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### EMI 70th Anniversary and National Preparedness Month

As part of the EMI 70th Anniversary, please join us for an update on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS) Core and Position Specific courses. We will be providing updates on the status and direction of ongoing projects for both curricula. We are hosting two Zoom sessions on September 24th at 11:00 am Eastern and 3:00 pm Eastern.

#### Zoom Session Information

**September 24, 2021 at 11:00 am (Eastern)**

<https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/1609846855>

**Meeting ID:** 160 984 6855 **Passcode:** 107780

**September 24, 2021 at 3:00 pm (Eastern)**

<https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/1614175054>

**Meeting ID:** 161 417 5054 **Passcode:** 958682

### 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 – **L0102 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

**EMI Hazus Program Training to be Discontinued for Significant Updates:** The Hazus program has plans to significantly change the modeling suite of tools in the coming years to meet new challenges and programmatic goals, which will require continual program wide changes to all Hazus training, documentation, outreach, and guidance materials on a regular basis. This will continue to make it challenging to update these traditional format Hazus course materials through EMI and Workforce Development Division (WDD) in a timely manner to meet the needs of the FEMA and Hazus user community. For this reason, The Hazus Program Office has decided to discontinue all Hazus training offerings through EMI and WDD permanently after FY21. Efforts to modify personnel position task books are underway to ensure there is no negative impact to FEMA personnel requiring Hazus specific training to maintain deployment qualifications.

This has been a great partnership for a very long time, and the program office did not reach this decision lightly. The decision focused on the program rapidly evolving requiring continual and frequent science and technology updates, necessitating the need to make information readily available to Hazus practitioners and end users. Other mediums for providing Hazus guidance, training, documentation, and best practices to the Hazus user community outside of EMI will be communicated through the FEMA Hazus Resources page located at: <https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/tools-resources/flood-map-products/hazus/resources>. Please contact the [Hazus Team](mailto:FEMA-Hazus-Support@fema.dhs.gov) ([FEMA-Hazus-Support@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Hazus-Support@fema.dhs.gov)) directly with questions and concerns and/or for additional technical assistance.



## From the EMI Branches

### ***Integrated Emergency Management (IEM):***

**Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP):** Reminder, the pilot phase of the new 2020 HSEEP training material ends September 15, 2021. All RTMs and STOs have access to the new HSEEP training material through the EMI Instructor Materials Download Application (IMDA) site. Please email any comments or IMDA access issues to [steven.cardinal@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:steven.cardinal@fema.dhs.gov). The goal is to roll out version 2.0 of the HSEEP training material in October. Email any doctrine comments to [hseep@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:hseep@fema.dhs.gov).

**Integrated Emergency Management Courses (IEMC):** On October 4-7, 2021, EMI will be hosting an Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC) E0930 for Sullivan County, TN at the NETC in Emmitsburg, MD. Sullivan County's objectives for their course include:

- Developing interagency training collaboration with the county and its municipalities the Cities of Kingsport and Bristol
- Strengthen interoperability of their communication capabilities
- Review existing Recovery plans and use the exercises to identify gaps

**Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) Program:** *“The fire department responds quickly to the derailment. The Incident Commander (IC) assesses the situation and notes that one tank car has been severely damaged and is leaking product considerably. Fuming liquid is streaming from the leaking tank car; some liquid is evaporating immediately while some is lightly collecting on the soil (with diesel fuel and oil from the locomotive). There is a low cloud of product directly next to the locomotive.”*

This is just a portion of our upcoming Virtual Tabletop Exercise, which is going to focus on the derailment of a train carrying chlorine. The scenario is based partly on the 2005 Graniteville, South Carolina release of an estimated 11,500 gallons of chlorine gas, which caused nine deaths.

VTTX is a great way to review your procedures, ensure participants know their role in an event, or to update your response/recovery policies. This VTTX will be broadcasted via Adobe Connect on September 14, 15 & 16 (as separate events) from EMI. To obtain additional information or to register your group to participate,

contact [douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov). The VTTX web page is <https://training.fema.gov/programs/emivttx.aspx>.

### ***Mitigation:***

**K0212 Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Developing Quality Application Elements** is scheduled to be delivered September 20-24, 2021. This five-day course, meeting from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET daily, will be taught online through the Adobe Connect virtual training platform. It is intended for those who are interested in developing mitigation planning and project grant application elements for the Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs. This includes individuals at the state, local, tribal, and territorial levels of governments and private non-profit organizations that are eligible applicants or sub-applicants under HMA grants; and FEMA employees assigned to HMA grant activities. Interested students can apply for this course at: <https://training.fema.gov/generaladmissionsapplication/startapplication.aspx>

### **Pilot Offerings within the Building Science Curriculum:**

- **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 damages. This class is currently full; however, a waitlist has been started.
- **E0312 Fundamentals of Building Science: Multi-hazard Mitigation Design Concepts** is scheduled September 20 - 23 at 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. There are still seats available for this training.
- **E0386 Residential Coastal Construction** is scheduled October 4 – 7 at the EMI campus. This 4-day course is designed to provide 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. Seats are still available for this training.



**Pilot Offering of EL0190:** The updated EL0190 ArcGIS for Emergency Managers course is scheduled for its pilot delivery October 25-28, 2021 at EMI. The goal of this course is to explore how geographic information system (GIS) technology can support the emergency management community. Please direct all personnel wishing to attend to the [NETC Online Admissions Application](https://training.fema.gov/generaladmissionsapplication/staticforms/startapplication.aspx). (<https://training.fema.gov/generaladmissionsapplication/staticforms/startapplication.aspx>)

**New and Revised Hazard Mitigation Planning Courses:** FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Planning training organization worked with the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) to complete a suite of foundational trainings designed to help state, local, tribal, and territorial governments plan for and reduce risk. As each of these audiences have different requirements, each training is specifically tailored to the audience. Together, these trainings provide hazard mitigation plan developers and stakeholders the information they need to create effective mitigation plans that meet FEMA's requirements.

**L/K0318 Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Training** is the flagship training and reaches the widest audience. This course was recently modernized and includes guidance communities can use to craft plans that are used effectively to navigate their mitigation journey. This course is for local officials, emergency managers, planners, and other partners who are involved in hazard mitigation planning. Consultants who assist in developing hazard mitigation plans may also participate. The Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Training was updated to be more relevant (describing the "why" of mitigation, and its connection with resilience) and emphasizing the Program priorities (e.g. plan integration and implementation). The updated course gives trainers the flexibility to complete the course over two full days, or multiple days split between several sessions. To make the training as appropriate as possible, some sections are customizable. This gives the regions the ability to tailor the information to fit the hazards, vulnerabilities and actions facing their audiences. An ideal L/Ko318 delivery would be done jointly between FEMA and states.

**L0329 State Mitigation Planning Training** is a comprehensive two-day course that gives state and territorial mitigation planners the information they need to have a strong state mitigation plan that supports local and tribal planning. A self-paced, [independent study version \(IS0329\)](https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS0329) (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=>

[IS-329](https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-329)) provides a basic overview for people new to state mitigation planning. Both versions of the state training are designed for state emergency management agency staff, state agencies that have participated or will participate in plan updates, state mitigation advisory committee members, non-governmental partners and organizations and regional planning organizations.

**IS350 Tribal Hazard Mitigation Planning Training:** Finally, to ensure ease of access to the information by the nation's tribal communities EMI added this new independent study course to the suite of courses. This training is based on the 2017 Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide and the 2018 Tribal Mitigation Planning Handbook. This online course broadens the availability of tribal mitigation planning training and is intended for tribal government officials, planners and other partners involved in tribal hazard mitigation planning.

If you're interested in attending or obtaining additional information on these courses please contact the community planner in the [appropriate FEMA regional office](https://www.fema.gov/about/contact#regions) (<https://www.fema.gov/about/contact#regions>) or the general Mitigation Planning Program mailbox, [FEMA-mitigation-planning@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-mitigation-planning@fema.dhs.gov). If you are interested in hosting a field offering of any of these courses, please submit a training request form to the EMI Mitigation Inbox at: [fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov).

**K1274 – Closing the Gap Training Course for E0273 Instructors:** The scheduled offerings have been completed. If you missed your chance to become a Senior Instructor and are still interested, please refer to FPMD's *Instructor Lifecycle and L Course Application Policy* or contact the NFIP Training Coordinator, Michael Gumpert at [michael.gumpert@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:michael.gumpert@fema.dhs.gov). You are welcome to copy the EMI Mitigation Branch inbox at [fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov).

**Risk Rating 2.0 Training:** FEMA's Federal Insurance Directorate is hosting training on Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action.

All current 0273 Instructors are asked to watch the Risk Rating 2.0 Fundamentals, a 2-hour recorded webinar you can view at your own convenience or attend the Webinar Wednesday event series below. Additional information concerning any mandatory training requirements will be released from the Floodplain Program Management Division (FPMD).

This is a four-part series that will introduce the fundamentals of Risk Rating 2.0 and the details of the



rating methodology which will greatly assist you in the delivery of upcoming 0273 deliveries. It is recommended you take the training sessions in the order listed below.

- RR 2.0 Fundamentals – Webinar  
<http://h2o.adobeconnect.com/p1yztovhy4b7/>
- Rating methodology 1 – Premium calculation variables (Zoom)
- Rating methodology 2 – Mitigation Credits and other variables (Zoom)
- Rating Methodology 3 – Transition of policies, use cases, and rating examples (Zoom)

**When:** Every Wednesday, beginning Wednesday, July 21 through November 3, 2021 Time: 1:00pm – 3:00 pm ET

**Where:** You can attend these webinars at:  
<https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/16112089704>,

**Meeting ID: 161-1208-9704; Passcode: 127630.**

There is no registration requirement for these training sessions, but the room size is limited to the first 350 participants for each session. If you are unable to attend a session, please try for the next offering of that session.

### Schedule of training sessions:

**September 8** – Methodology 3, Transition of policies, use cases, and examples

**September 15** – RR 2.0 Fundamentals

**September 22** – Methodology 1, Premium calculation variables

**September 29** – Methodology 2, Mitigation Credits and other variables

**October 6** – Methodology 3, Transition of policies, use cases, and examples

**October 13** – RR 2.0 Fundamentals

**October 20** – Methodology 1, Premium calculation variables

**October 27** – Methodology 2, Mitigation Credits and other variables

**November 3** – Methodology 3, Transition of policies, use cases, and examples

Reach out to your Regional Flood Insurance Liaison or go to [Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/risk-rating) (<https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/risk-rating>) or [FloodSmart | Risk Rating 2.0](https://agents.floodsmart.gov/agents-guide/risk-rating) (<https://agents.floodsmart.gov/agents-guide/risk-rating>) for more information on Risk Rating 2.0.

### **Preparedness:**

#### **Virtual ICS Train-the-Trainer (K0449) course dates for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY2022):**

- October 25-29, 2021
- February 7-11, 2022
- March 21-25, 2022
- August 8-12, 2022
- September 19-23, 2022

#### **To Apply:**

Visit: **NETC Online Application**

(<https://training.fema.gov/generaladmissionsapplication/staticforms/startapplication.aspx>)

#### **To Review the Course Requirements:**

Visit: **EMI Course Catalog**

([https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frtserver/catalog/s/EMI\\_course\\_catalog.pdf?\\_id=1603823874749](https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frtserver/catalog/s/EMI_course_catalog.pdf?_id=1603823874749))

**NIMS ICS Position-Specific Train-the-Trainer (TTT):** classes will be deployed as virtual (“K”) courses by EMI in Emmitsburg MD. Below is the complete list of courses:

Crs #	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 about these offerings, go to: [Training Opportunity 1670 - NIMS ICS Position Specific TTT Courses for Academic Year 2022](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>)



## ***Response and Recovery (R&R):***

### **G0205 Recovery from Disaster: Local Community**

**Roles:** EMI’s R&R Branch is proud to announce that the newly updated Instructor Guide (IG), Student Manual (SM), Reference Library, Handouts (posters), visuals, and assessments for the course are now available on the G-course website for all State, Tribal, and Territorial Training Officers and Regional Training Managers. We have trimmed down the contact hours so that the course can be taught in 13 hours (2 days) instead of 17 hours (2.5 days). This change was in response to feedback from instructors who have taught the course the last several years. We hope the changes make the materials more useful for your local jurisdictions.

To quickly bring Training Managers for Regions, States, Tribal Nations, and Territories up to speed on the revisions to the materials, as well as to share best practices for delivering the materials, EMI has scheduled 2 Zoom sessions at the following times:

### **Zoom Session Dates and Times**

**Wednesday, September 8, 1 – 4 pm (Eastern)**

**Tuesday, September 14, 4 – 7 pm (Eastern)**

Please contact the EMI R&R Branch for the Zoom details for the session best fits your schedule. [fema-emi-RandR@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-emi-RandR@fema.dhs.gov).

EMI’s R&R Branch is also working with Region 6 to develop a pre-disaster recovery planning course specific to the needs and requirements of tribal nations. EMI plans to pilot test the course at a tribal summit in New Mexico the last week of October. If you are interested in contributing to this project, please contact [Dianne Walbrecker](mailto:dianne.walbrecker@fema.dhs.gov) at [dianne.walbrecker@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:dianne.walbrecker@fema.dhs.gov).

If you are a State, Tribal Nation, or Territorial Training Officer and need information about or access to the G-Course web site, please contact [fema-G-courses@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-G-courses@fema.dhs.gov).

## ***Human Resources and Finance Branch (HR/Finance)***



**On July 4, the HR/Finance Branch welcomed new employee, Management & Program Analyst, Janis West.** Mrs. West transferred to FEMA from Letterkenny Army Depot (LEAD) where she worked in the Directorate of Supply and

Transportation as a General Supply Specialist and Traffic Management Specialist. In these capacities, she supported our soldiers both in the US and overseas by shipping the major-end and secondary supplies that they needed to perform their duties.

Prior to working at LEAD, she spent 7 years working with the American Red Cross assisting with blood drives, disaster preparedness, service to military and CPR/First Aid classes. Mrs. West will be supporting EMI by managing purchase card acquisitions for equipment, furniture, licenses, training, and other employee requirements and supplies and by providing oversight and guidance on staff travel.

## **Courses in Development:**

### ***Revised Courses***

Course #	Course Title	Release
IS0240.c	Leadership and Influence	Aug 2021
IS0241.c	Decision Making and Problem Solving	Aug 2021
IS0242.c	Effective Communication	Aug 2021

### ***Course Approved for Virtual Delivery***

Course #	Course Title	Status
ELK0141	Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills	Live



## For More Information:

- **EMI Course Catalog**  
[https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/firtserver/catalogs/EMI\\_course\\_catalog.pdf?\\_id=1603823874749](https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/firtserver/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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Preparedness	fema-emi-prepbranch@fema.dhs.gov
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