophic events.

Applications will be accepted through **August 5, 2016**. There are a limited number of seats and enrollment is competitive. For more information on the Executive Academy and the application and selection process, visit www.training.fema.gov/EMPP/executive.asp.

The Executive Academy is the pinnacle of a three-level Academy series in the Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP) which includes Basic, Advanced, and Executive Academies. Emergency management professionals should visit the EMPP page for more information about which academy best suits their needs.

Draft Disaster Resilience Indicators Concept Released By Mitigation Federal Leadership Group Subcommittee

FEMA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and their federal partners in the Mitigation Federal Leadership Group (MitFLG) Disaster Resilience Indicators Subcommittee released a "Draft Interagency Concept for Community Resilience Indicators and National-Level Progress Measures."

This concept 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 joint FEMA/NOAA initiative here www.fema.gov/community-resilience-indicators.

The document, compiled in response to broad public interest in identifying key factors of community resilience nationwide in order to promote better-informed capacity building strategies, is intended to start a broad conversation among public- and private-sector stakeholders on how best to define and track improvements in community resilience capacity across 28 key indicator categories.

Interested stakeholders seeking to add their input can submit comments and feedback to the Disaster Resilience Indicators Subcommittee of the MitFLG at FEMA-CommunityResilience@fema.dhs.gov by **August 15, 2016**.

The MitFLG subcommittee was led by representatives of FEMA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and includes significant contributions from federal partners such as the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Geological Survey.

FEMA National Training Program Continuing Grants

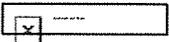
FEMA announced funding opportunities for the Fiscal Year 2016 Continuing Training Grants program. The Homeland Security National Training Program's Continuing Training Grants will provide \$11.5 million to qualified applicants to help improve the nation's ability to respond to and recover from all-hazard events.

This highly competitive program attracts applicants from state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, eligible non-profit organizations, and higher education institutions. Funding is provided as cooperative agreements and awarded directly to the selected applicants.

For more information and to download the application package, visit www.grants.gov and submit applications no later than **August 22**.

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