Hello emergency management higher education community and friends! This week has been snowy in the beautiful hamlet of Emmitsburg, MD. We got about 7 inches Wednesday and awoke Thursday to a magical scene of ice coated trees. With warmer weather projected for the rest of the week, along with rain this weekend, I expect our snow will not remain long. These winter storms, snowfall and ice remind us to slow down and be prepared. Especially this year as we have seen snowfall in areas out West that do not typically experience these conditions. It is always a good time to make certain we are doing all we can to ensure safety. Here is a good guide (URL: https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/140863655071-32eae446eef4ab2f4fccdb55f725c/PrepareAthon_WINTER%20STORMS_HTG_FINAL_508.pdf) to review for winter weather preparedness.

When emergencies and disasters affect us, having a plan and identified resources will help us to respond and recover individually and as a community. One of FEMA’s strategic goals is building a culture of preparedness so this year we are strengthening our focus on increasing individual and family financial preparedness. This week, our Individual and Community Preparedness Division (ICPD) shared with me a great opportunity to promote financial preparedness.

Please join FEMA and over 1500 organizations to promote emergency savings during America Saves Week, February 25 to March 2, 2019! Started in 2007, America Saves Week is a national opportunity to work together within our communities to transform the lives of millions of Americans. To get your organization involved please visit URL: http://www.americasavesweek.org/. Posters, social media posts, and other customizable content are all available online. By participating, you can help FEMA increase the number of Americans saving money for emergencies.

I would like learn more about how you integrate financial preparedness into curricula and your campus environments. Are there other resources you have used, activities you have engaged in promoting, exploring and understanding financial preparedness in your research or classroom? What can this community of emergency management academics provide to FEMA and the nation to support growing financial resilience? Please send me your resources and efforts so we can share across FEMA and our academic community to
celebrate and replicate. I would love to hear if you participate in America Saves Week- consider sending us a short write up of what you are doing and a picture if you like so we can highlight your activities in an upcoming newsletter.

Lastly, I want to remind you that Symposium (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/educonference19.aspx) submissions close on March 15th. We had a webinar earlier this week on how to create a successful submission. If you missed it, you can find the slides and recording at Emergency Management Higher Education Program Webinar Series (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/femawebinar.aspx). Please do not wait until the last minute to submit, read the instructions sheet (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/19conf/2019%20call%20for%20submission-cover%20letter%20and%20application.pdf) closely and use the submission email provided. Do not send submissions to the Higher Education Program team directly or they may not be considered. We have a great Symposium planned this year, be sure to get your application (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/femawebinar.aspx) in before space fills up. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and week ahead!

### Higher Education Program Updates

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<th>The next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, March 15, 2019, 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, <a href="mailto:Wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov">Wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov</a>, with your discussion topics.</th>
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### 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 at Wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov. February 19, 2019 webinar: “Tips to Prepare a Successful Symposium Submission for the 2019 EM Higher Education Symposium” (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/femawebinar.aspx) power point slides and webinar recording.

### The 21st Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, June 3-6, will be held at FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg, MD. In the coming months, we will post additional information to the Hi Ed website (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/) as it becomes available. A few items of interest.

- All applications for the Hi Ed Symposium must be sent to the NETC Admissions office. Applications, which contain personal information, should not be shared with anyone other than the Admissions office.
  
  NETC Admissions Office, Room I-216
  National Emergency Training Center
Call for Submissions, applications, invitation letter and share fair invite are now available on the Hi Ed website (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/educonference19.aspx).

a. The Call for Submissions has a drop down box on the form asking the user to select either track 1, 2 or 3 or the share fair poster submission. Using this option will ensure your submission is routed to the correct reviewer.
b. Deadline for all submissions: March 15, 2019, 5:00 PM ET

Due dates for symposium applications:
- International applications due **February 15th**
- Domestic applications due **April 26th**
- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award – Nomination information (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/19conf/sotl%20award%20criteria_final.pdf)

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.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs). FEMA’s Higher Education Program encourages the organization of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to support the increased exchange of knowledge in specific areas and applications.

**Service-Learning & Leadership Special Interest Group (SLL SIG)**

The Service-Learning and Leadership Special Interest Group (SLL SIG) focuses on exploring experiential education in emergency management course curriculum by fostering ideas, developing strategies, and conducting research that looks at how to combine classroom instruction with organized service to the community with an emphasis on civic engagement, reflection and the application of learning. The purpose of incorporating service-learning in emergency management academic courses would allow students to provide a service that meets an identified community need pertaining to the field which enhances the students learning and development, allows them to reflect on their experiences, provides a forum for leadership development, and encourages civic responsibility. The SLL SIG focuses on academic preparation for faculty in the discipline of emergency management to be able to incorporate opportunities for students to bridge the gap between academia and practice with fostering an environment for service-learning and leadership.

For more information: Service-Learning and Leadership Special Interest Group hyperlink (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sllsig.aspx)

To join the SIG contact: Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov
of emergency management education. A SIG will provide a forum within the Higher Education community of interest to bring 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 serving as mentors to students and subject matter experts to practitioners. For more information and a list of SIGs [URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx].

**Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities**

**Student Intern, Emergency Management, Hackensack University Medical Center in Hackensack, NJ.**


**2019 Governor’s Hurricane Conference Student Presentation Application**
As part of the 2019 conference program, the Governor’s Hurricane Conference® (GHC) is hosting a workshop for students to present their original academic research on **Friday, May 17 from 10:30 a.m. – Noon.** Students currently enrolled in institutions of higher education and who have taken or are taking emergency management related courses are encouraged to submit an abstract for the 33rd Annual GHC in May. Presenting at the conference is a unique opportunity for students to share their emergency management knowledge and expertise with their student peers, conference participants and emergency management professionals. For more information go to http://flghc.org/.

**Employment**

**Federal Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:**
- Emergency Management Specialist, IM 02, CLOSE 2/26/2019, HHS-CDC-D5-19-10422931 [URL: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/524366200], Atlanta, GA
- Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery) (Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator Trainee), IC 13-14, CLOSE 3/5/2019, FEMA-19-NRC-264516-CORE [URL: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/524383400], Denver, CO; Kansas City, MO; Denton, TX; Bothell, WA
https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/524400200), Honolulu, HI; Chicago, IL; Boston, MA; New York, NY; Denton, TX.

- Assistant Administrator for Budget (Office of Chief Financial Officer), ES 00, CLOSE 03/08/2019, FEMA-19-KD-AAB-SES (URL: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/523590700), Washington, DC

Higher Education Vacancies:
- DePaul University (URL: https://facultyopportunities.depaul.edu/postings/2324) – Assistant Professor, Master of Public Health
- Elizabeth City State University (URL: https://jobs.ecsu.edu/postings/3237) – Adjunct, Homeland Security
- Slippery Rock University (URL: https://careers.sru.edu/postings/5514) – Faculty, Safety Management
- SUNY Canton (URL: http://www.canton.edu/human_resources/jobs/HR_job640.html) – Lecturer/Tenure Track Professor, Emergency Management

Resources


Summary for US

- 91,468 Total Dams
- 57 Average Age of Dam
- 74 % of High Hazard Potential Dam with an Emergency Action Plan
- 69 % of Dams Regulated by State Agency
- 5 % of Dams Regulated by Federal Agency
- 7 % of Dams with hydrant

All charts, queries and maps reflect the most current NID database. The NID was populated using the 116th Congressional District information. State and federal dam regulators provided their data from May to November 2018 for inclusion in the 2018 database. Please be aware that inspection and EAP dates reflect 2018 data, so any inspections or updates since then will not be reflected in the current NID. Please contact the respective state or federal regulatory authority for the most up-to-date information.
FEMA Region 10 is seeking 40 high-school aged youths representing Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska who will be selected to attend a Youth Preparedness Camp in Stanwood, Washington on 8/18-8/23. This will be an engaging and empowering way for teens to learn about and practice emergency preparedness. For more information go to https://www.fema.gov/region-x/community-preparedness.

Interested in earthquake risk-reduction activities at the state level? Find your state earthquake contact (URL: https://www.fema.gov/state-earthquake-contacts) responsible for coordinating efforts to reduce seismic risks in your area. You can also learn about earthquake grants (URL: https://www.fema.gov/earthquake-grants), including the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and download earthquake...
Publications (URL: https://www.fema.gov/earthquake-publications) of interest to individuals and families, teachers and kids, businesses, community planners, and building professionals and engineers.

View Do-It-Yourself earthquake mitigation videos (URL: https://www2.illinois.gov/iema/mitigation/pages/earthquakemitigationvideos.aspx), including tips on how to prepare your home utilities and safely store and secure items in your home.

To view previous editions of the Mitigation Minute, visit the HMA Communications webpage (URL: https://www.fema.gov/hma-communications) and select “Mitigation Minute” from the drop down menu.

The resources below compiled through a variety of sources and included here as 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.


Eight Years after Fukushima’s meltdown, the land is recovering, but public trust is not (URL: https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/eight-years-after-fukushimas-meltdown-the-land-is-recovering-but-public-trust-has-not/2019/02/19/0bb29756-255d-11e9-b5b4-1d18dfb7b084_story.html?utm_term=.c8185371d8fc)

Congress is Rethinking How to Use the Government’s Cyber Talent (URL: https://www.nextgov.com/cio-briefing/2019/02/congress-rethinking-how-use-governments-cyber-talent/154943/)


It’s time to rethink our approach to cybersecurity training (URL: https://fcw.com/articles/2019/02/20/cyber-reskilling-comment-hadley.aspx)

Keeping the lights on during and after a disaster (URL: http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20190213-keeping-the-lights-on-during-and-after-a-disaster)

Calendar

FEMA Emergency Management Institute Weekly EMI e-Forums

EMI e-Forums are 1-hour, moderated, webinar discussion forums that provide an opportunity for EMI and the emergency management community to discuss matters of interest on national preparedness training. EMI e-Forums facilitate a discussion of whole-community-presented best practices. The panel members are whole community, with topics relevant to whole community. This exchange of ideas are free of charge and available to anyone who wishes to participate.

Wednesdays in March 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT

Date: Topic:
3/6 Applying to Become a FEMA Reservist in the Training Cadre
3/13 Chat with EMI Deputy Superintendent Mike Sharon
The Individuals and Family Awareness Exercise is now available on the EARTH EX Registration site. Go to https://www.eiscouncil.org/earthex.aspx and select the Individual and Family Awareness Exercise to initiate play! This is a fun, fast-paced introduction to the subject of preparedness.

The Electric Infrastructure Security Council is pleased to make this interactive family-friendly Individual and Family Awareness Exercise available to everyone as part of the EARTH EX III/2019 exercise series. This exercise can be played at any time. Best played on a non-mobile device.

This exercise is a perfect way to introduce the issues that a Black Sky event would present to individuals and families. As concerns grow over the potential for severe malicious or natural Black Sky hazards, the time to prepare is now.

Coming next in the EARTH EX Series:
Community Leaders and Critical Employees Exercise – April 2019. Review your plans and key operational preparedness activities in preparation for a Black Sky event.

Team Preparedness and Response Exercise – June 2019
Prepare your team to be ready to play in the largest cross-sector exercise in the world. Review your policies and action plans to meet the challenges of a catastrophic Black Sky event. Align resources and teams.

Special Note: All exercises are self-facilitated and self-assessed. You can play as often as needed to develop your skills, plans, and policies to become more prepared and more resilient.

To Register for EARTH EX 2019 or the Individual and Family Awareness Exercise, go to https://www.eiscouncil.org/earthex.aspx.

EARTH EX III, 2019, the largest cross-sector exercise in history, will be available on 21 August 2019. Register now to play and gain access to valuable training materials as part of the exercise series.

Email earthex@eiscouncil.org with questions or for additional information.
Webinar: Resilience Starts with Financial Preparedness: Save For the Unexpected
During America Saves Week, the Association for Financial Counseling & Planning Education® (AFCPE®) and FEMA’s Individual and Community Preparedness Division are conducting a webinar on the importance of financial preparedness for emergencies and the best ways to prepare.

Join top financial preparedness experts Rebecca Wiggins, Executive Director, AFCPE® and Sara Croymans, AFC® Professional, AFCPE® on Wednesday, February 27th from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST

Register by using this link.
- Make sure to test your Adobe Connect (URL: https://fema.connectsolutions.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm) before the meeting.
- This event will include captioning.
- To learn more, contact FEMA-Prepare@fema.dhs.gov.

Seeking Youth Leaders for National Youth Preparedness Council
FEMA is accepting applicants for the Youth Preparedness Council. This program brings teens together from across the country who are interested and engaged in community preparedness. Council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, their efforts in making a difference in their communities and their potential to expand their impact as national leaders for emergency preparedness. Students in 8th through 11th grade are eligible to apply.

The Youth Preparedness Council offers opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a distinguished national council and participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit in Washington, D.C. During their two-year term, the youth leaders will complete both a local and national-level project and share their ideas regarding youth disaster preparedness with FEMA leadership and national organizations.

To access the application materials, read about the current Council members, and for more information, visit www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council (URL: https://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council). All applications and supporting materials must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PST, March 31.

Download the FEMA App (URL: https://www.fema.gov/mobile-app) to receive weather alerts from the NWS for up to five different locations anywhere in the U.S. Sign up via our free e-mail subscription service (URL: https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSFEMA/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDHSFEMA_149) to receive notifications and information updates.

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