

Monthly Newsletter



Next-Generation Incident Command System (ICS) Position Training for the National Qualification System

The current All-Hazards Position-Specific (AHPS) curriculum consists of 18 position-specific courses and 12 Train-the-Trainer courses. Since the release of the National Qualification System (NQS) guidance and tools in 2017, EMI has been working toward another revision of these courses to better support NQS-based position qualification. This revision is necessary because the current courses fail to address deeper context of responsibilities, tasks, and work products for ICS Positions and are at too low of a learning level.

EMI Preparedness Branch have completed development of a new online prerequisite for all Position-Specific Training, IS-0995 ICS Position Training Foundations Course. The course is self-directed online training in which students are guided through a textbook, the ICS Training Reference Guide. The information in the course is ICS specific information that is common (or applicable) to all ICS positions. This course is projected to be available sometime in calendar year 2024.

Beginning this fall, EMI will begin revision of the ICS Position Specific courses. This will include revision of the current courses, development of four new courses, development of a new Train-the-Trainer approach, and an approach to refreshing current instructors to deliver the new courses.

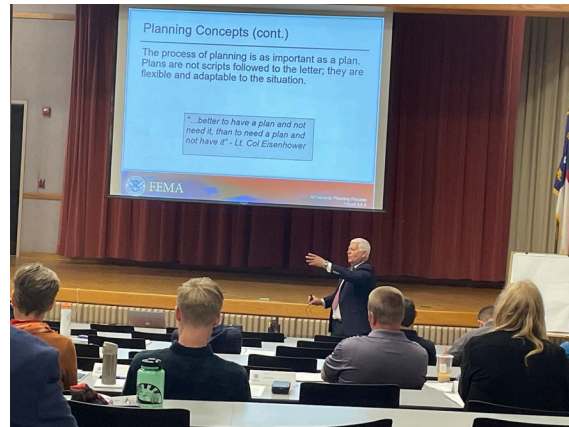
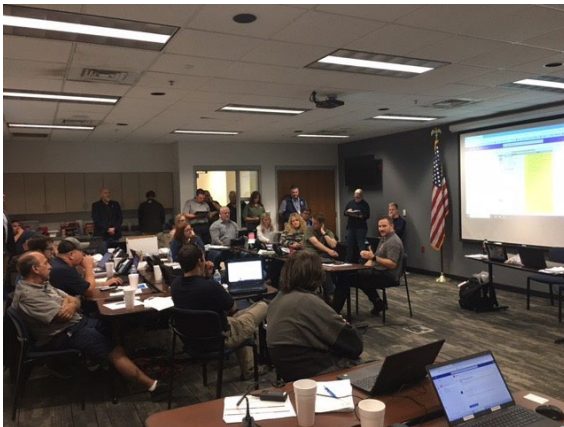
Each new course will be blended-learning with student pre-work and instructor led performance-based classroom components. The purpose of adding increased performance-based training for key ICS position tasks is to increase “speed to competency” for students seeking qualification for an ICS position that will enable them to achieve qualification requirements more rapidly for their assigned PTB. The first courses developed will be the Planning Section Chief and the Communications Unit Leader. These courses are planned to be available by early 2025.

News from the EMI Branches

Integrated Emergency Management:

Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX): EMI has released the scheduled VTTX schedule for October 2023 through March 2024. The VTTX creates a unique opportunity to virtually connect, collaborate, and enhance a community's disaster preparedness. Communities virtually connect with 10-15 other community groups across the nation during a four-hour tabletop exercise discussion based on simulated disaster scenarios. The VTTX is delivered via Zoom and uses a variety of scenarios broken into three discussion modules that provides a no-fault, hazard-specific discussion. Facilitated online by EMI, the VTTX is complemented by a dedicated local facilitator at each participating site. Participation is designed for community-based teams (not individuals) with a minimum of 5 participants. The target audience includes federal, state, local, tribal, territorial (FSLTT) emergency management organizations, private sector, higher learning, healthcare, or VOAD. For more information and application procedures visit: [Virtual Tabletop Exercise Program Fiscal Year 2024](https://training.fema.gov/emigrams/2023/1817-training%20opportunity-virtual%20tabletop%20exercise%20program%20fiscal%20year%202024.pdf?d=9/19/2023) (<https://training.fema.gov/emigrams/2023/1817-training%20opportunity-virtual%20tabletop%20exercise%20program%20fiscal%20year%202024.pdf?d=9/19/2023>).

Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC): Recently, the emergency management staff and partners from other county department in Haywood County, North Carolina, participated in a locally delivered L0930 IEMC that was crafted to address their community training needs. This dynamic training combined traditional classroom instruction, hands-on workshops, discussion-based activities, and culminated in the activation of their county Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) for a comprehensive operations-based activity to validate the classroom learning in an operational environment. For those interested in this program and the application process, please visit the [IEMC webpage](https://training.fema.gov/iemc) (<https://training.fema.gov/iemc>).



The IEMC program is designed to provide all communities state, local, tribal, territorial, and specialized jurisdictions throughout the nation with a training program designed specifically to enhance the skillsets of EOC personnel.

For additional information on the IEMC program, please contact the Integrated Emergency Management Branch at fema-emi-iemb@fema.dhs.gov or you can reach out to Patrick J. Flynn, the IEMC program lead at patrick.flynn.2@fema.dhs.gov with any questions about the program.

Mitigation:

Building Science: To provide the most up-to-date and relevant training, Building Science is temporarily placing the courses listed below in “under revision not available for request” to develop more current content. This temporary suspension is a critical step in our continuous improvement approach to provide high-quality training. This proactive step allows us to create cutting-edge content aligned with the current demands of the community. We understand that these courses are crucial to the SLTTs training and development, and we will work to minimize the period under revision. If you have an urgent need for training, please contact the Building Science program officer, Gregory Wilson at: gregory.wilson2@fema.dhs.gov.

- EL0279 Retrofitting Flood-Prone Residential Buildings
- EL0386 Residential Coastal Construction
- EL0312 Fundamental of Building Science: Multi-hazard Mitigation Design Concepts

As a gentle reminder, if any of the listed courses are needed to support PTB requirements, please contact the FIWA/WDD training team at fema-fqs-training@fema.dhs.gov to coordinate urgent training needs during this interim period of course unavailability. All immediate Building Science Training needs will be managed through the Building Science Program Office.

Building Science has a 3-hour virtual training for design professionals on the updated FEMA P-361, [Safe Rooms for Tornadoes and Hurricanes: Guidance for Community and Residential Safe Rooms](#), Fourth Edition (2021) (https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_safe-rooms-for-tornadoes-and-hurricanes_p-361.pdf) on October 25. This training will focus on Part B of FEMA P-361 which consists of eight chapters that directly correspond for each topic area to the referenced chapters of the ICC 500-2020 standard. Each chapter clarifies when FEMA Funding Criteria differ from the ICC 500 standard or confirms when no additional FEMA Funding Criteria are required for FEMA funded safe rooms. The training will also incorporate FEMA’s guidance and best practices for each chapter along with information. For registration and additional information please contact the EMI Mitigation Branch at: fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov.

Flood Insurance: It’s no secret that with the implementation of a revamped National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) rating methodology, insurance agents, community officials and other NFIP partners have questions. Although the methodology is not in itself complicated, it is a major departure from what experienced insurance agents and community officials are accustomed. While independent study courses are of great value and convenience, other training opportunities are available to enhance NFIP flood insurance knowledge.

FEMA makes available to all interested audiences webinars that provide information about how NFIP flood insurance works. These webinars are updated whenever FEMA makes changes to the Program. So, content is current and reliable. These two-part webinars provide insurance agents with continuing education credits and are delivered by seasoned, knowledgeable training professionals. Webinar delivery dates and registration links are posted on [FEMA’s official NFIP website](#) (<https://agents.floodsmart.gov>). Although webinar content is directed toward insurance agents, all interested parties are welcome to attend.

A Flood 101 educational series, consisting of five short videos, explains the NFIP rating methodology. It’s a great resource for any audience. This series can be accessed through [FEMA’s YouTube channel](#), (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7YFdkl6sFE&list=PL720Kw_OoJJ99H8zlwq3pel7L3qvo8fm&index=1).

Anyone with general questions about the NFIP may wish to contact the Flood Insurance and Mapping eXchange (FMIX). Automated, live and chat features are available. Contact information can be found on the [FMIX page](#) (https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html).

Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA): The HMA Program Office suite of courses (0212 Developing Quality Sub-Application Elements, 0213 Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Application Review and Evaluation and 0214 Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Project Implementation and Programmatic Closeout) are being revised to incorporate interactive activities that will enhance the comprehension of the concepts taught in the courses through a series of hands-on practical applications with real world, current case studies. Pilot offerings of 0212 (one resident and two L course deliveries) were completed earlier this year. The pilot offerings of 0213 and 0214 were completed September 18–21 at EMI. During the pilot offerings, the Program Office, EMI, and the instructors identified the need for significant modifications in order to enhance the delivery of this course and had great discussions with the students on how to provide better training on these topics.

Given the feedback that was received from all the pilot offerings significant revisions are needed to the entire suite of courses, which moves the estimated timeline for delivery of all three courses to the January/February 2024 timeframe.

Updates to the availability of the courses will continue to be communicated in both the EMI Newsletter and Program Office communications. Please note that L course requests cannot be approved until the course updates are finalized and ready for delivery. We highly advise all communities to refrain from submitting L course requests for L0212, L0213, and L0214 until further notice.

General Mitigation Information: Applications will be processed through the NETC Online Application system. If you need Mitigation courses to support Position Task Book (PTB) requirements, registration must be completed in the Deployment Tracking System. Please contact the FEMA Incident Workforce Academy/Workforce Development Division training team at: fema-fqs-training@fema.dhs.gov to coordinate. If you have questions about Mitigation course deliveries, please contact the EMI Mitigation Branch at: fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov.

Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP):

The EMPP Academies and the PIO Program continue with a full slate of course offerings around the country this month.

Here is a list of the EMPP courses scheduled in the field (L), on campus (E), or online (K) for October 2023:

Basic Academy Course Number	Location	Dates
L0146	VA	October 2-3
L0101	MA	October 2-11
L0102	CA	October 2-4
L0102	NY	October 2-4
L0105	WI	October 2-4
L0105	NY	October 3-5
L0105	OH	October 3-5
L0105	TX	October 3-5
L0103	CA	October 5-6
L0102	NY	October 10-12
L0105	KS	October 10-12
L0102	CO	October 16-18
L0101	HI	October 16-20
L0110	NV	October 16-20
K0101	Online	October 16-27
L0103	VA	October 17-18
L0105	NC	October 17-19
L0105	NH	October 17-19

Basic Academy Course Number	Location	Dates
K0146	Online	October 17-20
L0105	OH	October 18-20
L0103	CO	October 19-20
L0103	VA	October 19-20
L0102	LA	October 23-25
L0102	WA	October 23-25
L0105	AL	October 23-25
L0105	MA	October 23-25
E0101	Emmitsburg, MD	October 23-27
L0101	IL	October 23-27
K0105	Online	October 23-27
L0103	NY	October 24-25
L0105	OH	October 24-26
L0105	FL	October 25-27
L0103	LA	October 26-27
L0105	MI	October 30-November 1
L0105	OH	October 30-November 1
L0102	MA	October 31-November 2

Public Information Officer Program	Location	Dates
L0388	CA	October 2-6
L0388	CA	October 16-20
L0388	WI (2 locations)	October 23-27

Advanced Academy Course Number	Location	Dates
E0451	Emmitsburg, MD	October 23-27
E0451	Emmitsburg, MD	October 30-November 3

(Note: Advanced Academy courses are only open to accepted Advanced Academy students.)

The Basic Academy is seeking regional partners to host the L0110 Train-the-Trainer course in Fiscal Year 2024.

Any interested training partners, please contact: Jeff Januchowski at: jeffrey.januchowski@fema.dhs.gov or Rich Bashoum at: richard.bashoum@fema.dhs.gov.

Ask a Course Manager

How do I request a Certificate of Completion for the Advanced Professional Series (APS)?

Requests for APS certificates of completion must be sent to your state emergency management agency for verification. Include proof of attendance, either a copy of a completion certificate or transcript, of each course completed.

Students who complete the [5 required courses](https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/#required) (<https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/#required>) and any [5 of the 15 elective courses](https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/#elective) (<https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/#elective>) are eligible to receive the Advanced Professional Series Certificate of Completion from their state.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact your state or tribal office of emergency management. Contact information for state training offices can be found at [State Training Officers Contact List](https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx>).

Current Training Opportunities:

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

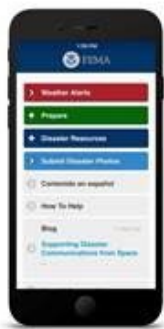
For More Information:

- [EMI Course Catalog](https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frtserver/catalogs/EMI_course_catalog.pdf?_=1603823874749) (https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frtserver/catalogs/EMI_course_catalog.pdf?_=1603823874749)
- [EMI Course Schedule](https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx>)
- [EMI Student Portal](https://training.fema.gov/student/sssp.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/student/sssp.aspx>)
- [EMI Programs and Activities](https://training.fema.gov/programs) (<https://training.fema.gov/programs>)
- [State Training Officers Contact List](https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx>)
- [Independent Study Program FAQs](https://training.fema.gov/is/isfaq.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/is/isfaq.aspx>)
- [FEMA Student Identification \(SID\) System website](https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid) (<https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>)

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