



## Higher Education Program News September 22, 2016

### Higher Education Updates

#### Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

This past week, we graduated the fourth cohort of our National Emergency Management Executive Academy. This experience was nothing less than outstanding! The caliber and diversity of the executive participants resulted not only in rich and fascinating dialogue, but also in the creation and delivery of impactful capstone projects. There were five capstone briefs which were presented to FEMA leadership: *Are we Prepared Yet? The Ongoing Quest to Assess and Measure Preparedness*; *Applying High Reliability Organization Theory to Emergency Management*; *Emergency Management Leadership in 2030: Shaping the Next Generation Meta-Leader*; *An Operational Review of the National Association of State Chief Information Officers Cyber Disruption Response Planning Guide*; and, *The Role of Public-Private Partnerships in Emergency Management*. If you are interested in learning more about the capstones, please [email](#) me. I would love to see these and future capstone products leveraged in classrooms to inspire discussion and further analysis.

This past Friday, I attended the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Education Fair at DHS Headquarters in Washington D.C. to share our program capabilities. The focus of this event was to provide DHS employees opportunities for education. At the gathering, I connected with the DHS Chief Learning Officer, Patrick Newman, to discuss coordinating DHS-wide efforts to support emergency management and homeland security education. I also had the opportunity to meet with several FEMA employees to discuss opportunities to support greater coordination in higher education outreach and employment.

This week, I have continued to work with our higher education community to support the DHS Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council's (HSAAC) upcoming National Table Top Exercise (NTTX) for Institutions of Higher Education, November 16-18, 2017 at the University of Illinois at Chicago. This 2-day event will focus on addressing challenges and good practices in planning, preparing and promoting resilience in the face of campus violence, including active shooter and other threats. I have been serving on the planning team and working with colleagues to create meaningful engagement opportunities for emergency management and homeland security students. If you have not already extended an invitation to your school leadership, I encourage you to do so. This is a great opportunity to explore capabilities, learn from each other and collaborate. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

**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. **Date for the next conference call is September 22** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. The call information is **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368**.

**Hi Ed Webinar**, “The Role of Research in Emergency Management Education: Current Status and Future Directions,” **September 28, 2016, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EDT**. For more than a decade, members of the emergency management higher education community have discussed the need to use research in emergency management programs. This webinar will: feature results of a recent study related to utilization of research by Arkansas State University students; engage webinar attendees in discussing how the findings are similar to their perceptions and experiences at their institutions; and, address research issues in emergency management higher education programs. **Speakers: Deborah J. Persell, PhD, RN, APN, Director, Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education College of Nursing and Health Professions Arkansas State University and Jessica Jensen, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Management Co-Director, Center for Emergency Management Education and Research, North Dakota State University.** Please [register](#) in advance. **Conference Call-In: 800-320-4330, PIN: 995678**

**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 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 and questions to [FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov). *Note: Recently in an effort to update the [college list](#), a template was sent with an inaccurate email address. The correct email when returning the template is: [FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov) or click [reply to the email](#).*

**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 NETC in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

## Employment

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## Resources and Announcements

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September is [National Preparedness Month](#) which serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit. National Preparedness Month is a good time to take action to prepare yourself and your family. The month leads up to National PrepareAthon! Day on September 30, when individuals, organizations and businesses across the country will highlight the importance of taking action and practicing emergency preparedness actions.

Operation Volunteer Placement – A nationwide Volunteer Reception Center Exercise – September 24, 2016. [Points of Light](#) is offering an opportunity for agencies and organizations tasked with coordinating spontaneous volunteers during a disaster the chance to participate in a free Internet-based exercise entitled [Operation Volunteer Placement](#) on Saturday September 24, 2016. Access the [Operation Volunteer Placement - A VRC Exercise](#) web site for additional information and to register yourself along with your organization to participate in this engaging exercise.

The Disaster Information Management Research Center [Disaster Lit®: the Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health](#) database has recently been updated and is now available.

### [2016 Climate Change Indicators](#)

[Fire Grants: FEMA Could Enhance Program Administration and Performance Assessment](#). GAO-16-744

[Homeland Security: DHS's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives Program Consolidation Proposal Could Better Consider Benefits and Limitations](#). GAO-16-603

Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [Final rule](#) establishes national emergency preparedness requirements for Medicare- and Medicaid-participating providers and suppliers to plan adequately for both natural and man-made disasters, and coordinate with federal, state, tribal, regional, and local emergency preparedness systems. These regulations are effective on November 15, 2016.

[Senate Panel Examines New Mapping Models for Flood Insurance Program](#)

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