

## Higher Education Program News

November 10, 2016

### Higher Education Updates

This week started out at FEMA headquarters meeting with FEMA's Technical Assistance Program. The objective of this program is to improve state, local, tribal, territorial and federal emergency management practices, which is very well aligned with the mission of the EMI Higher Education Program. In fact, they frequently encourage partnering with academic institutions, so it is important that we ensure the Technical Assistance Program is aware of the strengths of our academic programs, faculty and research.

The Technical Assistance Program aligns its support with the 32 Core Capabilities. The Technical Assistance catalog conveys their current offerings. If you have specific offerings or research that would complement with these topics, please share them so we can continue to strengthen our work together.

I would also like to remind you of an email request for feedback that was send out on November 2nd from FEMA's National Preparedness Assessment Division as they work to develop the 2017 National Preparedness Report (NPR). This document serves as the principle analysis and reporting product to monitor progress within the National Preparedness System and is submitted to the President each year. The fifth NPR is posted at <https://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-report> and was published in May 2016, and they are looking for your feedback on national preparedness-related accomplishments and challenges from 2016 to inform the development of the 2017 Report. If you have any information you wish to provide, please respond by email by Monday, November 21, 2016, to [NPR@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:NPR@fema.dhs.gov).

Some questions to help guide your response are below:

1. Are you aware of any preparedness-related research—ongoing or completed—related to real-world incidents or large-scale exercises?
2. What noteworthy preparedness accomplishments and challenges are you aware of that you would recommend highlighting in the 2017 NPR?
3. What are the primary channels of communication that your organization/institution employs to promote awareness about the research it carries out in preparedness (Social media, electronic newsletter, websites, hardcopy material, other)? How does your organization/institution use each of the selected communication channels? What type of content is distributed?
4. Are you aware of any innovative preparedness tools and technologies developed or released in 2016?



5. Previous NPRs have identified the following core capabilities as national areas for improvement (please refer to the National Preparedness Goal for descriptions). Are you aware of any research that addresses challenges associated with these core capabilities?

- Access Control and Identity Verification
- Cybersecurity
- Economic Recovery
- Health and Social Services
- Housing
- Infrastructure Systems
- Long-term Vulnerability Reduction
- Natural and Cultural Resources
- Supply Chain Integrity and Security

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**The Emergency Management Institute is Now on Social Media!**

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FEMA's **National Emergency Management Basic Academy** is accepting applications. [Applications](#) are due by Dec. 9, 2016. The curriculum consists of five courses: [Foundations of Emergency Management](#); [Science of Disaster](#); [Planning: Emergency Operations](#); [Exercise Design](#); and [Public Information and Warning](#). Foundations of Emergency Management will be held Jan. 23-Feb. 3, 2017. [For more information](#).

**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.

**The date for the next conference call is MONDAY, November 21** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. Please note this is a change from our regularly scheduled Thursday call. Let us know if you have topics you would like to discuss. The call information is **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368**.

**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 EMI Higher Education Program keeps a list of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. EMI staff do not provide college recommendations or discuss the relative merits of the colleges and universities listed. Please send information updates to [FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov). Next year, the update templates will be pre-populated with your information.

### **New College List Programs for October**

1. Georgetown University – Master of Professional Studies in Emergency and Disaster Management
2. Post University – BS in Emergency Management and Homeland Security
3. College of the Mainland – Emergency Management Level I Certificate
4. College of the Mainland – Emergency Management Level II Certificate
5. College of the Mainland – AS in Emergency Management
6. Union Institute & University – BS in Emergency Services Management List
7. University of Southern California – CREATE Executive Education Program
8. Community College of Rhode Island – AS Degree in Emergency Management/Homeland Security
9. Mercer University – BS in Homeland Security and Emergency Management
10. Union Institute & University – BS in Emergency Services Management
11. Missouri State University – MS in Administrative Studies Degree with a Concentration in Homeland Security
12. Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg – Minor in Homeland Security
13. Pennsylvania State University – Public Health Preparedness Disaster and Bioterrorism Graduate Certificate

**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.**

### **Employment**

The University of Miami is seeking an emergency management coordinator for training and exercises.

The University of Michigan Health System has an emergency management specialist position. Job Opening ID: 133692; Job Code: 100198; Job Title: [Project Intermediate Manager](#)

The University of North Texas has an assistant professor position. Send inquiries to the Search Committee Chair, Dr. [Laura Siebeneck](#).

### **Resources and Announcements**

[Department of Homeland Security Preparedness Grants: A Summary and Issues. R44669](#)





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[Into the Gray Zone: The Private Sector and Active Defense against Cyber Threats](#)

[Department of Homeland Security Strategy for Countering Violent Extremism](#)

[Cybersecurity: It's About the Mission](#)

[100 Years of Terror: The Black Tom Explosion and the Birth of U.S. Intelligence Services](#). Natural Hazards Observer, Issue Volume XL, Number 7.

The Disaster Information Management Research Center *Disaster Lit®: the Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health* database has recently been updated.

[NASA and FEMA Conduct Asteroid Impact Emergency Planning Exercise](#)

## Calendar

SAVE THE DATE: The IAEM 65th Annual Conference (#IAEM17) will be in Long Beach, California, Nov. 10-15, 2017.

Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands; Minimum Property Standards for Flood Hazard Exposure; Building to the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard. [A Proposed Rule by the Housing & Urban Development Department on 10/28/2016](#). Comments are due by December 27, 2016.

Hi Ed webinars – Training announcements will be issued in the next few weeks.

- November 30, 2:00-3:00PM EST– The Jobs and Internships webinar will be discussing specifically ideas and good practices for establish partnership between academic programs and practitioners.
- December 6, 2:00-3:00PM EST The Case Study webinar is the first of a four part series on the development and use of case studies in emergency management curricula.

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