



Higher Education Program News July 14, 2016

Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

Good Day Higher Education Community! Summer is in full swing and for many it is a time for vacation, time with family, and space for relaxation.

Recent events in Orlando and Dallas have created discussions around all-hazards preparedness which include natural and man-made disasters. Over the past few weeks many of us have asked how we are looking at active shooter events. How do we discuss these events in our classrooms and help students contemplate ideas and actions toward prevention, mitigation, response and recovery?

We would like to dedicate our next community call on July 21 at 2:00 p.m. (EDT) to facilitate a classroom discussion about the roles and responsibility of emergency management in active shooter events. If you have a program, created lesson plans and/or engaged your students in addressing these topics, please drop me an email, so we can ensure we have space for you to share. We will start our call with a few ground rules to ensure that we stay focused on facilitating the academic space for discussing these incidents and not devolve into specific ideology.

As emergency management educators, we prepare the future generations of emergency managers with the knowledge, skills and abilities to create and manage successful frameworks to reduce our community's vulnerability to all hazards and increase our preparedness and resilience. To this end, we need to be prepared to discuss these events in our classrooms. I have no doubt there are some exemplar practices in our community and hope this call will facilitate the sharing of these practices. The call-in information is highlighted below. We hope you will be able to join us on the 21st.

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.** Calls will be held 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. Call information for July 21 is 800-320-4330, PIN: **549875**



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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.

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.

Remember to Mark Your Calendars! The 19th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium will be held June 5-8, 2017 at FEMA's National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD.

August 5 is the deadline 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

Supervisory Training Specialist, GS-1712-14 FEMA/Emergency Management Institute

OPEN: July 8, 2016 / CLOSE: July 18, 2016. As a supervisory training specialist, you will be responsible for: providing administrative and technical supervision; providing leadership, advice and guidance at national level; serving as one of the key staff in the agency training program; evaluating national curricula; and troubleshooting problems and issues pertinent to the agency's education and training program.

MP: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/444103200>

DE: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/444104100>

Resources and Announcements

Take a few minutes to download the FEMA [App](#), your one-stop-shop with tools and tips to help keep you safe before, during, and after disasters. Stay updated with weather-related alerts from the U.S. National Weather Service. Get tips on what to do before, during, and after more than 20 types of disasters. Save a custom list of the items in your family's emergency kit and the places you will meet in case of an emergency. Locate open shelters and find where to talk to FEMA in person at Disaster Recovery Centers.

[Travel Smart This Summer with the FEMA App](#)

[The FEMA App Now with Alerts from the National Weather Service](#)

[Emergency Relief for Disaster-Damaged Roads and Transit Systems: In Brief. R43384](#)



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The Office of Community Partnerships announces the new [Countering Violent Extremism Grant Program](#) to support community-led initiatives across the country to build resilience to the threat of violent extremism.

[Federal Coal Program Reform, the Clean Power Plan, and the Interaction of Upstream and Downstream Climate Policies](#)

*Mitigation Framework Leadership Group (MitFLG) Draft Concept Paper, [Draft Interagency Concept for Community Resilience Indicators and National-Level Measures](#). Published for Stakeholder Comment in June 2016. Please send comments on the Draft Concept Paper or web mapping application/viewer via email to FEMA-communityresilience@fema.dhs.gov by **Aug. 15, 2016**.*

Jay Wilson, Chair of Oregon's Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission, NIST Resilience Fellow, and Emergency Manager, Portland, OR. [Earthquake Risk in San Francisco's South of Market District: People, Place, & Policy \(2002\) Practitioner-based qualitative case study involving inner city vulnerable populations.](#)

[NTP Research Program on Chemicals Spilled into the Elk River in West Virginia](#)

[Final Update](#) from the U.S. National Toxicology Program's year-long research program to evaluate the potential toxicity of chemicals spilled into the Elk River in Charleston, West Virginia, in January 2014.

University of Boulder, Colorado Natural Hazards Center publication, [Observer](#), Culture, Community and Disaster, June 2016

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson announced the Fiscal Year 2016 Countering Violent Extremism Grant Program, with \$10 million in available funds. [Fact Sheet](#)

Calendar

August 10-11, 2016. Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations within the Community's Infrastructure, Pierce College, Lakewood, WA. Registration: [Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals & Healthcare Organizations](#)

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