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FEMA Releases DC HSEMA ICS-300 Blended/Asynchronous Course Materials

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) is pleased to host course materials for jurisdictions interested in a virtual approach to ICS-300 delivery. The District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (DC HSEMA) developed the course, which EMI has validated as meeting all requirements in the Program of Instruction.

EMI will host a Zoom session which provides a course overview and an opportunity to ask questions. This session is limited to the first 300 participants. The target audience is state, local, tribal, territorial (SLTT) training points of contact and federal training partners. Training POCs can access the course materials on the [G Course Material Site \(https://training.fema.gov/gstate/login.aspx?path=/gstate/default.aspx\)](https://training.fema.gov/gstate/login.aspx?path=/gstate/default.aspx) under the "G-0300" folder.

Zoom Session Information

August 19, 2021 at 2:00 PM (Eastern)

Join the ZoomGov Meeting

<https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/1619757035>

Meeting ID: 161 975 7035 Passcode: 155761

International Association of Emergency Managers Pre-conference Training

EMI will be offering, in-person pre-conference training during the 2021 International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Conference and Expo in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The following is a list of courses, with their associated dates:

- October 15-17 **L102 Science of Disasters**
- October 16 and 17 **L0191 EOC/ICS Interface (there are 2 one-day offerings)**

- October 16-17 **L0146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)**
- October 16-17 **L0318 Local Hazard Mitigation Planning**

For additional information and registration please see the following website: [Home - IAEM Annual Conference 2020 \(https://www.iaem.org/usconf\)](https://www.iaem.org/usconf)

Highlights and News from EMI

Best Practices Supplement Attached: EMIs Preparedness Branch processes course applications and end of course packages as quickly as possible. To assist State, Local, Tribal, Territorial (SLTT) and Federal Agency partners to achieve their NIMS training goals, EMI asks that training requestors follow the simple "best practices" detailed in the supplement. For questions, email emi-nims-icstraining@fema.dhs.gov.

From the EMI Branches

Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP):

EMPP continues to offer a full slate of Basic Academy courses, both on campus (E) and online (K) courses on the following dates:

- August 9-12 **K0103 Planning Course** (online)
- August 16-27 **K0101 Foundations Course** (online)
- August 17-26 **K0102 Science of Disasters** (online)
- August 23-26 **K0146 (HSEEP)** (online)
- August 30-September 2 **K0146 HSEEP** (online)
- September 14-23 **K0105 Public Information Basics** (online)
- September 22-24 **E0102 Science of Disasters** (on campus)



- September 27-28 **E0103 Planning Course** (on campus)
- September 29-October 1 **E0105 Public Information Basics** (on campus)

The Advanced Academy and Executive Academy concluded the 2022 Selection Panel in late June. The Selection Panel results went out to applicants the last week of July and those selected to an EMI Cohort for 2022 have been notified. Out of 151 total applicants, 75 were selected for the 2 cohorts in the Advanced Academy, and 32 were selected for the lone Executive Academy cohort.

The Master Public Information Officer Selection Panel also met in July and selected 23 highly qualified candidates for the 2022 Master Public Information Officer course. Those candidates who were selected for the 2022 Cohort were notified in late July.

The Advanced Academy has scheduled fiscal year 2022 field deliveries in the following FEMA Regions (the training site is in parentheses):

- FEMA Region IV (Nashville, Tennessee)
- FEMA Region VI (Austin, Texas)
- FEMA Region IX (Clovis, California)

If you are interested in hosting a field delivery of the Advanced Academy in fiscal year 2023, please notify the Advanced Academy Program Manager, Mr. Doug Kuhn, at douglas.kuhn@fema.dhs.gov.

Mitigation:

The EMI Mitigation Branch welcomed a new employee on July 19. Mr. Arthur Vault comes to the Emergency Management Institute as a Training Specialist. Art was born and raised in Miami, Florida, and spent most of his life in the state. Upon graduation from college he moved to the Atlanta area.



Professionally, Art has a background in education where he worked in state systems with curriculum and instruction as well as in the private sector with a chemical company educating companies in emergency management and safety/security processes, guidelines, and procedures. He has a bachelor's degree from Florida State University, a master's degree from

Jacksonville State University, and a specialist certification in curriculum and instruction from Piedmont College.

Please welcome Art to the FEMA family.

Dam Safety Courses: EMI Recently released a trio of new Dam Safety Independent Study courses:

- **IS0874 Introduction to Seepage and Internal Erosion and the Emergency Response to Seepage-related Dam Risks**
- **IS0875 Identifying, Monitoring and Addressing Seepage and Internal Erosion at Dams**
- **IS0876 Evaluating and Analysis of Internal Erosion and Seepage Conditions at Dams**

These three courses focus on how to determine if there are seepage and internal erosion issues and how to respond to mitigate these serious concerns with our nation's dams and levees. They were developed and implemented in partnership with the FEMA National Dam Safety Program Office and EMI. More information can be found at: <https://training.fema.gov/is/>.

The revised **IS922.A Applications of GIS for Emergency Management** is now available. The goal of this course is to explore how GIS technology can support the emergency management community. More information can be found at: <https://training.fema.gov/is/>.

LK0318 Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Training is the foundational course for FEMA's Mitigation Planning Program. It is designed to teach local officials, emergency managers, planners, and other partners how to develop hazard mitigation plans that not only meet FEMA's requirements, but also are effective tools for community risk reduction.

This is a comprehensive update of **G0318 Mitigation Planning for Local Governments** course usually delivered by states. This new edition is a standardized national course taught by FEMA in collaboration with states. Attendees may earn EMI continuing education units (CEUs) and the training is available for both mobile (L0318) and virtual delivery (K0318). L0318 is presented in person over two days. K0318 provides the same material delivered virtually in four half-day increments. States or other partners may add region-specific content or additional remarks and presentations by may be included. **Note: The G0318 course will be archived. Please refer State Training Offices to the contact information below to request an L or K offering of this updated material.**



To request the **L/K0318 Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Training** course, send a Training Request Form to the fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov.

Building Science Program: Many Building Science course offerings were suspended for over a year due the pandemic, and offerings this year are limited. There are three **PILOT** course offerings currently on the schedule:

- **K0219 Mitigation Assessment Team (MAT) Workshop** is scheduled September 9. This is a one-day virtual course offering with the goal to cover the impact of natural hazards on structures and related infrastructure, MAT damage assessment, information contained in MAT Reports, and how to apply lessons learned to strengthen buildings to mitigate future disaster related damages.
- **E0312 Fundamentals of Building Science: Multi-hazard Mitigation Design Concepts** which is scheduled September 20-23, 2021, on the EMI campus. This 4-day course covers the mitigation design concepts for flood, wind, seismic, and wildfire hazards. **This is the ONLY offering of this course scheduled this year.** The next offering is not scheduled until July 2022.
- **E0386 Residential Coastal Construction** is scheduled October 4 – 7 on the EMI campus. This is a 4-day course aimed at providing engineers, architects, community building officials and code administrators training in planning, siting, design, construction, and maintenance of coastal residential structures. The next offering is not scheduled until April 2022.

As a reminder, FEMA Floodplain Management Division (FPMD) in coordination with EMI, continues to offer the **K1274 Closing the Gap Training Course**. This course is for current E/L0273 instructors wishing to maintain their instructor qualification for teaching at the FEMA, state, and local levels. There are only two more offerings of this course scheduled before it is retired. The course dates are August 16-20, and October 25-28, 2021. These are virtual offerings for maximum access for all that require this training. **Note: At least 10 participants are required for these offerings to be held.**

For questions about eligibility to participate, please contact Michael Gumpert, FPMD, Training Coordinator at: michael.gumpert@fema.dhs.gov.

Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Two Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant courses are scheduled for

delivery at EMI in September. The two classes - **E0213 HMA: Application Review and Evaluation** and **E0214 HMA: Project Implementation and Closeout** are scheduled for September 27-28 and September 29-30 respectively. **NOTE: prospective students need to apply for both courses within the same week to be accepted.** These two courses, along with the prerequisite course: **E0212 HMA: Developing Quality Application Elements**, make up a series of courses that instructs students to apply for, implement, and closeout a Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant. Seats are still available.

FEMA employees need to register through the DTS to be considered for acceptance into these courses.

Hazus: Seats are still available in the last offerings of the following Hazus courses:

- September 13-16 **E0177 Advanced Hazus Applications**
- September 20-23 **E0317 Comprehensive Data Management System for Hazus**

For more information about these courses, refer to the [EMI Course Catalog](https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frts/nppccatalog?catalog=EMI) (<https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frts/nppccatalog?catalog=EMI>).

Higher Education: The pilot offering of **L0363 Multi-Hazard Emergency Management for Higher Education** was completed at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY, July 13-15. The final updated materials will be implemented for the FY22 offerings. Reminder: This course uses an annual application process for selection of host venues. The timeline for FY22 applications will be communicated later this year.

Geographic Information System (GIS): The pilot of the updated **E0190 ArcGIS for Emergency Managers** course will be conducted October 25-28, 2021 at EMI.

For more information about these courses, refer to the [EMI Course Catalog](https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frts/nppccatalog?catalog=EMI) (<https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frts/nppccatalog?catalog=EMI>).

Please refer anyone interested in applying for any of these courses to the NETC Online Admissions Application at https://training.fema.gov/netc_online_admissions/.

Preparedness:

E/L/K0449 ICS Train-the-Trainer Prerequisites:

Starting in Fiscal Year 2022 (October 2021), the requirement for the most current prerequisite courses



includes ICS 300 and ICS 400 or the Instructor Test for ICS 300 (IT-300) and ICS 400 (IT-400). The **E/L/K0449** is a capstone course and not an entry course. We are fielding many questions on how to manage this new requirement. First, the Instructor Tests were a tool for current instructors to demonstrate currency on the updated NIMS concepts as they applied to ICS 300 and ICS 400. They were retired in December of 2020, eight months after they were initiated. The expectation now is that potential instructors, that meet all the requirements in the **NIMS Training Program**, help deliver ICS 300 and ICS 400 with fully qualified instructors. They can roster themselves in the courses, take the exam, and get an updated certificated from their respective agency. This is the process we are following with new FEMA instructors. This serves to give the new instructors the prerequisite knowledge of how the deliveries flow and set them up for success in the **E/L/K0449**.

When screening applications, we will assume that any certificate with a date starting on 1 May 2019 is the most current version. It is up to the head of the organization to ensure that this is met. Students attending the course will be tested on the 2019 version of both courses.

NIMS ICS Position-Specific Train-the-Trainer (TTT): TTT classes will be deployed via the virtual (“K”) course code by the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg MD. Below is the complete list of courses:

Course #	Course Title	Dates
K0949	Communications Unit Leader TtT	Nov 1-5, 2021
K0953	Public Information Officer TtT	Jan 25-28, 2022
K0955	Safety Officer TtT	Feb 14-18, 2022
K0957	Liaison Officer TtT	Mar 7-9, 2022
K0959	Operations Section Chief TtT	May 16-20, 2022
K0951	Incident Commander TtT	Apr 4-8, 2022
K0963	Planning Section Chief TtT	Apr 25-29, 2022
K0968	Logistics Section Chief TtT	Jun 6-10, 2022
K0962	Planning Section Chief (Pilot)	Jul 11-15, 2022
K0988	Intro to Air Ops TTT	Aug 1-2, 2022

K0989	Air Group Sup TtT	Aug 3-5, 2022
K0978	Situation Unit Leader TtT	Aug 15-19, 2022
K0974	Finance/Administration Section Chief TtT	Sept 19-23, 2022

For more information, go to: [Training Opportunity 1670 - NIMS ICS Position Specific TTT Courses for Academic Year 2022 \(fema.gov\)](https://training.fema.gov/emigrams/2021/1670%20%20-%20training%20opportunity%20-%20nims%20ics%20position%20specific%20ttt%20courses%20for%20academic%20year%202022.pdf?d=7/23/2021)
<https://training.fema.gov/emigrams/2021/1670%20%20-%20training%20opportunity%20-%20nims%20ics%20position%20specific%20ttt%20courses%20for%20academic%20year%202022.pdf?d=7/23/2021>

Courses in Development:

New Courses

Course #	Course Title	Release
IS0236	Planning Stakeholder Awareness	Aug 2021
E/L/K 2302	Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Leaders Skillset Course	Aug 2021

Course Revisions

Course #	Course Title	Status
IS0922.a	Applications of GIS for Emergency Management	Live

For More Information:

- **EMI Course Catalog**
https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frtserver/catalogs/EMI_course_catalog.pdf?_id=1603823874749
- **EMI Course Schedule**
<https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx>
- **EMI Programs and Activities**
<https://training.fema.gov/programs>
- **State Training Officers Contact Listing**
<https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx>
- **Independent Study Program FAQs**
<https://training.fema.gov/is/isfaq.aspx>

Current Training Opportunities:

Please refer to the [EMI Course Schedule](https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx>) for a complete list of upcoming course offerings.



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