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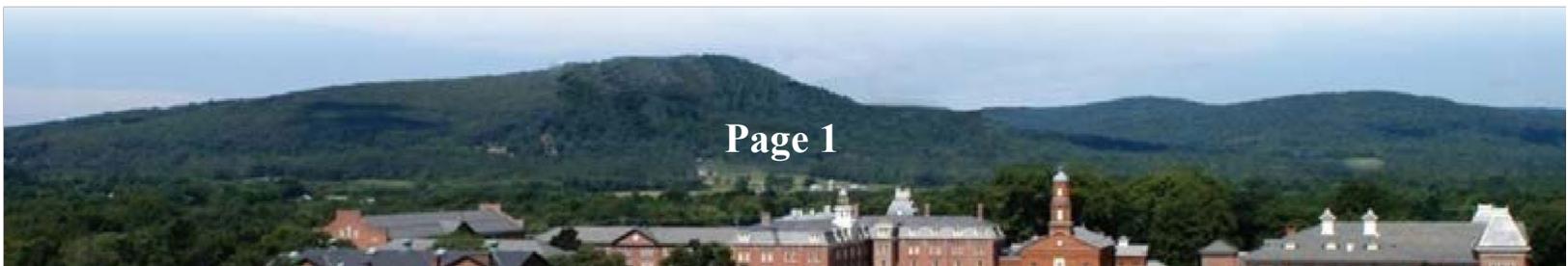
## Program News for the week ending November 16, 2018

### Higher Education Program Updates

Good Day Emergency Management Higher Education Community! I hope this newsletter finds you well. It's been a tough time for our partners in California and the Pacific. California's Camp Fire has been record breaking in terms of destruction; the photos and posts have been heart-breaking. This is on the heels of Super Typhoon Yutu, the active shooter event in Thousand Oaks and just shortly after I received the news of good friends being able to return to their home that survived the 2017 fires with minor structural damage and major smoke damage. Response and recovery activities continue at all levels: community, local, state, territorial, federal & tribal governments, private sector and faith-based organizations. My deep felt gratitude to all the efforts underway and let us continue to strengthen our systems to leverage the academic community capabilities to contribute to these vital efforts.

Yesterday, I had an opportunity to present the Higher Education Program at the FEMA Community Planning and Capacity Building (CPCB) workshop in Region VI. It was an inspiring meeting of federal, state, local, academic, non-governmental and philanthropic community members. Before my time on the agenda, I learned about a few outstanding efforts I wanted to share. One was the existence and leveraging of [super neighborhoods](#) in Houston. According to the super neighborhoods website, "A super neighborhood is a geographically designated area where residents, civic organizations, institutions and businesses work together to identify, plan, and set priorities to address the needs and concerns of their community." These neighborhoods are working collectively to share information and support disaster recovery with CPCB. There were also a couple recovery tools that were shared that might be of interest and valuable resources to share in the classroom. They are the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#) and the [Gulf TREE](#) website that provides a good representation of resources, case studies and efforts to support climate resilience. I would love to hear if you are using these or other tools in the classroom. The CPCB community is very interested in working more with the Higher Education Program and the broader academic community to collaborate on efforts. They specifically asked about how to connect with faculty and students for expertise and internship opportunities. There is a lot of potential, and I will discuss this further with our jobs and internship special interest group.

Next week is Thanksgiving and I will be taking the week off to be with my family. We have 14 people coming to celebrate gratitude and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. I do plan to use my incident command system (ICS) skills☺. We will not have a newsletter next Friday, but you can expect an issue in your email the following week. As I won't be sending you a message next week, I want to share my gratitude for each of



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you and the work you do to build our nation's emergency management competence, community and resilience!

I will close my message with the news that our first snow has fallen. It started a little after 8:00AM today and it is sticking! We are expecting a few inches today but do not expect it to stay around long as our temps will reach back up to the 40s tomorrow. As winter comes, be sure to prepare your home and vehicles. For more specific information on [winter preparedness](#) click here. Stay safe and be well!

**Higher Education Program Webinars** - The Higher Education Program regularly hosts webinars 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 21, 2018, from 2:00-3:00 PM ET, 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368. Please join us.** Learn from the emergency management academic community about what is new and exciting in their world. Find out about ongoing projects and discuss higher education community needs that the Higher Education Program can address. Contact [Wendy Walsh](#) with your discussion topics

**The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, June 3-6, 2019**, at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. In the coming months, we will post additional information to the [Hi Ed website](#) as it becomes available.

## College List

The Higher Education Program keeps a list of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Higher Education staff do not provide college recommendations or discuss the relative merits of the colleges and universities listed. If you have a new or updated program to include, send an email to [FEMA-emi\\_collegelist@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-emi_collegelist@fema.dhs.gov).



First snowfall of the winter season at the National Emergency Management Training Center (NETC). Weather forecast is 1-3 inches of snow with sleet and freezing rain later in the afternoon.

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**Special Interest Groups (SIGs).** The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Higher Education Program

## **Emergency Management/Homeland Security Unity of Effort (UoE SIG)**

The unity of effort special interest group (UoE SIG) was designed to bring practitioners and academics together from the homeland security (HLS) and emergency management (EM) disciplines. This SIG recognizes the vast intellectual overlaps between these two disciplines in the classroom and in the field regarding risk-based approaches to preparedness, resilience and security. The UoE SIG aims to create collaborations between EM and HLS academics, policy makers and practitioners that explore how both disciplines can better understand the many complex and wicked problems that define today's preparedness, resilience and security landscape. The UoE SOG will focus on development, and dissemination of basic and applied research of community and national preparedness, resilience, and security, the scholarship of teaching and learning in each discipline, and academic program development.

For more information about the Emergency Management/Homeland Security Unity of Effort SIG, visit:

<https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/cccsig.aspx>.

To join the SIG contact: [Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov).

encourages the organization of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to support the increased exchange of knowledge in specific areas and applications of emergency management education. A SIG will provide a forum within the Higher Education community of interest to pull together people who have a common curiosity. The SIG will serve as a focal point for community development in their special area. SIGs can potentially become involved in co-authoring/researching, and serve as mentors to students and subject matter experts to practitioners. [For more information and a list of SIGs.](#)

## **Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities**

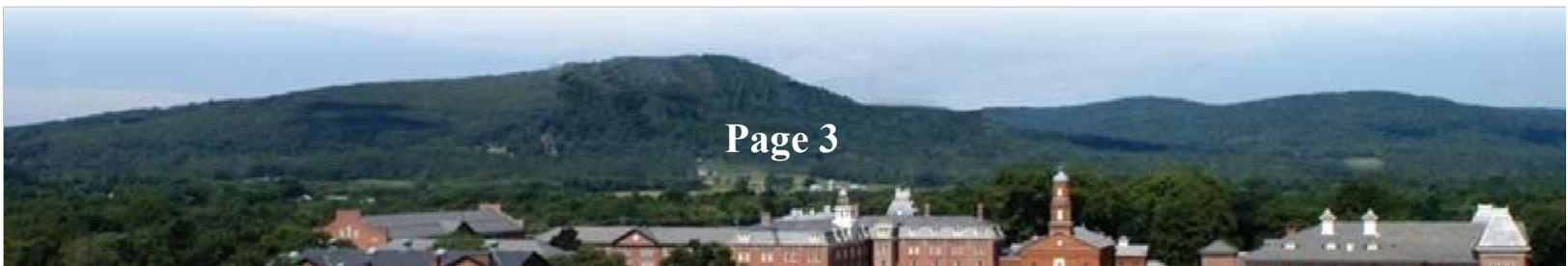
Harvard Kennedy School, in partnership with the Harvard Graduate School of Education, as part of the Public Leadership and Public Policy Executive Certificate series, is offering the Crisis Leadership in Higher Education program. The next session of the program is March 04, 2019 - March 07, 2019. The application deadline is January 4, 2019. [Visit the website for more information and to apply.](#)

*Crisis Leadership in Higher Education* gives you critical information about proactive training and planning so you can implement effective crisis management systems in advance of a critical event.

## **Employment**

### **Federal Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:**

- Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC 09-11, CLOSE 11/22/2018, [FEMA-19-ZMM-250317-CORE](#), Bothell, WA



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- Supervisory Transportation Security Specialist, SV J, CLOSE 11/22/2018, [FAM-HQ-FLTOPS-18-504946GA](#), Herndon, VA
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 14, CLOSE 11/22/2018, [FEMA-19-TM-260137-DE](#), Washington, D.C.
- Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC 11, CLOSE 11/23/2018, [FEMA-19-CLM-255214-CORE](#), Washington, D.C.; Hyattsville, MD; Denton, TX; Winchester, VA
- Program Support Assistant, GS 06-07, CLOSE 11/23/2018, [FEMA-19-TM-260074-DE](#), Emmitsburg, MD.
- Deputy Superintendent, GS 15, CLOSE 11/30/2018, FEMA-19-TM-259925-DE, Anniston, AL

## Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Coast Community College District](#) – PT Faculty, Emergency Management
- [CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy](#) - Assistant/Associate Professor, Health Policy and Management
- [New College of Florida](#) – Assistant Professor, Epidemiology and Global Public Health

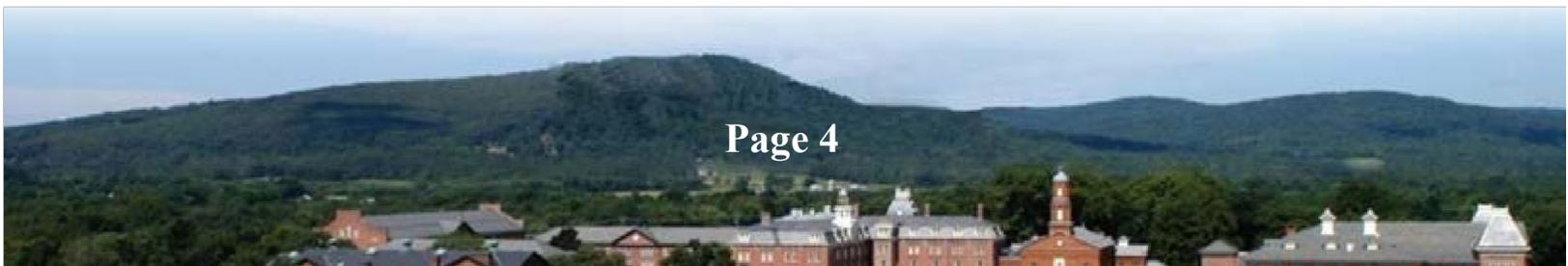
## Resources

FEMA, through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), provides the opportunity for homeowners, renters, and businesses to purchase flood insurance for financial protection against flooding. FEMA continues to take important steps to implement the 2012 and 2014 flood insurance reform legislation – Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW-12) (P.L. 112-141) and the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 (HFIAA) (P.L. 113-89).

As required by BW-12 and HFIAA, the agency is adopting incremental rate increases needed to bring rates to full risk. It is important to note that nearly 80 percent of NFIP policyholders are minimally impacted by these rate increases, because they already paid a full-risk rate prior to the passage of BW-12 or HFIAA.

**FEMA PrepTalks.** In [“Triage, Ethics, And Operations: Healthcare Emergency Preparedness and Response.”](#) Dr. Sheri Fink details two tragic events that demonstrate the value of situational awareness, the complexities of prioritizing limited resources, and the importance of ensuring systems can effectively support operational decisions.

PrepTalks are provided through a partnership of FEMA, the International Association of Emergency Managers, the National Emergency Management Association, the National Homeland Security Consortium, and the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security.



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**FEMA Releases [2018 National Preparedness Report](#).** The National Preparedness Report evaluates progress and challenges that individuals and communities, private and nonprofit sectors, faith-based organizations, and all levels of government have faced in preparedness for disasters. The 2018 report takes a revised approach that includes an in-depth analysis of five core capabilities that have been identified in past National Preparedness Reports as facing persistent challenges: Operational Coordination, Infrastructure Systems, Housing, Economic Recovery, and Cybersecurity. Refining the report's scope to focus on these recurring challenges concentrates the discussion on what the whole community needs to accomplish to best improve the nation's preparedness.

*The resources below compiled through a variety of sources and included here as interesting and relevant resources for research or classroom use. The links provided as a convenience and for informational purposes only. They do not constitute any endorsement or approval by FEMA or the Higher Education Program.*

[Brown swings back at Trump: Climate change is propelling California's fires, governor says](#)  
[All-Hazards Recovery Plan in the Works in 'Disaster Laboratory' East Baton Rouge Parish](#)  
[How Well Did Wireless Carriers Respond to Natural Disasters? The FCC Wants to Know.](#)

## Calendar

**National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Webinar Series Presents: Resources Available from the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection**, December 6, 2018, 2:00 PM ET. The presenters will provide an overview of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. The webinar will highlight resources available to consumers for handling their finances when preparing for, recovering from and rebuilding after a disaster or emergency. Often, people think about smoke detectors or insurance policies and don't often focus on their finances. This session will raise awareness and provide tangible tools emergency management directors can share with their staff and residents. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. [To register.](#)

[International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions \(IFLA\) Evidence for Global and Disaster Health Special Interest Group \(SIG\) Webinar: Finding the evidence for global and disaster health.](#) November 19, 2018, 3:30 – 4:30 PM GMT, London, UK. The session will be led by Caroline De Brun [Knowledge and Evidence Specialist, Public Health England] and Isla Kuhn [Medical Librarian, University of Cambridge]. Details of a new resource guide will be included. [To register.](#)

Invitation: Preventing Pandemics and Bioterrorism: Past, Present, and Future with Dr. Robert Kadlec, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at Health and Human Services (HHS), Dec. 4, 6-7 PM at the Schar School, Founders Hall, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, December 4, 2018, 6:00 – 7:00 PM. [RSVP](#) if you would like to attend. Seating is limited. Please direct event-related questions to Zavin Smith at [zsmith@gmu.edu](mailto:zsmith@gmu.edu).



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## Grant Opportunities

The "**Advanced Next-Generation High-Efficiency Lightweight Wind Turbine Generator**" **Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)** will support offshore wind development through the research and development of lighter and higher efficiency generator designs which ultimately impact lower capital costs and power generation costs. The primary objective of the FOA is to develop and test next generation advanced wind turbine drivetrain technologies that will facilitate the continued growth and acceptance of wind turbines for offshore applications. This in turn will lead to reductions in the cost of offshore wind energy. Note that only For-Profit entities may apply as the Prime Applicant under the FOA. There are no restrictions on the entity types eligible to apply as Subrecipients. Complete information, including the full Funding Opportunity Announcement, can be found on the EERE Exchange website - <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov>. Deadline: 12/13/2018, 05:00 PM ET.

**Economic Impact Initiative Grants** provide funding to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural communities that have extreme unemployment and severe economic depression. An essential community facility is one that provides an essential service to the local community, is needed for the orderly development of the community, serves a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings. For more information: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/economic-impact-initiative-grants>. Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

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