2024 National Preparedness Symposium, Hosted by the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP)

Monday, May 6, 2024, through Friday, May 10, 2024, FEMA’s CDP will host the 2024 National Preparedness Symposium on their campus in Anniston, Alabama. The symposium aims to bring together professionals in the field of emergency preparedness and response to discuss and address issues related to national preparedness. This year’s theme is “Collaborative Preparedness and Resilience: Bridging Gaps Across Jurisdictional Boundaries.”

The topics this year include:

- Whole of community in climate resilience
- Nation-State Threats, highlighting the evolving nature of security risks.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the definition of underserved communities
- National Qualification System
- NIMS and ICS training – state training officer guidance
- Border Security: how it impacts emergency management, healthcare, and the states beyond the border.
- And more...

As well as networking opportunities with professionals from across the Nation.

Travel, lodging, and meals are provided at no cost for state, local, tribal, and territorial attendees.

Registration opens March 8, 2024.

For additional information, email NPS_support@cdpemail.dhs.gov.
News from the EMI Branches

Preparedness:

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS) Position Specific Course

Pre-requisites: What Pre-requisites? All National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS) Position Specific courses have prerequisites which need to be completed before you apply. These prerequisites are built around skill and knowledge building in NIMS ICS. We want to set the student up for success in the classroom while maintaining a high standard of qualified personnel.

As part of the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) application process, students must provide the endorsing official (State Training Officer) proof of completing the prerequisites found in the National Preparedness Course Catalog (https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frts/npccatalog).

Students can attach a copy of the student transcript for their FEMA independent study and resident courses to their applications when prompted during the admissions application process. Students can request a copy of their transcript on the EMI website at Requesting Your Transcript for Resident or Off-site Resident Courses (https://training.fema.gov/student/residenttranscript.aspx). Upon written request from the student, the NETC Office of Admissions will provide resident courses transcripts to students and educational institutions at no cost to the student. Please include the following information in your request:

- Name
- Mailing Address
- Telephone Number
- FEMA Student Identification Number (SID)
- Email Address
- Day and Month of Birth (if training was completed prior to 2012)


Please contact EMI’s NIMS-ICS Training Team at emi-nims-icstraining@fema.dhs.gov for additional information.

Integrated Emergency Management:

Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP): A reminder on Requesting an Open Registration vs Closed Registration K/L0146 HSEEP Course. When requesting a K0146 or L0146 HSEEP course, please determine whether the course will be Open Registration or Closed Registration offering when making the initial scheduling request. The IEM Branch has received multiple requests to change the status of offerings after they are added to the schedule, causing an extra administrative burden for EMI and our Admissions Office. Here is an explanation to help differentiate between the two EMI registration options:

- Open Registration – you allow students from outside your organization to attend, no Invitation Code required.
- Closed Registration – you only allow students from within your organization to attend, you manage registration with an Invitation Code.

Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP) and Planning Practitioner Program (PPP): The application period for Fiscal Year 2025 MEPP and PPP cohorts will open on April 1, 2024, and close June 1, 2024. Once cohort dates for Fiscal Year 2025 are finalized, a training bulletin for each program will be released. Application requirements are detailed on the program web pages:
If you have any questions, we can be reached at fema-emi-emb@fema.dhs.gov.

Mitigation:

Building Science: Seats are still available in the following classes:

- **E2461 Advanced Building Science Series I: Flood Mitigation** scheduled on EMI campus the week of May 13-15, 2024.
- **E2462 Advanced Building Science Series I: Wind Mitigation** scheduled on EMI campus May 16-17, 2024.

Applicants must register for both E2461 and E2462 when attending at EMI. The travel days for this pair of courses are Sunday, May 12, and Saturday, May 18, 2024.

Floodplain Management: Seats remain available for E0273 Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) scheduled March 11-14, 2024, April 22-25, 2024, and September 9-12, 2024, on the EMI campus. This course provides local, state, tribal, territorial, and Federal officials with the knowledge and skills to administer and enforce floodplain management regulations. The course focuses on the NFIP and concepts of floodplain management, flood maps and studies, ordinance administration, and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance.

Applications for the E0273 offerings are processed through the NETC Online Application system.

**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 March 2024:

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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: Rich Bashioum at: richard.bashioum@fema.dhs.gov.

For more information about the EMPP, please contact: Jeff Januchowski at: jeffrey.januchowski@fema.dhs.gov.

**Ask a Course Manager**

**How do I manage requests for reasonable accommodation in the training environment?**

For all future training opportunities and bulletins, please ensure the following language is included:

*If you need a reasonable accommodation (sign language interpreters, Braille, CART, etc.), please make your request by [DATE]. Please provide details on the accommodation you are requesting, **DO NOT** include medical information or any information that is protected under the Privacy Act of 1974 or the Health Information Privacy Protection Act (45 CFR Part 160 Subparts A and E of Part 164). Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fulfill. Send an e-mail to [insert email from program office hosting the event/meeting] or call XXX-XXX-XXXX.*

The request deadline will be 15 days prior to the class start date and the POC (email and phone number) will be the course manager for all Resident “E” courses and the course host for all Non-Resident “L” courses.

**Current Training Opportunities:**

Please refer to the [EMI Course Schedule](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)
- **EMI Course Schedule**
  (https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx)
- **EMI Student Portal**
  (https://training.fema.gov/student/sssp.aspx)
- **EMI Programs and Activities**
  (https://training.fema.gov/programs)
- **State Training Officers Contact List**
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- **Independent Study Program FAQs**
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- **FEMA Student Identification (SID) System website**
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