Program News for the week ending December 1, 2017

Higher Education Program Updates
Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

Back in the saddle this week! This is the first week that Barbara and I are back in the office together, and there is a lot to do. Serving the disasters this year has been good and has extended my awareness to the amazing dedication of the emergency management community as well as the opportunities we have for systems improvement.

There is a transition in coming back to the ‘routine;’ it is really not the same routine we left. Each disaster worked, each survivor story, each personal revelation changes us in a rich way. I have always been dedicated to education, learning and the field of emergency management. I came from a family of scouters and my first ‘disaster’ deployment was Y2K at a state developmental center whose human resources operation and pharmacy for more than 1,500 clients was computer-based. You can imagine the relief we had as the New Year rolled in. I have lived through floods, earthquakes and fires, and all of these events have taught me to believe in people, make time to hear their stories, persist for integrity, value curiosity and creativity, offer to help, work hard and keep your sense of humor close-by. With each opportunity I have to engage in preparedness, response, recovery & mitigation, I learn these skills at a deeper level.

This week we had a query regarding research that validates the importance of experience in learning in emergency management, and next week, we are hosting the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) webinar. Classroom learning and experienced-based learning create depth and develop the emergency management profession. It is important that we share our successful practices to help students connect the value of their experience to the classroom and to bring the higher-order, theoretical thinking into the field. If you have stories and expertise on bringing experience into the classroom or the classroom into the field, please considering joining one of the Special Interest Groups to share!

Higher Education Program Webinars
EM/HS Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Focus Group Update Webinar, December 5, 2017, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET. What is SoTL Research? The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning is an inquiry of student learning at the post-secondary level which can, in turn, advance the practice of teaching. The purpose of the focus group was to capture the trends, gaps, opportunities, and challenges in Emergency Management and Homeland Security’s (EM/HS) Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. For more information and to register.

The Higher Education Program regularly host webinars on topics of interest for the emergency management higher education academic community. If you have a pertinent topic or idea, contact Wendy Walsh.
The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, December 15th, from 2:00-3:00 PM ET. 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368. Please join us. Learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world. Find out about ongoing projects and discuss higher education community needs that we can address. Let Wendy Walsh know if you have topics to discuss.

College List - The Higher Education Program keeps a list of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Hi Ed staff do not provide college recommendations or discuss the relative merits of the colleges and universities listed. If you have a new program to include on the list or have program updates, please email FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Make a note on your 2018 calendar. The 20th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium will be held June 4-7, 2018, at FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. Information will be posted to the Hi Ed website symposium page as it becomes available.

Employment
Vacancy announcements posted Emergency Management/Homeland Security Positions:

- Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator, GS 12, CLOSE 12/27/2017, FEMA-17-KH-FDRCPR-SES, San Juan, PR
- Emergency Management Specialist (GIS), IC 12, CLOSE 12/5/2017, FEMA-18-TDS-192280-CORE, Austin, TX
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 9, CLOSE 12/8/2017, PA-10081513-AF-17-589, Middletown, PA
- Supervisory CBP Officer (Course Developer/Instructor), GS 13, CLOSE 1/22/2018, CBPHC-2020152-CACMP, Glynco, GA, Charleston, SC and Harpers Ferry, WV
- Supervisory CBP Officer (Course Developer/Instructor), GS 13, CLOSE 2/8/2018, CBPHC-2022327-CACMP, El Paso, TX and Front Royal, VA

Higher Education Vacancies:

- Governors State University – Tenure-Track Faculty, Community Health
- San Mateo County Community College District - Emergency Preparedness Manager
- South University – Adjunct Faculty, Epidemiology
- St. Catherine University – Ranked Faculty, MPH in Global Health Program
- University of Alaska, Fairbanks – Assistant Professor, Homeland Security/Emergency Management
University of New Haven – Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, National Security

Resources
Paul J. Taylor appointed Regional Administrator for FEMA Region VII

Puerto Rico Begins the Transition from Response to Recovery

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE Coalition Response Operations Topic Collection) is now available! The resources in this Topic Collection include plans, checklists, and guidance specific to coalition response operations. Additional coalition-specific resources can be found in the Coalition Administrative Issues and Coalition Models and Functions Topic Collections. Access ASPR TRACIE’s Select Health Care Coalition Resources page for links to related resource (including a coalition response plan template with links to “best practice” documents). Please contact ASPR TRACIE if you have any questions.

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.

The resources below were compiled through a variety of sources, and included here as, perhaps, what could be interesting and relevant resources for research or classroom use. The links are provided as a convenience and for informational purposes only; they do not constitute any endorsement or approval by FEMA or the Higher Education Program.

Freight Rail Safety and Emergency Management

Risk management strategies to help communities deal with earthquakes

Here’s What Citizens Taught Feds During Disasters

Faith leaders meet with local law enforcement to develop security plans

Calendar

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is now accepting summer hire applications. The job solicitation is open from 11/22/17 to 12/21/2017. The pay scale and grade is GG 04-09. There are 25 vacancies in: Atlanta, GA; Rockville, MD; Lisle, IL; and King of Prussia, PA. The salary ranges from $12.23 to $35.96 per hour. The link for the application can be found on USAJOBS at: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/485096400.

Due to an overwhelming response, the U.S. Department of Education, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) is no longer accepting student resumes for spring 2018 internships.
If you were unable to apply for the spring semester, please note this is a year-round volunteer internship program, and applications will be accepted for summer and fall at a later date. The internship provides current HBCU students with an opportunity to learn more about HBCUs and their impact on the economy, higher education policy, federal funding opportunities, communications, and outreach.

The Annual Disaster Recovery Institute (DRI) Conference, February 11-14, 2018, is dedicated to the meaningful exchange of information among professionals in the areas of business continuity, disaster recovery, risk management and more, across all industries. DRI 2018 conference tracks include a hands-on workshop track, a healthcare business continuity management (BCM) track, and a cyber risk track.

The 2018 International Public Safety Association (IPSA) Conference, February 21-23, 2018, brings together the entire public safety community to discuss education, training, policy, and issues that impact all first responders and allied stakeholders during a call for service – no matter what the scope.

2018 Emergency Preparedness Conference, April 18-19, 2018. The two-day intensive event focuses on how compliance with Joint Commission standards will help prepare organizations for emergencies and disasters. Featuring nationally recognized experts and presentations. Attendees will be able to augment their current strategies with demonstrated practices. Participants will receive a comprehensive overview of the latest research in the field of emergency management through poster presentations, courtesy of the Yale New Haven Health System.

FEMA-National Continuity Branch webinar, Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET (U.S. and Canada). Speakers:
- Ms. Kenyetta Blunt,
- Mr. Kevin Hutcheson, and
- Mr. Mark Macalester, FEMA Response Directorate, National Planning Branch

**Connection Options for Webinar:**

1) **Webinar** *(no need to dial into Audio Conference. Webinar can be heard through computer speakers.)* Click: [https://share.dhs.gov/ncwdec2017](https://share.dhs.gov/ncwdec2017)

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- Type your FIRST and LAST name.
- Click “Enter Room.”

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- Audio Conference PIN: **810953#**
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