

AUGUST UPDATE FOR COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Dear Emergency Management Agency Directors:

We have recorded a new Quarterly EMA update, providing information from various IDHS leaders to keep you apprised of our progress, including many items that will impact your work directly. Please click on the link above to access the recording.

Here are a few more important dates and topics to keep in mind as summer comes to a close.

SPECIAL EVENT ASSESSMENT RATING (SEAR) INFO NEEDED

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the United States Department of Homeland Security (U.S. DHS) are requesting information on special events **scheduled to occur in your county between December 1, 2019, and November 30, 2020**. Please submit the information into the WebEOC Special Event tool by **Friday, August 30, 2019**.

The special event data you provide may increase the grant funding Indiana receives from U.S. DHS. For example, the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant gives increased funds to states that have a higher risk. One of the factors U.S. DHS considers when determining a state's risk is the number and nature of special events in a state. Therefore, the more robust special event data we provide, the better chance Indiana has to obtain increased grant funding. Additionally, the information you provide will be used to determine if any federal support may be available for a special event.

It is important to keep in mind:

- Please include any event that you or your jurisdiction believe to be an event, whether due to the expected attendance, demographics or any associated concern or risk.
- The more comprehensive the information collected, the better situational awareness will be at all levels of government.
- Based on stakeholder input, WebEOC has a new feature that will give EMA Directors and staff visibility on special events occurring in their county.

If you have any questions, please contact Janice Lee at jalee@dhs.in.gov, or your IDHS District Liaison.

THIRA/SPR

A reminder to EMAs that all 32 core capabilities within the Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) and the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) are due by **November 15, 2019**. Please reach out to the IDHS Planning Section at PTEHelp@dhs.in.gov or at 317-234-9714 for additional information or assistance.

UPCOMING GRANT MANAGEMENT DEADLINES

Please mark the upcoming dates on your calendar:

- **September 30:** Grant funded asset inventory due in iGMS
- **October 15:** Grant quarterly reports are due in iGMS

Additionally, IDHS has initiated a new ticketing system to better assist grant recipients with questions and concerns. To submit a support ticket for IDHS grants, iGMS or IntelliGrants, visit dhs.in.gov/grants.htm.

ADDITIONAL ALL HAZARD/WEATHER RADIO DISTRIBUTION

With Preparedness Month approaching, IDHS will be distributing a second allotment of all hazard/weather radios to counties. To qualify:

- Counties must have distributed their previous allotment, and
- Completed tracking forms must be sent to pio@dhs.in.gov by **August 16, 2019**.

