



Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

This week has been very inspiring as EMI has been hosting the National Preparedness Symposium. There are more than 200 people here representing 47 states! I have seen many old friends and made a lot of new ones. I have had many fruitful conversations, and several state and regional training specialists have expressed interest in opportunities to collaborate with the higher education community. I was also provided an hour to discuss the Higher Education Program in a breakout session with 30 people, and the conversation was dynamic. People came to the session because they were interested in developing internships, learning more about academic programs and resources in their local areas, and learning more about how education and training could work together more.

In this session, I talked about all the Higher Education Program efforts to develop, dialogue and disseminate emergency management-related information, and courses and research to grow the academic discipline of emergency management. As the audience was predominately serving the practitioner emergency management community, we highlighted the efforts of the [Synergy Focus Group](#). We shared the “[Do 1 Thing](#)” handout outlining the actions that can be taken by both the emergency management academic and practitioner communities. The presentation was very well received, and several participants talked to me after the session to discuss their interest in exploring the [college list](#) and finding more ways to work with emergency management academia.

We expect to send out a request for our annual college list update a couple weeks after the Higher Education Symposium, and we will provide more information at the symposium and later in June. We are getting very close to a final agenda for the symposium. If you haven't checked lately, I encourage you to review the current [draft](#). I am incredibly excited to attend my first Higher Education Symposium and meet more of this wonderful community face to face!

The [18th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium](#) is scheduled June 6-9, 2016, at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. Mark your calendars now.

- Please provide your selections for Monday, June 6, [workshops](#) to [Barbara](#) as soon as possible.
- This year we plan to have the Share Fair one evening along with Poster Session Displays and the annual Cookout in the Pub (Building B, Pub). Please contact Barbara Johnson (Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov) for more information.



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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 conference calls are June 16, July 21, August 18, and September 15.** All calls will be 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. Call in information for June 16th is 800-320-4330, PIN: 928599

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 is updating 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.

The National Emergency Management **Executive Academy** 2017 application period is open now 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.

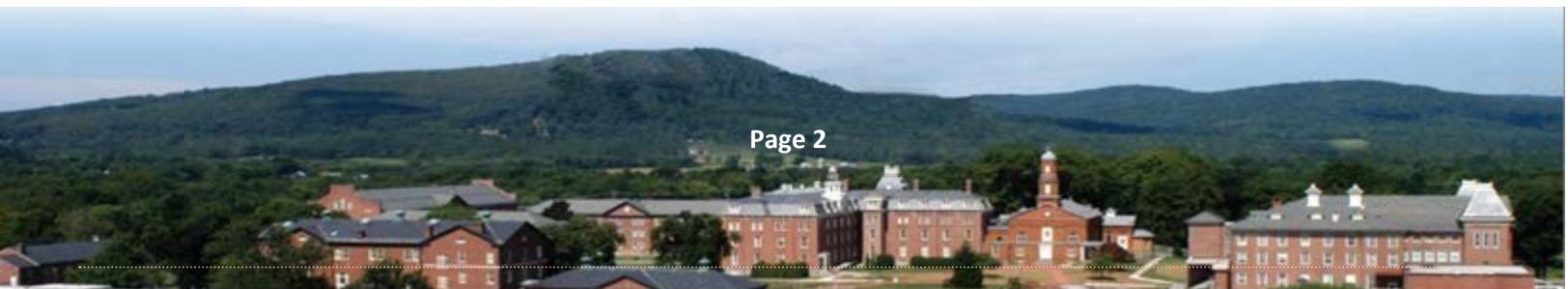
Resources and Announcements

Download the FEMA [App](#) for **disaster resources, weather alerts, and safety tips**. The app provides a customizable checklist of emergency supplies, maps of open shelters and open recovery centers, tips on how to survive natural and manmade disasters, and weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations across the nation. The latest feature of the app enables users to receive push notifications to their devices to remind them to take important steps to prepare their homes and families for disasters.

Congressional Testimony, 5/16/2016: Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure Subcommittee on

Economic Development, Public Buildings, Emergency Management “[Controlling the Rising Cost of Federal Responses to Disaster](#)” FEMA Witness: Deputy Administrator Joseph Nimmich

Examining H.R. 3299, [Strengthening Public Health Emergency Response Act](#)



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[Assessing the Security of Critical Infrastructure: Threat, Vulnerabilities, and Solutions](#)

Critical Infrastructure Protection: [Federal Efforts to Address Electromagnetic Risks](#). GAO-16-641T

[Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance](#)

[Natural Disasters Already Cost \\$40 Billion A Year. It Could Get A Lot Worse](#): The World Bank says, “We are woefully unprepared for the climate and disaster risks that are rapidly changing our world.”

[New technology can be the difference between life and death in a disaster](#)

“The Role of States in Disaster Recovery,” a video project produced by the [Coastal Resilience Center of Excellence](#), highlights 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: Recovery in North Carolina and Mississippi following Hurricanes Floyd (1999) and Katrina (2005), respectively. [To learn more and to watch the video](#).

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