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EMI 70th Anniversary and National Preparedness Month

In April, the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) began EMI's year-long 70th Anniversary celebration. EMI's Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Stern, has recorded a video message that highlights the anniversary theme, "70 years of training those who serve our Nation." This video is available at https://youtu.be/Y1NeyXRvmXM.

EMI continues to deliver events that showcase featured memories from the past and insight into EMI's vision for the future. Stay tuned for further information about our anniversary celebration plans and keep an eye on our social media channels for future updates.

From the EMI Branches

Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP):

The EMPP transitioned to offering virtual deliveries of K courses at the beginning of the year to meet the demand for our professional development programs during the pandemic. Since January 1, 2021, EMPP has achieved 3,300 total student course completions, with 1,900 of those course completions due to K courses. The EMPP has also achieved 550 total graduates from the academies and MPIO Program this year, with 217 of those graduates attributed to K courses. Overall, the 3,300 total student course completions and 550 total graduates exceed the yearly totals prior to the pandemic.

The Basic Academy is offering the following courses in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2022. Please contact your respective State Training Officer for information on the L courses and either Jeff Januchowski or Rich Bashioum for information on the K courses.

Basic Academy Course Offerings

K0102 Science of Disaster		
October 18–22		
K0103 Planning: En	nergency Operations	
Novem	ber 1–4	
K0146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)		
December 13–16		
K0105 Public Information Basic		
October 25–29		
L0101 Foundations of Emergency Management		
Oriskany, NY	October 4–8	
Framingham, MA	October 18–22	
Fairfax, VA	October 25–29	
Linden, NJ	November 15–19	
L0102 Science of Disaster		
Elkhart, IN	October 4–6	
Shelton, CT October 4–6		
Grand Rapids, MI	October 15–17	
Oriskany, NY	October 19–21	
Decatur, AL	October 25–27	
N. Chesterfield, VA	November 16–18	
Framingham, MA	November 16–18	
Fairfax, VA	December 7–9	



Basic Academy Course Offerings, continued

L0103 Planning: Emergency Operations		
Linden, NJ	December 6–8	
Shelton, CT	October 7–8	
Danville, IN	October 12–13	
Linden, NJ	October 26–27	
Decatur, AL	October 28–29	
Oriskany, NY	November 2–3	
Framingham, MA	December 6–7	
L0146 Homeland Security	y Exercise and Evaluation	
Program (HSEEP)		
Sewell, NJ	October 28–29	
Shelton, CT	November 1–2	
Oriskany, NY	November 4–5	
Linden, NJ	November 9–10	
Decatur, AL	November 15–16	
Nashville, TN	November 15–16	
Framingham, MA	December 13–14	
L0105 Public In	formation Basic	
Kimberly, ID	October 13–15	
North Chesterfield, VA	October 18–20	
Fort Pierce, FL	October 26–28	
Taylorsville, UT	October 26–28	
Shelton, CT	November 3–5	
Jackson, OH	November 15–17	
Nashville, TN	November 17–19	
Decatur, AL	November 17–19	
Kent, OH	Nov 29–Dec 1	
Oriskany, NY	Nov 30–Dec 2	

Preparedness:

EMI Tribal Curriculum

August celebrated the first delivery of the updated E/L 0580: Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments curriculum. This also was the last in-person course delivery for Katie Hirt, Training Specialist and Tribal Curriculum Manager. She was recognized for her 31 years of Federal Service and her dedication to increasing the Emergency Management capabilities of our

Tribal partners. Katie will be retiring from EMI in December 2021. Although we are saying farewell to her, her legacy and impacts will live on.



Katie Hirt (center) recognition by Tribal Curriculum Trainers

The Preparedness Branch welcomes Mary Reevis as she resumes her career with EMI. Mary previously worked for FEMA, EMI, and rejoins us after 13 years with the Northern Rockies Training Center. She has strong emergency management experience, service as a Training Specialist for emergency management courses, and is a member of the Blackfeet Tribe. Mary will be assigned as the manager for EMI's Tribal Curriculum.



Mary Reevis swearing in by EMI Deputy Superintendent, Mike Sharon

Stay Tuned - Coming in November...

In observance of EMI's 70th Anniversary and Native American Heritage month, EMI is developing a special video presentation featuring Tribal emergency management professionals. Watch EMI's social media for the date and time.



Integrated Emergency Management (IEM):

Virtual Tabletop Exercises (VTTX):

To assist our Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) partners to prepare for the National Level Exercise 2022, EMI's Virtual Tabletop Exercise program will be offering several dedicated broadcasts. On March 8, 9, and 10, 2022, EMI will host three tabletop exercises using a Pacific Northwest Earthquake scenario. On April 19, 20, and 21, 2022, the tabletop exercises will focus on Family Re-unification after an Earthquake. All of these broadcasts will start at 12 P.M. Eastern time.

These separate events will last 4 hours and are designed for a "community-based" group (not individual participation) of at least five or more personnel from SLTT organizations, corporate/industrial, higher learning/education-based facilities, or Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) emergency management organizations with representation from emergency management disciplines - public safety, public works, public health, health care, government, administrative, communications, military, private sector, non-governmental, and critical stress professionals.

The VTTX is designed to engage the participants in a no fault, hazard-specific exercise discussion. Facilitation will occur online from EMI and will need to be complemented by a dedicated local agency facilitator at each participating site. The participating location must provide a person capable of facilitating the onsite portion of this discussion-based exercise.

Locations interested in participating in the VTTX series should submit an email request to participate in the exercise to the Integrated Emergency Management Branch or call 301-447-1381 email: fema-emi-iemb@fema.dhs.gov and Douglas Kahn, douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov, phone (301) 447-7645, with your preferred date of participation.

Integrated Emergency Management Courses (IEMC):

EMI's IEM Branch is responsible for this nationally recognized flagship program. The IEMC is designed to give Emergency Operations Center (EOC) personnel a realistic opportunity to build awareness and skills necessary to prepare for and respond to a simulated emergency event using the jurisdiction's own plans, policies, and procedures, in a no-fault learning environment.

The IEMC is 4 days of classroom instructional modules, discussions, small-group planning sessions, and exercise-based training activities for EOC personnel to practice simulated, but realistic, crisis situations, within a structured learning environment.

As the new Fiscal Year approaches, here are the FY 22 Integrated Emergency Management Courses to date. E0930 IEMCs are offered at the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmitsburg, MD, and the L0930 IEMCs are delivered locally.

Community	E0930 Dates
Sullivan County, TN	October 4–7, 2021
San Luis Obispo, CA	April 4–7, 2022
Dodge County, WI	April 25–28, 2022
Washoe County, NV	May 9–12, 2022
City of Renton, WA	September 12–15, 2022

Community	L0930 Dates
State of New Jersey	October 12–15, 2021
New Orleans	November 15–18, 2021
Cities of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, and Chesapeake, VA	January 31–February 3, 2022
City of Rockford, IL	February 28–March 3, 2022
Multnomah County, OR	March 14–17, 2022



Photo: IEMC course delivery in Grand Rapids, MI



IEMC Course Goals:

- Analyze community emergency plans (to include Continuity of Operations Plans), policies, and procedures.
- Clarify roles and responsibilities of community personnel and organizations in disaster prevention, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation.
- Improve coordination between community agencies and organizations involved in prevention, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation.
- Improve awareness of resiliency issues identified by the community.
- Improve community protection, response, recovery, and mitigation capabilities.



Photo: IEMC course delivery for the State of Nevada

If one of these communities is in your Region, you may be hearing from us shortly. As we work with each community building out the course topics and agenda, often the community may ask for direct FEMA Region support. What does this support look like? Sometimes the support is in the form of a presentation on Long-Term Recovery or Debris Management; sometimes it is an ask for an SME on Disaster Recovery Centers. The IEMCs provide an ideal preparedness opportunity for all stakeholders. Don't miss out on the chance to make a community more resilient, in person.

Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Training (HSEEP): All revised E/L/K0146 HSEEP training material from the 2020 HSEEP doctrine update is approved by EMI for release and use within the HSEEP community. The documents are uploaded to the EMI Instructor Materials Download Application (IMDA). All

Regional Training Managers (RTMs) and State Training Officers (STOs) have been added to the Approved Instructor List (using their First Name, Last Name, and Email Address). All RTMs (FEMA staff) will use their PIV card for access. STOs (non-FEMA staff) will use their Student Identification number (SID) to access the K/L0146 HSEEP course material (IG, POI, SM, Pre-test, Post-test, Videos, PowerPoints, Activities Guide, and Reference Material). You will receive an email with the link and instructions to access the IMDA. If you are planning on delivering a K/L0146 course, you will need to identify your instructors and submit your request NLT 6 weeks prior to course delivery to the EMI HSEEP Course Manager steven.cardinal@fema.dhs.gov and cc femaemi-iemb@fema.dhs.gov. The 2013 E/L/K0146 training material is still being used to deliver approved courses into third quarter FY 2021. Please monitor the EMI HSEEP webpage for updates on sunsetting the 2013 E/L/K0146 training material:

https://training.fema.gov/programs/hseep.

Superintendent's Business Office (SBO):

EMI Virtualization Project Announcement - Upcoming Server Outage:

As part of our ongoing IT modernization effort, EMI will soon migrate the physical servers that comprise TRAINING.FEMA.GOV into a virtual environment. This effort will enable EMI to leverage a high-availability network, improved computer and storage capability, and provide a more robust back-up and recovery solution.

At 8 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, October 13th, EMI will shut down TRAINING.FEMA.GOV to conduct the server migration effort. Although we anticipate the project to be completed within 36 hours, we are scheduling the total outage window for October 13-15. During this timeframe, the EMI website, Independent Study (IS) site, Student Training Asset Repository (STAR), Instructor Materials Download Application (IMDA), and NETC Online Admissions system will be offline and unavailable.

Thank you for your patience during this process. Although this will cause considerable short-term disruption, the results will ensure a more secure, reliable, and resilient system for our future.



International Association of Emergency Managers Pre-conference Training:

EMI will be offering, in-person pre-conference training during the 2021 International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Conference and Expo in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The following is a list of courses, with their associated dates:

- October 15–17 L0102 Science of Disaster
- October 16 and 17 L0191 EOC/ICS Interface (there are two 1-day offerings)
- October 16–17 L0146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)
- October 16–17 L0318 Local Hazard Mitigation Planning

For additional information and registration, please see the following website: <u>IAEM Annual Conference 2021</u> (https://www.iaem.org/usconf)

Mitigation:

Hazard Mitigation Assistance Virtual Schedule: K0212 Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Developing Quality Application Elements is scheduled to be delivered virtually through the Abode Connect training platform. This 5-day course will be delivered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET daily. Offerings currently on the schedule include October 4-8, 2021; November 15-19, 2021; and December 6-10, 2021. The course is intended for those who are interested in developing mitigation planning and project grant application elements for the Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs. This includes individuals at the state, local, tribal, and territorial levels of governments and private non-profit organizations that are eligible applicants or sub-applicants under HMA grants; and FEMA employees assigned to HMA grant activities. Seats are filling quickly. Non-FEMA individuals can apply for this course via the NETC Online Admissions System. FEMA employees must apply for this course via DTS.

E0386 Pilot Rescheduled: The E0386 Residential Coastal Construction pilot offering has been rescheduled for April 25–28, 2022, at the EMI campus. This 4-day course is designed to provide engineers, architects, community building officials, and code administrators training in planning, siting, design, construction, and maintenance of coastal residential structures. There are

still seats available for this training. Please direct all personnel wishing to attend to the NETC Online Admissions System.

Pilot Offering of E0190: The updated E0190 ArcGIS for Emergency Managers course is scheduled for its pilot delivery October 25–28, 2021, at EMI. There are three seats currently available. The goal of this course is to explore how Geographic Information System (GIS) technology can support the emergency management community. Please direct all personnel wishing to attend to the NETC Online Admissions Application (https://training.fema.gov/generaladmissionsapplication/staticforms/startapplication.aspx). FEMA Students ONLY: If you need this course to fulfill a Position Task Book (PTB) requirement, you must register through DTS and not through the NETC online application.

Response and Recovery (R&R):

Upcoming R&R Courses in FY22:

- October 5–7: **K0202 Debris Management Planning for State, Tribal and Local Officials** CM: Martin DiGregory
- October 19–20: K0419 Shelter Field Guide Training for State and Local Communities – CM: Mark Myers
- October 26–27: K0419 Shelter Field Guide Training for State and Local Communities – CM: Mark Myers

We at the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) are pleased to be joined by several Regional representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services, including Roberto C. Garza, DrPH, MPA, Acting Branch Chief, Recovery Missions, Division of Community Mitigation & Recovery, Office of Emergency Management and Medical Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response in our recent Familiarization Webinars for a State-delivered local pre-disaster recovery planning course, G0205 Recovery from Disaster: Local Community Roles.

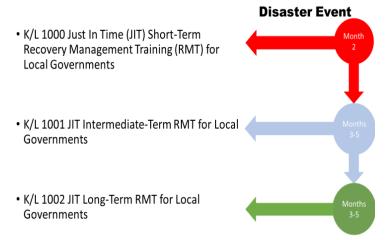
This is exciting news as we are able to connect these HHS representatives with State Training Officers (STO) who host these courses. The participation of our other Federal partners builds richness in the instructor team and diversity in our audience. EMI seeks to collaborate with regional partners from other Federal agencies to bring them into these opportunities.



Also, over the next month, we are creating a specific course to meet the training needs of Tribal nations. This course will be based on the E/L/G0205 Recovery from Disasters: The Local Community Role but with a tribal perspective to include Other Federal Agencies (OFA). Many may want more information on that effort and could even provide valuable input. We welcome your input. For more information, please contact Dianne Walbrecker dianne.walbrecker@fema.dhs.gov.

The development of the recovery capabilities provides a method of measuring recovery of States, Tribes, Territories, or Local Governments (STT-L), identifying capability gaps, and planning specific steps for recovery. To this end, EMI in collaboration with Recovery created a series of learning events that support Just-In-Time (JIT) learning at the Moment of Need. The outline below shows the courses and timeframes in which they should be initiated at that Moment of Need.

Local Recovery Management Training Series



Courses in Development:

New Courses

Course #	Course Title	Release
IS-0904	Active Shooter Prevention: You Can Make a Difference	Sept 2021
IS-0337	Posting Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) Transactions	Sept 2021
IS-350	Mitigation Planning for Tribal Communities	Sept 2021

Courses Approved for Virtual Delivery

Course #	Course Title
E/K0682	Leading Complex Systems
E/L/K0964	NIMS ICS AHPS Situation Unit Leader Course
E/L/K0973	NIMS ICS AHPS Finance/Administration Section Chief Course

Course Retirement

Course #	Course Title	Retirement
IS-0904	Continuity Program Manager Course	CY 2021
E/L/K 0548	Continuity of Operations Program Manager Course	CY 2021
E/L/K 0550	Continuity Planners Course	CY 2021

For More Information:

- EMI Course Catalog (https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frtserver/cat alogs/EMI course catalog.pdf? =1603823874749)
- <u>EMI Course Schedule</u> (https:/training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx)
- EMI Programs and Activities (https://training.fema.gov/programs)
- <u>State Training Officers Contact Listing</u>
 (https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx)
- <u>Independent Study Program FAQs</u> (https://training.fema.gov/is/isfaq.aspx)

Current Training Opportunities:

Please refer to the <u>EMI Course Schedule</u> (https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx) for a complete list of upcoming course offerings.



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