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In the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, 18 emergency managers from State, tribal, and local governments in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee, met in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee Aug. 13-24, to attend the Emergency Management Institute’s L101 Foundations of Emergency Management course. E/L101 Foundations of Emergency Management is the keystone course of the Emergency Manager Basic Academy, and the Pigeon Forge offering is the first off-campus delivery.

The Foundations of Emergency Management course is the opportunity to get a standard and comprehensive grounding in all the key aspects of the Emergency Management field. EMI based the training objectives on the newly established emergency management competencies in coordination with the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), and State, tribal, territorial, and local emergency management professionals.

The course covers the following topics in emergency management: legal issues and authorities, intergovernmental and interagency context, influencing, organizing, social vulnerability issues, managing stress, collaboration, preparedness, team building, protection and prevention, mitigation, response, ethical decision-making, recovery, technology, administration, and the future of emergency management.

Some of the jurisdictions represented are:

- Catawba Indian Nation
- Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
- DeKalb County Alabama EMA
- Williamson County EMA
- Tennessee EMA
- FEMA Region IV
- Calhoun County Alabama EMA
- Florida State Emergency Response Team
- Georgia EMA
- South Carolina EMA