Monthly Newsletter

State Training Officer (STO) Updates Needed

EMI is enhancing our website and would like to ensure that where the STO information is maintained is accurate. All STOs are asked to review the information at the following link, State Training Officers Contact listing (*https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx*). Please ensure that your information and your alternate's information are correct. If changes are needed, please send your updated information to the EMI Action Office by email to: *emiactionoffice@fema.dhs.gov*.

FEMA National Exercise Program Now Accepting Requests for Exercise Support

FEMA's National Exercise Program is accepting requests for exercise support. To be considered for the 2023 round of the National Exercise Program, submissions are due by June 1. This will be the only opportunity to request exercise support in 2023. For jurisdictions not ready to submit a request at this time, the National Exercise Program will hold another exercise support round in 2024.

Instructions for how to submit a request for support are on the National Exercise Program Website (*http://www.fema.gov/nep*). Applications are open to all state, local, tribal, and territorial governments but new applicants, especially those from underserved jurisdictions, are urged to apply.

The National Exercise Program is a cycle of exercises across the nation that examine and validate capabilities in all preparedness mission areas. The National Exercise Program offers state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions no-cost assistance for exercise design, development, conduct, and evaluation to validate capabilities across all mission areas.

In April, FEMA will host webinars to discuss the exercise support process. All webinars will offer the same content. To see all webinar dates and to register, please visit the webinar registration page (*https://femacqpub1.connectsolutions.com/content/connect/c1/7/en/events/catalog.html?folder-id=174556411&from-origin=fema.connectsolutions.com*). National Exercise Program staff are available to answer your specific exercise support application questions. Write to: *NEP@fema.dhs.gov* and include "2023 Exercise Support Question" in the

subject line. Program staff will be in contact with you to answer your question and send you an invitation to our weekly online office hours.

News from the EMI Branches

Preparedness:

Incident Management Team Training Courses at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC): For widest broadcast possible for your Incident Management Team efforts. There will be three upcoming offers of the 0305 (R0305) Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management Team on campus - [Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management Team](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10844) (*https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10844*) at the National Fire Academy (NFA) at NETC in Emmitsburg.

Dates:
- June 11 - 16, 2023
- July 30, 2023 - August 4, 2023
- August 13 - 18, 2023

Two upcoming offers of the 0310 (R0310) Type 3 Incident Management Team/Organization — All-Hazard Facilitator Development on campus - [Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management Team](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10574) (*https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10574*).

This is the Train-the-Trainer for the 0305 IMT Training Course.

Dates:
- June 11 - 16, 2023
- July 30, 2023 - August 4, 2023

Recommend you take advantage as this is a major need for our potential Position-Specific audience. These are stipend eligible deliveries.

For more information, the course manager, Richard Sexton, can be contacted at: *richard.sexton@fema.dhs.gov*.

National Qualification System (NQS) Informational Webinars: The FEMA National Integration Center and the FEMA Emergency Management Institute NIMS Training staff will be presenting a series of 1-hour NQS informational webinars for State, Territorial, Tribal and local (SLTT) Training Officers, NIMS coordinators and NQS implementers on April 10th, 11th and 13th, 2023. The purpose of the webinars is to discuss NQS implementation best practices, and address questions from SLTT partners related to Phase 1 of the NQS Implementation Objectives. The desired outcome is for SLTT partners to gain a better understanding of NQS implementation. The format for the webinars will be primarily focused on discussions of implementation questions submitted by participants. Registration is separated by FEMA Regions with dates and times as follows:

- April 10th 1-2pm EST [National Qualification System (NQS) Informational Webinars - FEMA Regions 1-4](https://urldefense.us/v3/__https:/femacqpub1.connectsolutions.com/content/connect/c1/7/en/events/event/shared/153069038/event_landing.html?sco-id=249485140__;!!BClRuOV5cvtbuNI!TRaXiNjWEXmEpVdd5cbU0-5E8vDC7C5vM_hur2yOIx2968ixVqnG_ut8VMssUzgJS7auLxK3qA$) (https://urldefense.us/v3/__https:/femacqpub1.connectsolutions.com/content/connect/c1/7/en/events/event/shared/153069038/event_landing.html?sco-id=249485140__;!!BClRuOV5cvtbuNI!TRaXiNjWEXmEpVdd5cbU0-5E8vDC7C5vM_hur2yOIx2968ixVqnG_ut8VMssUzgJS7auLxK3qA$)

- April 11th 2-3pm EST [National Qualification System (NQS) Informational Webinars - FEMA Regions 5-7](https://urldefense.us/v3/__https:/femacqpub1.connectsolutions.com/content/connect/c1/7/en/events/event/shared/153069038/event_landing.html?sco-id=249449763&preview=true__;!!BClRuOV5cvtbuNI!TRaXiNjWEXmEpVdd5cbU0-5E8vDC7C5vM_hur2yOIx2968ixVqnG_ut8VMssUzgJS7ZxiGxmVA$) (https://urldefense.us/v3/__https:/femacqpub1.connectsolutions.com/content/connect/c1/7/en/events/event/shared/153069038/event_landing.html?sco-id=249449763&preview=true__;!!BClRuOV5cvtbuNI!TRaXiNjWEXmEpVdd5cbU0-5E8vDC7C5vM_hur2yOIx2968ixVqnG_ut8VMssUzgJS7ZxiGxmVA$)

- April 13th 5-6pm EST [National Qualification System (NQS) Informational Webinars - FEMA Regions 8-10](https://urldefense.us/v3/__https:/femacqpub1.connectsolutions.com/content/connect/c1/7/en/events/event/shared/153069038/event_landing.html?sco-id=249485373__;!!BClRuOV5cvtbuNI!TRaXiNjWEXmEpVdd5cbU0-5E8vDC7C5vM_hur2yOlx2968ixVqnG_ut8VMssUzgJS7bAzVCVtw$) (https://urldefense.us/v3/__https:/femacqpub1.connectsolutions.com/content/connect/c1/7/en/events/event/shared/153069038/event_landing.html?sco-id=249485373__;!!BClRuOV5cvtbuNI!TRaXiNjWEXmEpVdd5cbU0-5E8vDC7C5vM_hur2yOlx2968ixVqnG_ut8VMssUzgJS7bAzVCVtw$)

Mitigation:

Building Science:

The pilot offering of the E0279 Retrofitting Floodprone Residential Buildings course is scheduled for May 1 - 4, 2023, on the EMI campus. Registration is open. For additional information on any of these courses, email the EMI Mitigation Branch at: *fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov.*

Pending Courses for Deactivation and Retirement: Below is a list of Mitigation courses that are pending being made Inactive until updated due to the content being outdated as well as courses that are pending being retired due to outdated content that is not planned to be maintained. If you have any concerns about this change in status for these courses, please send your comments to the EMI Mitigation mailbox at: *fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov*. **The deadline for accepting comments is April 14, 2023**. After that time a final decision will be made on the status of these courses.

Pending Courses to be made INACTIVE	
Course Code	Course Title
E0293	Mitigation Plan Review Reference Manual
EG0282	Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts II
EL0190	ArcGIS for Emergency Managers
EL0194	Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts
EL0274	Understanding Floodplain Data through Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
EL0284	Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts III
G0194.1	Local Floodplain Manager Roles and Responsibilities
G0194.2	National Flood Insurance Program Rules and Regulations in Depth
G0194.3	Letters of Map Change
G0194.4	Preparing for Post-Disaster Responsibilities
G0277	Residential Coastal Construction
G0282.1	Higher Standards in Floodplain Management
G0282.2	Manufactured Homes and the National Flood Insurance Program
G0282.3	National Flood Insurance Program Flood Insurance Principles
G0282.4	Hydrology and Hydraulics Concepts
G0284.1	Floodway Standards
G0284.2	Disconnects Between the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations and Insurance
G0284.3	Common Noncompliance Issues
G0284.4	Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps
G0284.5	Substantial Improvement/Substantial Damage
IS0030.b	Mitigation eGrants System for the Subgrant Applicant
IS0031.b	Mitigation eGrants System for the Grant Applicant
IS0032.a	Mitigation eGrants Internal System
IS0156	Building Design for Homeland Security for Continuity of Operations
IS0326	Community Tsunami Preparedness
IS1100.a	Increased Cost of Compliance

Pending Courses to be made INACTIVE	
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IS1103.a	Elevation Certificate for Surveyors
IS1104	NFIP Claims Review for Adjusters
IS1108	Insuring Condominiums
IS1109.a	Understanding Basement Coverage
IS1110	Writing Commercial Exposures
IS1111	Introduction to Commercial Claims
IS1112	Introduction to Flood Claims
IS1114	Adjusting RCBAP and Condo Unit Owner Claims
IS1115	Claims Process for Agents

Pending Courses to be RETIRED	
Course Code	Course Title

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IS0841.a	NEMIS HMGP System: Overview and Startup
IS0842.b	NEMIS HMGP System: Enter the HMGP Application
IS0843.a	NEMIS HMGP System: Project Eligibility Determination
IS0844.a	NEMIS HMGP System: Managing Project Tasks
IS0845.a	NEMIS HMGP System: Oversight and Closeout
IS1101.b	Basic Agent Tutorial
IS1102	The Theory of Elevation Rating
IS1105.a	EC Made Easy: Elevation Certificate Overview
IS1106.a	FEMA Mapping Changes
IS1113	Coastal Barrier Resources Act

General Mitigation Information: Applications will be processed thru the NETC Online Application system. See below for information related to FEMA employees that need this training for their Position Task Books (PTBs).

If you have questions about Mitigation course deliveries, please contact the EMI Mitigation Branch at: *fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov.*

Reminder, if you need Mitigation courses to support a PTB, please contact the FEMA Incident Workforce Academy (FIWA)/Workforce Development Division (WDD) training team at: *fema-fqs-training@fema.dhs.gov* to coordinate. WDD funding is no longer available for EMI resident training.

Mission Support:

Reaching Across Oceans - Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT Training): When this winter brought snow and a nor'easter to the Northeast, flooding, snow, and tornadoes to the middle of the United States, and powerful rain and snow, including multiple atmospheric river events, to the West Coast, members of CERT supported responders by filling sandbags, helping to staff cold weather shelters, and deploying to assist with a range of activities, e.g., food and fuel deliveries.

To learn how to bring CERTs to other parts of the world, the Peace Corps turned to the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) to deliver the CERT Train-the-Trainer course to volunteers preparing to start CERT programs and teach the CERT Basic course in their countries.

Peace Corps volunteers from Guyana, Paraguay, the Philippines, Tonga, Vanuatu (South Pacific Ocean nation), and the Eastern Caribbean (Dominica, Saint Lucia, Grenada, St. Vincent, and the Grenadines), who completed the CERT Train-the-Trainer course in March, face disasters and their effects much as their counterparts do in the United States.

While the United States has been challenged by weather events this winter, Peace Corps volunteers contended with a history-making tropical cyclone, said to be the longest-lasting storm of its kind. Tropical Cyclone Freddy killed at least 21 people across Mozambique and Madagascar, affecting nearly 2 million people.

Soon after the March class began, two Category Four cyclones tore through Vanuatu's communities during a week that also included a magnitude 6.6 earthquake just off the island of Espiritu Santo. One of the CERT students, a volunteer in Vanuatu, described the initial disaster conditions and response (while there was still power).

Before delivering the training, EMI CERT instructors surveyed the students to determine the environmental shocks and stressors that most need to be addressed in their countries. Depending on their locations, what do they face?

- Tropical Cyclones, storms, troughs, and hurricanes
- Coastal Storm Surges
- Droughts: lack of water for crop production; prolonged droughts that increase wildfires
- Heatwaves
- Floods
- Heavy Rains
- Thunderstorms/Lightning
- Landslides
- Saharan Dust
- Earthquakes
- Tsunamis
- Volcanic Activity
- Vector-borne illnesses: specifically, dengue, chikungunya, and zika (mosquito-borne viruses) with increased rain and poor solid waste management throughout the country
- Cholera outbreaks due to lack of clean water

While students found the CERT Basic training materials to be very helpful, they discussed the challenges of creating a supply chain management system in their countries during emergencies, acquiring the supplies needed to teach the CERT Basic course, and getting buy-in from local governments.

As thousands of citizens around the globe suffer deaths, injuries, and billions of dollars of economic losses from natural disasters, the contributions and support from Community Emergency Response Teams worldwide have never been more important.

Integrated Emergency Management (IEM):

Osceola County, Florida's Community Specific Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC) E0930. The Integrated Emergency Management (IEM) Branch hosted Osceola County, FL for an IEMC focused on activating the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for Tornadic Activity. The four-day course included classroom learning and three exercises focused on response and recovery.

Bill Litton, Director, Osceola County Office of Emergency Management said, *"Osceola County had the opportunity to participate in Integrated Emergency Management Course – Community Specific in March 2023. This course allowed us to bring 55 individuals from Osceola County, City of Kissimmee, City of St. Cloud, and various external partners to*

Osceola County, FL - Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC)
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include the National Weather Service – Melbourne, University of Central Florida (UCF) – Victim Services and FL District 9 Medical Examiner's Office to test the EOC response to a tornado outbreak effecting the community. Being one of only 12 jurisdictions to be selected for the IEMC resident course was an honor and help to continue building on the partnerships with our EOC team while at the EMI campus."

Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP):

The EMPP Academies and the PIO Program continue with a full slate of course offerings around the country in April 2023. Here is a list of the EMPP courses scheduled in the field (L), on campus (E), or online (K) during this month:

Basic Academy Course Number	Location	Dates
L0101	MO	April 3-7
L0101	NY	April 3-7
K0105	Online	April 3-7
L0105	SD	April 4-6
L0105	TX	April 5-7
L0105	AR	April 10-12
L0101	CA	April 10-14
L0103	VA	April 11-12
L0105	OH	April 11-13
L0105	NH	April 11-13
L0105	NM	April 11-13
L0146	NC	April 17-18
L0146	NJ	April 17-18
L0146	WI	April 17-18
L0105	TX (2)	April 18-20

Basic Academy Course Number	Location	Dates
L0105	MD	April 18-20
L0105	NM (2)	April 18-20
L0105	IL	April 18-20
L0105	NJ	April 18-20
L0105	NC	April 19-21
L0146	CO	April 24-25
L0105	AZ	April 24-26
L0105	WA	April 24-26
L0101	LA	April 24-28
L0146	VA	April 25-26
L0105	OH	April 25-27
L0105	KS	April 25-27
L0105	CO	April 26-28
L0105	TX	April 26-28
L0103	SC	April 27-28

Public Information Officer Course Number	Location	Dates
E0388*	Emmitsburg, MD	April 24-28
E0393**	Emmitsburg, MD	April 24-28

Advanced Academy Course Number	Location	Dates
L0452***	NV	April 3-7
E0452***	Emmitsburg, MD	April 17-21
E0452***	Emmitsburg, MD	April 24-28

Executive Academy Course Number	Location	Dates
E0682****	Emmitsburg, MD	April 24-28

*Only open to accepted Advanced Public Information course students

**Only open to accepted Master Public Information course students

***Only open to accepted Advanced Academy students

****Only open to accepted Executive Academy students

The Basic Academy is seeking regional partners to host the L0110 Train-the-Trainer course in Fiscal Year 2023. Any interested training partners please contact Jeff Januchowski at: *jeffrey.januchowski@fema.dhs.gov* or Rich Bashioum at: *richard.bashioum@fema.dhs.gov*.

Ask a Course Manager?

Does FEMA offer NIMS Certifications?

FEMA does not offer a "NIMS certification" as such. Each course issues its own certificate. Emergency managers and response personnel are required to have the amount of training that is appropriate to what their level of responsibility will be during an event. You should contact your employer or organization for further information on the courses that they may require.

The NIMS/ICS courses can be found on the EMI website (*http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp*).

Current Training Opportunities:

Please refer to the EMI Course Schedule (*https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx*) for a complete list of upcoming course offerings.
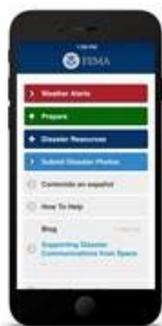
For More Information:

- **EMI Course Catalog**
  (*https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frtserver/catalogs/EMI_course_catalog.pdf?_=1603823874749*)
- **EMI Course Schedule**
  (*https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx*)
- **EMI Student Portal** (*https://training.fema.gov/student/sssp.aspx*)
- **EMI Programs and Activites**
  (*https://training.fema.gov/programs*)
- **State Training Officers Contact List**
  (*https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx*)
- **Independent Study Program FAQs** (*https://training.fema.gov/is/isfaq.aspx*)
- **FEMA Student Identification (SID) System website** (*https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid*)

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