

Monthly Newsletter



26th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education (HiEd) Symposium

Registration for the 26th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium is open, and the call for presentation proposals is posted. The Symposium will take place at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg, MD, June 3–5, 2024.

The 26th Higher Education Symposium theme, “Pioneering Ideas and Practices in Emergency Management Higher Education: Building More Resilient Communities,” is a focal point for an event that celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Higher Education Program. This theme encapsulates the core mission and objectives of FEMA’s Higher Education Program, emphasizing innovation, education, and community resilience.

Additional event details and the Call for Presentation PDF can be found on the [26th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium website](https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/educonference24.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/educonference24.aspx>).

News from the EMI Branches

Preparedness:

Fiscal Year (FY) 23 National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS) Position-Specific (PS) Course Delivery Report: The Preparedness Branch has closed out all Fiscal Year (FY) 23 National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS) Position-Specific (PS) courses.

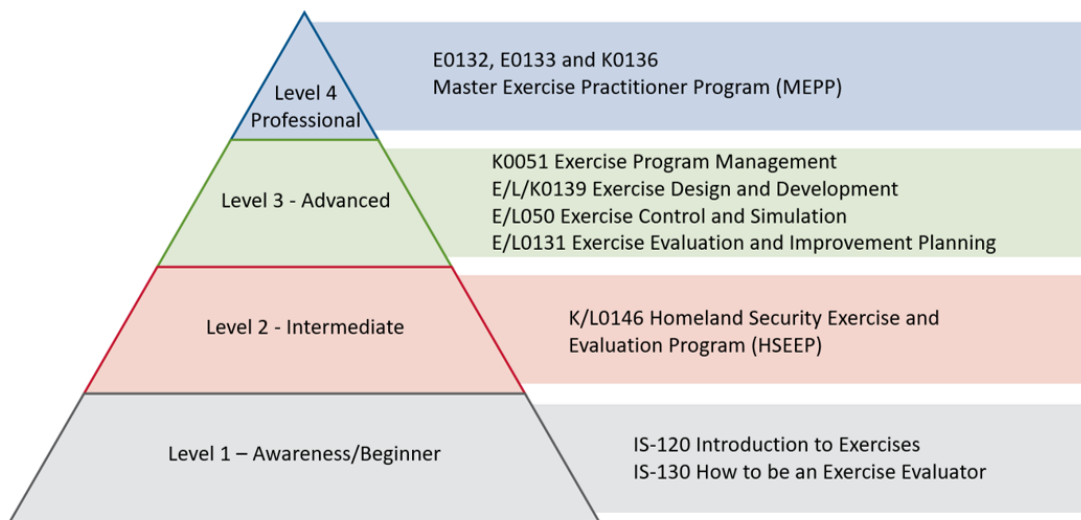
For the FY, there were a total of 5,392 student certificates issued! Those certificates are a product of 355 course deliveries. We also processed 56 cancelations, leading to a total for the year of 411 course requests!

The FY23 data will be added to our NIMS ICS PS delivery “Heat Map” tool. This “Heat Map” can break down the course delivery data from FY18–FY23 by course and by state. This is helpful for Training Officers (FEMA Regional, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial, and other Federal agencies) during program review, capability analysis, and planning for Incident Management Team development.

Training Officers should contact the Preparedness Branch to schedule a time to review this critical training data in FY24. If you have any questions, please contact the NIMS ICS Delivery Team at emi-nims-icstraining@fema.dhs.gov.

Integrated Emergency Management:

National Standard Exercise Curriculum: The Integrated Emergency Management Branch would like to spotlight the National Standard Exercise Curriculum (NSEC). This curriculum, represented by a pyramid shown below, delineates the progressive educational journey for individuals embarking on a career in preparedness exercises.



Level 1 – At the foundational level, participants engage in awareness/beginner-level courses within the FEMA Independent Study system.

Level 2 – The intermediate level introduces the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP), which serves as the fundamental doctrine underpinning all preparedness exercises.

Level 3 – The advanced level is tailored for seasoned practitioners with 1–3 years of experience, offering courses that delve into program management, design theories, conduct, and evaluation. This level allows participants to further refine their expertise.

Level 4 – Culminating at the apex of the pyramid is Level 4, the Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP), a program designed for advanced exercise practitioners with 3–5 years of experience in emergency management exercise design, conduct, and evaluation. Participants refine and practice skills critical to performing the phases of the HSEEP cycle. The MEPP is the pinnacle program in the National Standard Exercise Curriculum offered by EMI.

The schedule of all NSEC course offerings for FY24 can be found at: [Emergency Management Institute Course Schedules](https://training.fema.gov/emcourses/schedules.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/emcourses/schedules.aspx>). Additional information on the NSEC curriculum can be found viewing the [NSEC website](https://training.fema.gov/programs/nsec) (<https://training.fema.gov/programs/nsec>). Should you have further inquiries not addressed on the NSEC website, we can be reached at fema-emi-iemb@fema.dhs.gov.

Mitigation:

National Dam Safety Program Technical Seminar (NDSPTS): The 2024 E8535 National Dam Safety Program Technical Seminar will occur February 13–14, 2024, on the EMI campus in Emmitsburg, MD. The title of this year's seminar is *Dam Safety 101: Design, Analysis, Construction, and Risk Management*.

The seminar promises to be an enlightening journey into the latest industry trends and insights, offering a unique opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and perspectives that will inspire and elevate dam safety practices across the Nation. Registration is currently open, and participants can register via the NETC Online Admissions Application using their SID or PIV information. If you have any questions, please contact the Course Manager at:

FEMA-EMI-MIT@fema.dhs.gov.

Floodplain Management: Seats remain available for E0273, Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), scheduled February 12–15, 2024, March 11–14, 2024, April 22–25, 2024, and September 9–12, 2024, on the EMI campus. This course provides local, state, tribal, territorial, and Federal officials with the knowledge and skills to administer and enforce floodplain management regulations. The course focuses on the NFIP and concepts of floodplain management, flood maps and studies, ordinance administration, and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance.

Seats also remain available for E0278, National Flood Insurance Program/Community Rating System (NFIP/CRS), scheduled February 26–29, 2024. This will be the only FY24 offering on the EMI campus. This course covers the Community Rating System (CRS), a nationwide initiative of FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). It describes activities eligible for credit under the 2017 CRS Coordinator's Manual, how a community applies, and how a community modifies an application to improve its classification.

Applications for both the E0273 and E0278 offerings will be processed through the NETC Online Application system.

General Mitigation Information: Applications will be processed through the NETC Online Application system. If you need Mitigation courses to support Position Task Book (PTB) requirements, registration must be completed in the Deployment Tracking System. Please contact the FEMA Incident Workforce Academy/Workforce Development Division training team at: fema-fqs-training@fema.dhs.gov to coordinate. If you have questions about Mitigation course deliveries, please contact the EMI Mitigation Branch at: fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov.

Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP):

The EMPP Academies and the PIO Program continue with a full slate of course offerings around the country this month. Here is a list of the EMPP courses scheduled in the field (L), on campus (E), or online (K) for January 2024:

Basic Academy Course Number	Location	Dates
L0103	Forsyth, GA	January 8–9
L0102	Wheaton, IL	January 8–10
L0110	Lakewood, CO	January 8–12
K0146	Virtual	January 8–11
K0105	Virtual	January 8–12
L0102	Westminster, MD	January 9–11
L0105	Agawam, MA	January 9–11
L0105	Orlando, FL	January 9–11
L0103	Wheaton, IL	January 11–12
L0105	Toronto, AA	January 15–17
L0105	Sacramento, CA	January 17–19
L0105	Bunnell, FL	January 17–19

Basic Academy Course Number	Location	Dates
E0101	EMI	January 22–26
L0101	Wausau, WI	January 22–26
L0101	Stafford, VA	January 22–26
L0101	Nashville, TN	January 22–26
L0105	West Columbia, SC	January 23–25
L0105	Scottsdale, AZ	January 23–25
L0105	Houston, TX	January 23–25
L0105	Winston Salem, NC	January 24–26
L0105	Georgetown, TX	January 24–26
L0105	Lancaster, OH	January 24–26
L0105	Oxford, MS	January 24–26
L0105	Forsyth, GA	January 29–31
L0101	Phoenix, AZ	January 29–February 2
L0101	Denton, TX	January 29–February 2
K0105	Virtual	January 29–February 2

Advanced Public Information Officer Course Number	Location	Dates
E0388	EMI	January 22–26

Master Public Information Officer Course Number	Location	Dates
E0393 (Only open to accepted Master Public Information Officer Program students)	EMI	January 22–26

Advanced Academy Course Number	Location	Dates
L0452 (Only open to accepted Advanced Academy students)	Austin, TX	January 8–12
E0452 (Only open to accepted Advanced Academy students)	EMI	January 29–February 2

The Basic Academy is seeking regional partners to host the L0110 Train-the-Trainer course in Fiscal Year 2024. Any interested training partners please contact: Rich Bashoum at: richard.bashoum@fema.dhs.gov.

For more information about the EMPP, please contact: Jeff Januchowski at: jeffrey.januchowski@fema.dhs.gov.

Ask a Course Manager

Where can I find ICS 300/400 course offerings?

ICS-300 or ICS-400 courses are conducted by Authorities Having Jurisdiction; they are authorized to teach the curriculum and provide certificates. Contact your State Emergency Management Training Office for information on deliveries [State Training Officers Contact List](https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx>).

Why is ICS-300/400 not reflected in my transcript?

ICS-300 and ICS-400 are administered by the State Emergency Management Agency. Therefore, these courses will not reflect on your EMI transcript, nor will you receive a “FEMA Certificate.”

Current Training Opportunities:

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

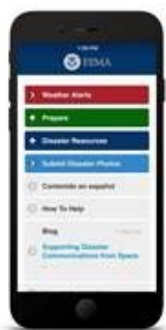
For More Information:

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

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