Higher Education Program Manager’s Message

Good day emergency management & homeland security academics and friends!

As this week unfolds, my heart is filled with the gratitude of all the people that I have the privilege to work with in the emergency management academic discipline. This past Tuesday, I participated in the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Training and Education call. This monthly call is led by Cathy Clark from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety; she does an outstanding job of sharing information and inspiring conversation across the emergency management academic and practice communities. This week was rich in discussion with a couple of topics from the meeting I want to share.

First, I would like to recognize the hero’s effort of Judy Harmon CEM, emergency management faculty at Trinity Community College in Texas and veteran emergency management coordinator from Washington State, for her persistence to find a way to make research more accessible. She has employed the help of fellow committee members and emergency management colleagues over the past two plus years to develop a fact sheet template and process for translating research to apply to emergency management practice. This week, she reported a milestone in the process as she has begun to coordination with DeeDee Bennett, Ph.D. of the University of Albany homeland security and emergency management program, to provide students with academic credit for developing fact sheets. Completed fact sheets will be accessible to the emergency management community on the IAEM website. If you are interested in engaging your students in this activity, let us know and we will connect you to the effort.

The second topic that stood out to me was the notion of “horizontal integration.” It was brought up by Carolyn Harshman CEM, IAEM Region IX President and owner of Emergency Planning Consultants. She specifically shared thoughts on the importance of making space for other organizations in emergency management to connect with IAEM. She mentioned not only the National Emergency Managers Association (NEMA) (URL: https://www.nemaweb.org/) but also organizations such as the American Planning Association. Other organizations such as the American Society of Public Administrators (ASPA) (URL: https://www.aspanet.org/) and the National Academy of Public Administrators (URL:
https://www.napawash.org/working-groups/standing-panels/intergovernmental-systems/) were mentioned as having a nexus to emergency management interagency coordination as well. This topic is very important as in working together we will strengthen our resilience. The national system of emergency support functions (ESF) (URL: https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/25512) is a great framework for collaboration. Each ESF has primary and support organizations listed for each function. This framework has provided inspiration for states to align and customize as needed to facilitate horizontal collaboration to improve preparedness, response, recovery and resilience. What structures opportunities do you see in your communities to promote horizontal relationships and integration? What competencies are being taught in the classroom that build and grow emergency management student knowledge, skill and ability to foster, enable and sustain these relationships?

One of the efforts the Higher Education Program supports to build horizontal integration is our regional academic collaboration events. These events bring together emergency management and homeland security academics and practitioners to share efforts, build awareness and foster collaboration. Next Monday, I will be headed to Atlanta to host the Region IV engagement. We will meet for four hours and have over a dozen lightning round presentations (7-10 minutes each) sharing capabilities and successful practices followed by discussion of opportunities to support and leverage what is shared. I am very excited about this agenda and will fill you in on all I learn next week! Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and week ahead!

**Higher Education Program Update**

The next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, July 19, from 2-3 p.m. 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, Wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov with your discussion topics.

**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.

**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 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). To join a SIG, send an email to Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov or Danielle.Green@associates.fema.dhs.gov.
The 22nd Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, June 1-4, 2020, will be held at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg, MD. Hi Ed website (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/).

We have a few folders left from the 2019 Higher Education Symposium. If you would like to have one or more please send an email to Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov with name, mailing address and number of copies.

College List

The Higher Education Program keeps a list of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Higher Education Program 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.

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities


Scholarship Commission Seeks Applicants to Fill Commission Openings

The IAEM Scholarship Commission seeks applicants to fill several commission openings for the Class of 2021 (term ends in 2021). Interested applicants must be detailed-oriented, responsive to email and phone, and willing to devote at least 60 hours yearly to online reviews, online meetings, and fundraising. Commissioners must have an appreciation of students and the study of emergency management; understand the emergency management career field; possess experience in the field of emergency management and have demonstrated longevity; and be available to regularly attend online meetings and preferably the IAEM Annual Conference. IAEM is specifically looking for individuals representing the following categories: past scholarship recipient; IAEM-Global Student Council member; IAEM-Canada Council member; academia; IAEM member-at-large; scholarship donor; and scholarship founders’ family. Applications must be submitted by July 31, 2019, via email to IAEM Scholarship Program Director Dawn Shiley (mailto:shiley@iaem.com). The application must include a letter of intent expressing the desire to participate, the ability to devote the time to the program, and an explanation of why the applicant should be selected for the position being sought. In addition, the applicant must submit a current resume—two-page maximum. Questions may be directed to IAEM Scholarship Program Director Dawn Shiley For more information about the IAEM Scholarship Program (URL: https://www.iaem.org/Resources/Scholarships).
Federal Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Emergency Management Specialist (RAP Program Manager), NQ 04, CLOSE 6/24/2019, 19-NA-84-XA-01170-DEU (URL: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/536181300), Livermore, CA; Argonne, IL
- Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC 12, CLOSE 7/1/2019, FEMA-19-NRC-306090-CORE (URL: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/536826700), Sacramento, CA
- Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator (0089), ES 00, CLOSE 7/16/2019, FEMA-19-CS-FDRCPR-SES (URL: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/536830400), San Juan, PR

Higher Education Vacancies:

- Rutgers, The State University of New York (URL: https://jobs.rutgers.edu/postings/93656) – Faculty, Epidemiologist
  - University of Oregon (URL: http://careers.uoregon.edu/cw/en-us/job/524118/continuity-and-emergency-manager) – Continuity and Emergency Manager
- Western Carolina University (URL: https://jobs.wcu.edu/postings/11105) – Adjunct, Emergency & Disaster Management
## Resources

The resources below are 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.

**Drones Help in Early Detection of Forest Fires** (URL: http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20190618-drones-help-in-early-detection-of-forest-fires)

Homeland Security News Wire

**Educating the Public about Safe Handling of Fireworks** (URL: https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/coffee_break/060319.html)

U.S. Fire Administration


Government Technology

**Advanced Preparation for Hurricane Season Can Ease Recovery** (URL: https://www.govtech.com/em/preparedness/Advanced-Preparation-for-Hurricane-Season-Can-Ease-Recovery.html)

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FEMA Training Course Releases:

FEMA is pleased to announce the release of E/L 0962, E/L 0964, and E/L 0965

- **E/L 0962, NIMS ICS All-Hazards Planning Section Chief Course**: This course is designed to provide federal, state, and local-level emergency responders with an overview of key duties and responsibilities of a Planning Section Chief Type III in a Type III AHIMT.

- **E/L 0964, NIMS ICS All-Hazards Situation Unit Leaders Course**: This course is designed to provide federal, state, and local-level emergency responders with an overview of key duties and responsibilities of a Situation Unit Leader Type III in a Type III All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT).

- **E/L 0965, NIMS ICS All-Hazards Resources and Demobilization Unit Leaders Course**: This course is designed to provide federal, state, and local-level emergency responders with an overview of key duties and responsibilities of a Resources Unit Leader and a Demobilization Unit Leader in a Type 3 All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT).

EMI will be hosting a series of rollout webinars for our stakeholders, training partners, and instructors. The dates and times of the webinars:

- June 25, 2019 at 11:00 am (EST)
- June 25, 2019 at 3:00 pm (EST)
- June 27, 2019 at 11:00 am (EST)
- June 27, 2019 at 3:00 pm (EST)

The webinars will be presented in the NIMS ICS Training Forum - Adobe Connect platform here:

- NIMS ICS Training Forum (URL: http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=clic...)

How to Participate:

- Register on the Adobe Connect platform at NIMS ICS Training Forum
- NOTE: Please sign in as a guest using the following format: Last Name, First Name, ST (example: Patrick, Robert, MD)
- FEMA Teleconference call-in: 800-320-4330, PIN 884976
The Pacific Risk Management ‘Ohana (PRiMO) conference, September 24–25, 2019, American Samoa Community College. PRiMO is the premier venue for community leaders interested in protecting Pacific Island communities from natural hazards. The diverse group of attendees includes heads of state, representatives from business, nonprofits, and environmental groups, and concerned citizens. Topics range from water quality to disaster management and economic sustainability.

For more information and to register (URL: https://coast.noaa.gov/primo/conference/?content=2019).

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