



## Higher Education Program News

August 16, 2016

### Higher Education Updates

#### Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

This week has been very inspiring as we convened a focus group to address emergency management curricula needs! We had some challenges with transportation, but with the grace of technology we were able to have very good participation. I am always uplifted when I have the opportunity to work directly with our emergency management higher education community. We will post a full report of our conversation on the higher education website and plan to follow up with an opportunity for the broader community to share feedback and perspectives.

Some of the highlights of our conversation have included hearty discussion around sharing case studies, developing and distributing research briefs, organizing and building course support materials, addressing professional development, promoting cultural understanding and perspectives, and ensuring we have an eye to the future of the emergency management discipline. We also have been discussing the myriad of partners and how to consider their perspectives and needs.

Some immediate developments that came from this engagement are the development of two new Special Interest Groups (SIGs): The Racial, Ethnicity and Income Considerations in Emergency Management SIG and the Virtual Resources and Simulation Tools for the Emergency Management Classroom SIG. If you are interested in joining or learning more about these SIGs, please send me an email, and I will connect you with the SIG lead.

**New! EM Higher Education Community Conference Calls – Please join us.** The purpose of the call is to: learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world; find out about ongoing projects; discuss higher education community needs that we can address; and provide the opportunity for callers to ask questions. **Dates for the next conference calls are August 18 and September 15.** Calls will be held 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. Call information for August 18 is 800-320-4330, PIN: **271433.**

**Hi Ed Webinar**, “The role of research in emergency management education: Current status and future directions,” **September 28, 2016, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST.** For more than a decade, members of the emergency management higher education community have discussed the need to use research in emergency management programs. This webinar will feature discussion of results of a recent study related to utilization of research by Arkansas State University students and engage webinar attendees in discussing the extent to which those findings are similar to their perceptions and experience at their institutions. The webinar will also discuss efforts to address research issues in emergency management higher education programs.



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**Speakers: Deborah J. Persell, PhD, RN, APN, Director, Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education College of Nursing and Health Professions Arkansas State University and Jessica Jensen, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Management Co-Director, Center for Emergency Management Education and Research (CEMER) North Dakota State University**  
Please [register](#) in advance. **Conference Call-In: 800-320-4330, PIN: 995678**

**EM Hi Ed Webinar Series** - If you are interested in sharing your expertise, or would like us to cover a specific topic in a future webinar, please contact Wendy Walsh at [wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov).

**College List** - The Higher Education Program updates the website in an effort to keep the information current. The college list is a compilation of college and university emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Send your updates to [FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov).

**Remember to Mark Your Calendar for the next Hi Ed Symposium! The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium will be held June 5-8, 2017** at FEMA's National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

**Application deadline has been extended to August 19<sup>th</sup>.** The **2017 L0363 Multi-Hazard Emergency Management for Higher Education** host application is now posted. If you are interested in applying to host the course in 2017, please go to the [website](#) and complete an application. If you have any questions, please [contact Tina Hovermale](#).

**The deadline has been extended to August 16 to apply for the 2017 National Emergency Management Executive Academy.** The program was developed in collaboration with prominent higher education institutions. It hones strategic leadership and critical thinking for senior executives involved with multi-jurisdictional, national, and international homeland security and emergency management policy development and decision making responsibilities. Emergency management academic executive level leaders are encouraged to apply for the program. For more information, contact [Wendy Walsh](#) at (301) 447-1633.

## Employment

A vacancy announcement has been posted for an [Emergency Management Specialist, GS- 0089-09/11](#) in the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Preparedness Directorate, National Exercise Division. Opened: August 8, 2016 / Closes: August 15, 2016

A vacancy announcement has been posted for a [Training Specialist, GS- 1712-13/13](#) in the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Preparedness Directorate, Emergency Management Institute. OPENED: August 8, 2016 / CLOSES: August 15, 2016





Clark College in Vancouver, WA is recruiting for an emergency manager. The recruitment will be open until filled but for best results please apply by August 26, 2016. [For more information about this position.](#) Applicants must apply online through Neogov.

### Resources and Announcements

Download the free FEMA [app](#) to help keep your family stay safe through emergencies, even from across the country. With weather alerts available from anywhere in the U.S., know when severe weather may impact far-away students and family. Emergency safety tips, available even if internet and phone lines are down, can quickly teach FEMA app users what to do before, during and after all kinds of emergencies. Also set up a family communication plans, customizable checklist of emergency supplies, and maps of open shelters and disaster recovery centers all within the app. The app is available free on the Apple App Store and on Google Play. Watch [Travel Smart This Summer with the FEMA App: Video](#)

Every year, September is recognized as [National Preparedness Month](#) which serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit.

[DHS Continuing Training Grants Submission time is open through September 22, 2016- Higher Education Institutions are eligible for this grant and there is not match required.](#) The priority focus areas for this year are cybersecurity, hazardous materials, economic recovery and rural preparedness. More information is available [Closes August 22](#) and [Closes September 6<sup>th</sup>](#)

[First Responder Support Tool \(FiRST\) app](#) provides a map-based visualization of a hazmat or improvised explosive device scenario. There is a cost associated, and you must be registered to receive permission to download a super-fast version of CAMEO/MARPLOT/ALOHA on your smart phone/tablet.

[AskRail](#) app works in conjunction with the FiRST App. This app is free and again requires permission. Since every rail car has a unique identifier (i.e. CBAX 2103) that when typed into the app, will let you know the chemical, loaded, unloaded, or residue - the contact information of the railroad, and the Emergency Response Guide for that chemical, as well as open this hazmat event in the FiRST App.

[The First Responder Network \(FirstNet\) and Next-Generation Communications for Public Safety: Issues for Congress. R42543](#)

[Streamlining the Department of Homeland Security's Overhead Will Make the Homeland Safer Final Report of the Cybersecurity Subcommittee Part II](#)

High-quality, free programming for National Campus Safety Awareness Month (September 2016). [Registration](#) for webinars focused on common Clery compliance challenges (data-informed from work that



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Clery Center for Security on Campus do throughout the country) as well as registration for the month which provides free materials throughout the month from the Clery Center for Security on Campus organization and partners. All webinars and programs will be shared via the Clery Center Youtube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/CleryCenter>.

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