



Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Program Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

More than 90 people signed up for the 2017 Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium Highlights webinar this past Wednesday. We are very grateful to Dr. Carol Cwiak, Dr. DeeDee Bennett, Dr. Claire Connolly Knox, Dr. Ray Chang and Mr. Roy E. Dunn for taking time out of their busy schedules to recap the information they presented at the symposium in June. There was a brief opportunity to engage in dialogue, and we feel grateful to be able to share this information with participants who were not able to join us in June. These presentations and more information from the Symposium will be posted to our [website](#) in early August.

This week, we also hosted a meeting of the Information Sharing and Symposium Planning Special Interest Group (SIG). The meeting reviewed areas of improvement identified in our symposium After Action Report, such as reworking the invitation, the abstract submission template and the evaluation process. We welcomed two new members to the SIG, and they jumped right in to support improvement efforts. Remember that SIG groups are open to all community members. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please check out our [Special Interest Group page](#) on the website and join us!

The Higher Education Program hosts a webinar each month. For a topic or idea, contact [Wendy Walsh](#).

Would you like to be eligible for future Hi Ed projects, such as focus groups, student internship opportunities and course revisions? If interested, visit our [link](#) for instructions, or contact [Barbara](#).

[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. Send information updates.

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.

The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Thursday, July 27, from 2:00-3:00 PM EDT. 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 you would like to discuss. **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368.**





Employment

Vacancy announcements posted for other emergency management/homeland security positions:

- Emergency Management Specialist (Individual Assistance Branch Director), AD 03, CLOSE 7/24/2017, [FEMA-17-CLM-171556-IMAT](#), Kansas City, MO
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 12, CLOSE 7/24/2017, [NEGE178805761972887](#), Fort McNair, DC
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist, GS 13, CLOSE 7/31/2017, [FEMA-17-WG-163607-DE](#), Bothell, WA
- Training Specialist, GS 13, CLOSE 7/28/2017, [FEMA-17-TM-168306-DE](#), Emmitsburg, MD
- Security Specialist (Senior Security Specialist/Access Control), GS 11, CLOSE 7/24/2017, [FEMA-17-MJ-163532-DE](#), Round Hill, VA

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Franklin & Marshall College](#) – Assistant Professor, Public Policy
- [Liberty University](#) – Adjunct Professor, Public and Environmental Health
- [Oklahoma State University](#) – Assistant Professor, Fire and Emergency Management Administration
- [University of California, Santa Barbara](#) – Assistant Director, International Health, Safety & Emergency Response

Resources

The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Technical Resources, Assistance Center, & Information Exchange (TRACIE) is a planning resource to aid emergency healthcare planners and providers to prepare for and address response concerns related to the 2017 solar eclipse (and unplanned and planned mass gatherings in rural and urban areas). Resources in sections I-V are specific to the eclipse event; the rest of the sections include resources related to planned mass gatherings. For questions, contact ASPR TRACIE at 1-844-587-2243 | askasprtracie@hhs.gov | asprtracie.hhs.gov

FEMA released 48 Core Capability Development Sheets to help state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions build and sustain their core capabilities as well as close capability gaps identified through the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, the State Preparedness Report, or other capability assessments. The National Preparedness Goal identifies the core capabilities needed by all jurisdictions to be fully prepared to prevent, protect, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from all hazards and to be able to implement the National Preparedness System. Download the sheets by mission area – Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery – or as a complete set at: www.fema.gov/fema-technical-assistance-program.





FEMA announced that \$250 million in funding is available through two Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs: Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM). These competitive grant programs assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in strengthening our nation's ability to reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages. FY 2017 HMA application period opens on Aug. 14, 2017. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal accessible at <https://portal.fema.gov>. All applications must be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. EST on November 14, 2017.

FEMA's new policy, issued in July 2017, provides program Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) guidance about subsurface Hydraulic Fracturing and Horizontal Directional Drilling (hydraulic fracturing/HDD) designating such activity as a compatible use when it occurs at the subsurface level, or below-ground, for properties acquired for open space with HMA funds. In this policy, FEMA considered the practice of hydraulic fracturing/HDD activities and determined that based on the available information, the actions occurring in subsurface layers to extract natural gas or oil are uses that are generally compatible with open space.

The resources below were compiled through a variety of sources and are included here as perhaps interesting and relevant resource 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.

[Virginia Will Become the First State to Opt-In to FirstNet's National Public Safety Broadband Network](#)

[A floating tunnel could withstand an explosion](#)

[Scientists Convert Drones Into Tornado-Predicting Machines](#)

[Rebuilding the Plane Now: Recommendations for Improving Government's Approach to Disaster Recovery and Preparedness](#)

The Homeland Security Emergence Program is a unique opportunity for homeland security/public safety professionals who are in the early stages of their career. The program provides an educational forum and innovation lab at the Naval Postgraduate School campus in Monterey, CA for participants to explore "emerging" trends in the world around us – e.g. technology, environment, and terrorism. The deadline to apply for the Emergence Program is July 28. Access the application at www.chds.us. Letters of recommendation should be addressed to: Ellen Gordon, Associate Director, Executive Programs, 1 University Circle, Monterey, CA 93943

FREE: The fourth edition of the "Emergency Response Guidebook Training" aid is available at <http://lakelandcc.edu/web/about/emergency-management-planning-administration-departments>, on the right-hand side of the web page.



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NETC Library

The library will be subscribing in January to a new journal entitled “International Journal of Disaster Response and Emergency Management.” Per the [website](#), this journal aims to “provide a forum through which researchers, practitioners, ... from multidisciplinary backgrounds including social sciences, behavioral sciences, environmental sciences, engineering, geography, management, public policy, and emergency management can share emerging knowledge and disseminate study findings in all aspects of disaster and emergency studies.”

[Recent articles](#) at the NETC library on disaster preparedness, recovery, response and social media.

Calendar

The National Seminar and Tabletop Exercise for Institutions of Higher Education (NTTX), October 10-11, 2017 is a series of campus-based events to test and promote campus resilience and emergency preparedness. [Registration and more information.](#)

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