

Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

This week started out with most of the workforce at FEMA's National Emergency Training Center and Emergency Management Institute (EMI) prepositioning to provide surge training for Hurricane Matthew. Fortunately, the surge training was not necessary but many people have traveled to locations near the disaster sites deployed to support response operations. In addition, there is a call center located here at EMI. Our own Barbara Johnson is working to staff the call center, providing critical information and a compassionate ear to Hurricane Matthew disaster survivors.

This Friday, I will head to Savannah, Georgia for the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Annual Conference. There, I will be supporting the EMI pre-conference trainings, staffing the EMI exhibit booth, serving on a panel co-hosted by the IAEM Global Student Council and the International Network of Women in Emergency Management on the topic of Strategic Mentoring in the 21st Century, supporting the Emergency Management Professional Program panel as well as networking with many old and soon to be new friends. If you will be at IAEM, please send me an [email](#) to arrange a meeting time or swing by the EMI booth. I would love to have as much face-to-face time with our community as possible!

The last item I want to highlight this week is our communication and information sharing activities. Communication is the back bone of our program. Without communication we will not be able to collaborate to develop materials and resources needed by the community, disseminate critical and useful information, or host dialogue to facilitate learning from each other. To this end, our program hosts webinars at least quarterly and community calls monthly. Please join us for the next call Friday, October 21.

We have generally been very pleased with these formats with the exception of the open-lines that create static, feedback and distraction. We do have the means to mute all the callers, yet in doing so we limit our interaction for people to ask questions or to share their experiences. We need your help to address this. I would ask that next time you join a webinar or a conference call that you take personal responsibility to mute the call on your end. If you have not done this in the past or you will be taking the call on a mobile phone, please test this. Some phones play hold music that you may not be aware of so it is important to test. Also, please know that you we can hear everything if you are not on mute. If you need to attend to another matter and cannot mute your phone, please hang up and rejoin when you are ready. Thank you so much for your future attention it will support everyone in having a better experience.



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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 FRIDAY, October 21** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. Please note this is a change from our regularly scheduled Thursday call as Wendy will be returning from the IAEM conference. 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.

College List - The Higher Education Program updates the website in an effort to keep the information current. If you have not provided a recent update, you should have received a 90-day notice this past week. Thank you to all of you who have responded. Next year, the update templates will be pre-populated with your information to facilitate much easier updates. The college list is a compilation of college and university emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Send your updates and questions to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Mark Your Calendar for the next Hi Ed Symposium! The 19th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium will be held June 5-8, 2017 at FEMA's NETC in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Employment

The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA is recruiting for an Emergency Coordinator. This position is responsible for overseeing the emergency management and business continuity programs.

Resources and Announcements

The 10th Annual Homeland Defense and Security Education Summit - Call for Papers
CHDS, in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security Office of Policy and FEMA's National Preparedness Directorate, invites submissions for the 2017 Homeland Defense/Security Education Summit, hosted by George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia on March 23-24, 2017. The theme for summit is: *Overcoming Barriers: Looking at the Next 10 Years of Homeland Security Strategies, Plans, Policies and Education*. For more information.

Open FEMA website is a new resource that provide access to FEMA datasets and library. This could be a great resource for the classroom! Please let us know how you have used or plan to use this resource. Also let us know if you have any good practices or recommendations that you would like to share.

Blog: <https://complete-em.com/ShowPodCast/> contain podcasts with emergency management professionals.



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The Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management at Frederick Community College is evaluating EMI's newly-released FEMA-IS online courses and will soon add those meeting college rigor to the current list of courses eligible for conversion into college credit. According to the college, these new opportunities often satisfy academic and professional development requirements. [For more information.](#)

[Report No. 16-139-D - FEMA Should Implement Consistent Joint Field Office Guidance](#)

[Report No. 16-141 - DHS Has Not Trained Classified Network Users on the Classification Management Tool](#)

[Report No. 16-142 - Review of the Department of Homeland Security's Implementation of the Cybersecurity Act of 2015](#)

The National Library of Medicine Disaster Health is responding to recent events with a [Hurricane Matthew Health Related Resources Guide](#).

New Research from the [Journal of Emergency Management](#):

- Building resilient communities: A facilitated discussion
- The application of supply chain management principles to emergency management logistics: An empirical study
- Emergency management communication on university Web sites: A 7-year study
- The lasting mental health effects of Hurricane Sandy on residents of the Rockaways
- Disaster behavioral health capacity: Findings from a multistate preparedness assessment
- Workload differences across command levels and emergency response organizations during a major joint training exercise

[University of Cincinnati Newsletter](#) – Fire, EMS and Safety Law

Calendar

The Governor's Hurricane Conference, will be held May 14-19, 2017 in West Palm Beach, Florida. The [Call for Presentations](#) has been extended until October 28, 2016.

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