

Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

It was a great week in Savannah, Georgia at the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Conference. I reconnected with many of our Higher Education community members, met several new people, had great conversations and learned a lot! The week started off with the delivery of EMI courses to IAEM membership. It is always inspiring to sit in the back of the class and learn about how different jurisdictions manage building resilience, address recovery and improve overall situational awareness.

FEMA leadership attended the conference. There was a FEMA leadership panel that was very well attended, and FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate provided a very inspiring keynote lunch!

There were outstanding presentations delivered by academics, practitioners and other stakeholders. Highlights included a fantastic discussion on the identity of emergency management facilitated by Jessica Jensen from North Dakota State University as well as an informative session on the gap between the emergency manager student and practitioner experience delivered by Brent Cox from Arkansas State University. Faculty brought several students to volunteer and participate, and Carol Hackerott from Arkansas Tech University brought an outstanding representation of 13 students to the conference. Valerie Lucus-McEwen from California State Long Beach University supported the USA Student Group and the emergency management student honors association, Epsilon Pi Phi, with Dorothy Miller, Epsilon Pi Phi Executive Director and Emergency Management Coordinator for the City Of Round Rock Texas.

I had an opportunity to speak on a panel hosted by the IAEM Global Student Group and the International Network of Women in Emergency Management (inWEM). This panel was for emergency management students to discuss the opportunities and roles of emergency management at different levels of government and also encompassed other potential career paths in emergency management.

FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Deputy Superintendent, Paul Butki, moderated a panel to discuss the Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP). Five graduates and instructors from the Basic, Advanced and Executive Academies participated, and it was very well received. EMI's National Training Liaison, Dan Lubman, and I staffed the EMI information booth in the Expo area. We shared a lot of information regarding training, instructor recruiting, the EMPP and the Emergency Management Higher Education Program. There were hundreds of visitors to our booth.



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FEMA

The EMI team attended the IAEM Training & Education Committee Meeting to provide an update led by our own Superintendent Tony Russell. This committee is a wonderful partnership between the training, education and practitioner communities. Working together we will advance the emergency management profession. To learn more about this synergy, explore resources on our website [practitioner's corner](#).

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 National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Employment

Arkansas Tech University - Assistant Professor of Emergency Management

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 2017 HS-STEM Summer Internships

Now accepting applications for a 10-week summer internship program for students majoring in homeland security related science, technology, engineering and mathematics (HS-STEM) disciplines. Application deadline: December 7, 2016, 11:59PM EST, [Applications and supporting materials/Detailed internships information](#)

2016 DHS Pathfinder Hiring Event - The Department of Homeland Security is seeking students and recent graduates for job opportunities in Human Resources, Finance, Readiness, Security and Acquisition. Deadline: December 5-6, 2016. [To apply. Questions or additional information](#)





Resources and Announcements

The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Technical Resources, Assistance Center, & Information Exchange developed the initial version of CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule: Resources at Your Fingertips. This resource will continue to be improved and updated as new information and resources become available.

Improving State Efforts to Prepare and Respond to Public Health Emergencies

Highlights of Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Interim Report of the 114th Congress

USSS Faces Challenges Protecting Sensitive Case Management Systems and Data

Proceedings of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Workshop on Drones and the Future of Aviation

Meeting the Challenge of Sustainable Infrastructure: The Role of Public Policy

2016 Deloitte-NASCIO Cybersecurity Study: State Governments at Risk: Turning Strategy and Awareness into Progress

Calendar

The National Intercollegiate Mutual Aid Agreement was officially launched in 2015. The NIMAA is a system for providing and/or receiving assistance between institutions of higher education before during and after emergencies, non-emergencies or special events. Assistance could include people, expertise, equipment, supplies or even facilities. A free webinar will be held Thursday, November 3, 2016, from 2pm-3pm EST (11am-12pm PST) to explain the agreement, how it functions, how your institution can become a member and answer questions. To register.

Final reminder to register for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) National Seminar & Tabletop Exercise for Institutions of Higher Education on November 16-17, 2016, at the University of Illinois at Chicago Forum. This two-day event will focus discussion on campus violence, including active shooter and other threats that impact the higher education community. Application and additional information.

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