



## Higher Education Program News

July 1, 2016

### Higher Education Updates

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

This week we delivered the third week of the National Emergency Management [Executive Academy](#), *Emergency Management in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. The content and discussion was inspiring and thought provoking. The capstone projects are really coming along, and I will be very excited to share them with the Higher Education community of interest in September when they are complete. I am interested to see how these capstone projects may be used in the classroom for the next generation of emergency managers!

We are working to follow up on the efforts and ideas that were generated at our Higher Ed Symposium in June. I am grateful for the emails folks have been sending to participate in the newly-formed special interest groups (SIGs). We will have more information on the SIGs and other efforts on the Higher Education website in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your patience as we pull this together.

I am happy to share that we will be hosting a few focus groups in August to look at the following topic areas. Please send me an [email](#) if you are interested in these areas.

- ***Jobs & Internships for Emergency Management Students & Graduates to:***
  - *Explore successful job placement practices and internship opportunities for emergency management higher education students and graduates.*
  - *Identify successful programs and gaps to make community recommendations towards facilitating widespread, meaningful internship and employment opportunities.*
- ***Data Collection for the Emergency Management Higher Education Community of Interest to:***
  - *Determine what data should be collected to demonstrate the successes and challenges of Emergency Management Higher Education Programs, faculty and students.*
  - *Develop a list of desired data points and develop a plan to collect, analyze and report findings. Ideally, reports will provide a valid measure of quality and impact.*
- ***Higher Education Emergency Management Curricula Resources Needs*** to explore and discuss the current and desired state of materials and resources for Emergency Management Higher Education Programs. Specifically, this group will:
  - *Look at the current EMI Higher Education Program resources such as course materials and white papers to prioritize materials that are relevant, valuable and in need of updating*
  - *Recommend the desired future resource formats and content and*



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

NATIONAL EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER • EMMITSBURG, MD 21727



FEMA

*propose options to more fully engage the broader EM Higher Education community of interest in sharing and developing relevant and valuable educational resources.*

**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 July 21, August 18, and September 15.** All calls will be held 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. Call information for July 21 is 800-320-4330, PIN: **549875**

**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).

**Mark Your Calendars! 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, MD.

**The National Emergency Management Executive Academy** 2017 application period is open through August 5, 2016. The Executive Academy 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. Go to the EMI [website](#) for more information or contact [Wendy Walsh](#) at (301) 447-1633.

## Employment

### [FEMA Careers](#)

A vacancy announcement has been posted for a Deputy Superintendent, GS- 0301-15/15 in the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Preparedness Directorate, Center for Domestic Preparedness. Open: June 28, 2016 / Close: July 12, 2016

MP

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/443140600>



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

NATIONAL EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER • EMMITSBURG, MD 21727



FEMA

DE

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/443139200>

## Resources and Announcements

Receive Weather Alerts Ahead of Travels with the FEMA App

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmFEIBmnKFU>

[Q+A with Emergency Management Institute leader Tony Russell, Jun 29, 2016](#)

[Hometown Security](#) - Tools to Help Your Community Prepare. DHS encourages businesses to **Connect, Plan, Train, and Report**. Applying these four steps in advance of an incident or attack can help better prepare businesses and their employees to proactively think about the role they play in the safety and security of their businesses and communities. [Tools and Resources to Help Businesses Plan, Prepare, and Protect from an Attack Fact Sheet](#).

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

[Stafford Act Assistance and Acts of Terrorism](#), June 21, 2016 (IN10507)

[Protecting our Passengers: Perspectives on Securing Surface Transportation in New Jersey and New York](#)

[Federal Efforts to Improve Cybersecurity](#)

The [Coastal Resilience Center](#)'s "The Role of States in Disaster Recovery" video has almost 500 views and counting on the new [YouTube channel](#). Funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security, the project highlights the roles played by state agency officials, leaders of state recovery organizations and governors in disaster recovery following extreme events. The video is part of a larger, multi-year project that includes a training guide, journal articles and a future book on the same subject. See the [video](#) and learn more about the [project](#).

**Two projects featured in Department of Homeland Security Science & Technology (S&T) Showcase.**

On May 19, [Coastal Resilience Center](#)'s Anna Schwab and Josh Kastrinsky attended the DHS S&T Office of University Programs Technology Showcase in Washington, D.C., to present information on two center projects to more than 400 attendees. The projects of PIs Dr. [Al Wallace](#) ([MUNICIPAL](#)) and Dr. Phil Berke ("[Beyond the Basics](#)") were featured.

George Mason University – [The CIP Report](#), May/June 2016 – The Energy Sector Report



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

NATIONAL EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER • EMMITSBURG, MD 21727



FEMA

---

*Download the [FEMA App](#) to receive weather alerts from the NWS for up to five different locations anywhere in the U.S.*

[Sign up via our free e-mail subscription service](#) to receive notifications when new information is available from the Higher

*“FEMA’s mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.”*

**FEMA and the EMI Higher Education Program do not endorse any non-government Web sites, companies or applications.**

