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Program News for the week ending September 14, 2018

Higher Education Program Updates

Good Day All! We are nearly half way through September, National Preparedness Month, and our preparedness is being tested around the nation. As I write this message on Wednesday afternoon, we are readying for the anticipated wind and rain of Hurricane Florence and tracking tropical storms Helene & Isaac. In the West, preparations for the impact of Tropical Depression Olivia have begun critical fire weather conditions in Nevada, Utah, Colorado, and Wyoming are being monitored.

Many from our community are taking measures to protect their families and property, and yet others will still not be prepared. Today, I participated in a workshop to discuss our strategic goal of building a culture of preparedness. We discussed what it would look like if we had a culture of preparedness. There were plenty of interesting ideas shared by individuals with the necessary knowledge and confidence to help themselves and others. The information shared shows better ways to collaborate with private sector and philanthropic stakeholders, as well, as how emergency managers at the state, local and federal levels could promote, incentivize and facilitate preparedness actions.

This left me wondering how others see their responsibility to be prepared at home and on your campus. What *does* a prepared community look like to you? How do we measure it both qualitatively and quantitatively? I know many of you have been thinking and writing about this topic for years. Barbara and I have been discussing the possibility of adding a page to our website that highlights the academic work related to building and sustaining a prepared culture. This may be a good resource for the emergency management community. If you are interested in supporting the effort and/or have relevant academic work you would like to link from this possible page on our website, please send me an email.

I hope you are all registered for our Cultures of Preparedness webinar scheduled for next week, **September 20th at 2:00PM EDT**. There is more information to the right of this message if you still need to register. For those of you who were tracking our Disaster Workforce Internship focus group scheduled for this week,

CULTURES OF PREPAREDNESS WEBINAR

Higher Education Program webinar “Developing Culture(s) of Preparedness: The Important Role of Culture in FEMA’s Strategic Plan (2018-2022),” September 20, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, EDT. The webinar invites disaster scholars and practitioner experts in disaster management. We will discuss the meaning and implications of FEMA’s new strategic priority: to build a “Culture of Preparedness”. Specifically, we will present findings about the relevance of local community variations in the landscape of risk, the cultural practices and values that empower people to make sustainable preparedness choices, and the reasons past efforts to build a culture of preparedness have not met with desired levels of success.

Registration link:

https://fema.connectsolutions.com/culture-preparedness/event/event_info.html

Conference Call-In: 1-800-320-4330,
PIN: 376368#

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the focus group has been rescheduled for **October 2-3, 2018**. If you have inputs, best practices, or other issues you would like this focus group to consider, please share them with me via [email](#).

TWO NEW SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

[New Program Resources & Support SIG](#)

[Student Perspective and Academic Learning SIG](#)

[\(Open Invitation Letter to Join Student SIG\)](#)

[View the entire listing of SIGs on the Higher Education website.](#)

This week, we hosted our quarterly Special Interest Group (SIG) leads meeting and discussed a myriad of topics related to recruitment, current activities, support and possibilities for these groups. Don't be shy with sharing your talents or curiosity, if you are not yet engaged in a SIG group, sign up! We want to hear your point of view, and we want you to influence the advancement of the emergency management profession through education.

Last and certainly not least, FEMA has recently released efforts to update the National Planning Frameworks. These updates will include an additional emphasis on non-governmental capabilities, such as the role of private sector and individual citizens in disaster response, a new emergency support function (ESF) to support coordination with infrastructure owners and operators and a focus on outcomes-based response prioritizing rapid stabilization of life-saving and sustainment of lifelines. We will continue to provide doctrine updates as we receive them to ensure you are able to integrate the latest doctrine into your curriculum and classroom discussions.

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 EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, September 21, 2018, from 2:00-3:00 PM EDT, 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 21st 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

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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_collelist@fema.dhs.gov.

National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month reminding us that we all must prepare ourselves and our families now and throughout the year for the disasters that may occur where we live, work, and attend school. The 2018 overarching theme is Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How. September 15 is the National Day of Action when individuals, organizations, and businesses are encouraged to take an action, such as participating in an exercise, drill, or other action that will increase preparedness.

- Week 1: Sept 1-8 Make and Practice Your Plan
- Week 2: Sept 9-15* Learn Life Saving Skills
- Week 3: Sept 16-22 Check Your Coverage
- Week 4: Sept 23-29 Save For an Emergency
- September 15 is a National Day of Action

If you would like to tell our readers what your Institute of Higher Education or organization is doing to feature National Preparedness Month, please contact [Barbara Johnson](#) for details.

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

The 2019 host institution application for the FEMA EMI L0363 Multi-Hazard Emergency Management for Higher Education course is posted. If you are interested in applying to host the L0363 course in 2019, please go to the [website](#) to complete an application. The application period will be open until September 28, 2018. If you have questions, contact [Tina Hovermale](#).

The City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Internship Program offers a highly competitive opportunity for students and recent graduates to gain hands-on experience in emergency planning, emergency operations, communications, and community preparedness in the nation's second largest city. All applications for the Fall Cohort are due by **September 21st, 2018**. [For more information](#).

Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Emergency Management Specialist (Response), GS 13, CLOSE 9/17/2018, [FEMA-18-NSA-245212-DE](#), Denton, TX
- Emergency Management Specialist, IC 13, CLOSE 9/20/2018, [FEMA-18-ARC-243062-CORE](#), District of Columbia, DC
- Grants Management Specialist (Mitigation), GS 12, CLOSE 9/18/2018, [FEMA-18-KDS-246910-MP](#), Boston, MA

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- Emergency Management Specialist (Response), GS 11-12, CLOSE 9/24/2018, [FEMA-18-JLS-240318-DE](#), Oakland, CA
- Telecommunications Specialist (Disaster Emergency Communications Group Supervisor), IM O3, CLOSE 11/6/2018, [FEMA-18-TAS-246466-RSV](#), Location Negotiable
- Training Research Specialist, GS 11, CLOSE 9/21/2018, [FEMA-18-TM-251499-DE](#), Anniston, AL

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Capella University](#) – Dissertation Mentor, Emergency Management
- [Guilford Technical Community College](#) – Adjunct Instructor, 911 Emergency Telecommunicator
- [Kentucky Community & Technical College System](#) – Adjunct Faculty, Criminal Justice/Homeland Security
- [Southern Methodist University](#) - Director of Emergency Management
- [St. John's University](#) – Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Homeland Security
- [The Citadel](#) – Professor, Intelligence and Security Studies
- [University of Colorado Denver](#) - Emergency Preparedness Coordinator - 14567
- [University of New Mexico](#) – Part-Time Faculty, Public Safety

Resources

Hurricane Preparedness Tips

There are new procedures to access your online FEMA assistance account on [DisasterAssistance.gov](#). You will be prompted to request a secure access code each time you log in to your account.

DHS Announces Grant Allocations for Fiscal Year 2018 Preparedness Grants

Apply for the Hazards Mitigation Assistance (HMA) External Stakeholder Working Group (ESWG)

Ready 2 Help Since the launch of [You Are the Help Until Help Arrives](#) in 2017, many communities have called for a similar training geared towards younger audiences. In response, FEMA released [Ready 2 Help](#), a card game for children ages 8 - 12. This new resource teaches youth how to stay safe and get help in emergencies. The card game builds a culture of preparedness from an early age by teaching youth five key skills: stay safe, stay calm, get help, give information, and give care. Ready 2 Help is designed for after-school programs, extracurricular youth groups, and home play.

To get a copy of the card game and companion book:

- Download and print from www.ready.gov/game.
- Free printed copies of the game will be available in Fall 2018 by visiting www.ready.gov/game.

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.

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[Despite 2017 hurricane season, US lacks 'culture of preparedness,' says FEMA administrator](#)

[Did Harvey Make Us Sick? Still More Questions Than Answers](#)

[GAO report examines FEMA's risk-based grant assessment model](#)

[Tens of Thousands of Floridians Still Face Insurance 'Nightmares' After Hurricane Irma](#)

[University of Texas at San Antonio Awarded \\$1.5M to Help STEM Students](#)

[Will Your Cell Service Work if a Hurricane Rolls Through the Coast, and Will It Be Enough?](#)

[Calendar](#)

E0390 Integrating Emergency Management Education into Your Institution is an interactive workshop designed to assist **minority and minority-serving institutions of higher education (IHEs)** in establishing or enhancing Emergency Management (EM) courses or programs in their institutions. It addresses issues unique to them, and begins the process of identifying and overcoming institutional roadblocks to increasing their schools' EM-related offerings. The primary goal of this workshop is to assist Hispanic Serving Institutions, Asian American and Pacific Islanders, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities by providing information about EM and the benefits and resources available for integrating EM course offerings. [For more information.](#)

[February 25-26, 2019 - Hispanic-Serving Institutions \(HSIs\) and Asian American and Pacific Islander Institutions \(AAPIs\)](#)

[March 25-26, 2019 – Historically Black Colleges and Universities \(HBCUs\)](#)

[April 29 – April 30, 2019 - Tribal Colleges and Universities \(TCUs\)](#)

[NETC Library](#)

[Emergency Management Articles Monitor \(past 90 days\)](#)

[Disaster Preparedness](#)

[Recovery](#)

[Emergency Managers](#)

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