Course:  E8520 – 2020 National Preparedness Symposium
PLEASE NOTE THE SYMPOSIUM IS 3 DAYS AND HOSTED BY EMI

Course Date:
May 19 – 21, 2020

Travel Dates:
Travel days are May 18 and May 22, 2020

Course Length:
This Symposium is 3 full days from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. each day.

Location:
Emergency Management Institute (EMI)
National Emergency Training Center (NETC)
Emmitsburg, Maryland

Course Description:
This Symposium provides a review of training and exercise programs within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that are applicable to our state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) partners. The Symposium also provides a forum for sharing best practices and case studies in training and exercises from the SLTT level.

Course Goal:
Provide attendees with the tools, knowledge, and network to improve training and exercise programs that build and sustain capabilities for a more secure and resilient Nation.

Prerequisites:
There are no pre-requisites.

Course Objectives:
1. Based on the information acquired during the NPS, participants will identify at least one element to implement, modify, or validate in their training and exercise program, resulting in improved outcomes.
2. Identify tools, resources, processes, and methods for determining capability gaps in a participant’s jurisdiction that can be filled through training and validated by exercises.
3. Identify the tools for planning, executing, and evaluating training and exercise programs to close identified gaps.

Target Audience:
Participation is limited to:
• State and territorial emergency management training and exercise officers;
• State Administrative Agency Training and Exercise Points of Contact;
• Tribal emergency managers and training and exercise staff;
• National Preparedness Directorate staff,
• National Training and Education Division staff,
• Regional Training Managers, Exercise Officers, and training and exercise staff;
• Federal Preparedness Coordinators and their deputies;
• and representatives of FEMA training partners such as the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium and the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium.

Enrollment Deadline
Enrollment closes April 6, 2020; 6-weeks prior to the Symposium start date. For more enrollment information, please contact the NETC Office of Admissions at netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov.
To Apply:
Scan the QR Code, or click the link for information on [how to apply for EMI courses](https://training.fema.gov/Apply/)

Application Review:
In order to be evaluated for admission into this course, block #16 on the application form must be completed. Please refer to the target audience/selection criteria and indicate how you meet the requirements based upon your position and experience.

Travel and Housing Information:
Upon acceptance into the course, NETC Admissions will [email](mailto:Acceptance Letter) out an Acceptance Letter. Scan the QR Code below, or click the [link for a PDF copy of the NETC Welcome Package online](https://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/downloads/NETC_Welcome_Package.pdf)

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If your driver’s license does not meet the requirements of the REAL ID Act, you will need to bring one of the following acceptable forms of identification:

- A valid U.S. passport or passport card.
- A valid federal employee, military, or veteran ID card.
- A valid state-enhanced driver’s license (Contact your state’s motor vehicle department for availability).

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- Your full name
- Date and place of birth
- Social Security Number

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EMI Training Point of Contact:
For additional information contact the EMI Preparedness Branch at (301) 447-1233 or by [email](mailto:fema-emi-preparedness@fema.dhs.gov).