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**April 29, 2022**

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## County Cyber Conversations

The Indiana Office of Technology and the IN-ISAC are [joining local leaders](#) to discuss HEA 1169 (2021) reporting requirements, the IN.gov Program and prevention methods for a cyberthreat and attack. It's important in today's tech-reliant

More Hoosiers will go into the state's great outdoors as the summer months draw near, including its waterways. One of the risks they could encounter is a low-head dam.

Low-head dams can be deceptively dangerous. The water around them appears to be calm; however, moderate to high flows over such dams create strong turbulence and recirculating currents that can push victims underwater and then pull them back to the face of the dam in a repeating cycle. Hoosiers can protect themselves by:

- Familiarizing yourself with the stream. Know hazards along the route and plan to portage around them.
- Never attempting to paddle or swim over a low-head dam. Don't get too close.
- If trapped, tuck your chins into their chest, draw knees up and wrap arms around your. Conditions may push you out and away from the hydraulic current along the streambed.
- If a fellow paddler becomes trapped, do not jump in after them. Get to the shore and call for help. About 25% of all low-head dam deaths result from attempts to rescue another person.

Learn more about how to stay safe on low-head dams at [getprepared.com](http://getprepared.com)

Mary Moran

IDHS Director of Emergency Management

## Response and Recovery Updates

The Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) is hosting a one-day **Dam Information, Resources and Training (DIRT) Conference** for Dam Owners, Operators and Local Officials on Tuesday, June 7, 2022,

Location:

[Vista Golf Club & Conference Center](#)  
Main St.  
46143.

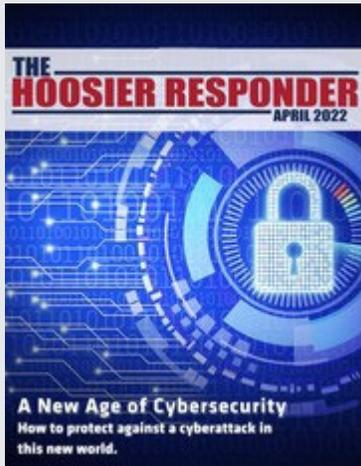
[Valle](#)  
755 East  
Greenwood, IN,

world to share information with each other before people fall victim to the newest cyberattacks.

The next discussion will be held in **Kosciusko county**.

- 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- May 6, 2022
- Kosciusko County Justice Building 121 N Lake St  
Warsaw, IN 46580

For any questions contact [thollenbeck@iot.in.gov](mailto:thollenbeck@iot.in.gov).



[Read the April issue of the Hoosier Responder](#)

## FEMA Updates

FEMA is offering exercise assistance through the National Exercise Program.

If you are interested in learning more, there will be one-hour webinars hosted by FEMA's National Exercise Division. The webinars will cover the following topics:

- Process for requesting exercise support;
- Benefits of submitting an exercise to the NEP; and
- Approved 2022-2023 Principals' Strategic Priorities (PSP).

This multi-speaker conference was created to bring dam owners/operators together with members of the professional dam safety community and various supporting professions. [Register Online Now](#) or [Download the Registration Form](#) and return it to ASDSO.

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IDHS Public Assistance Program is hosting FEMA instructors to provide Public Assistance Program training.

Course: **L0202 Debris Management Planning for State, Tribal, Territorial and Local Officials**

Date: May 24-26, 2022

Location: MADE Center 1610 Reeves Rd. Plainfield, IN 46168

[Sign Up](#)

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**IDHS RACES AUXCOMM W9SEM** is hosting an HF and testing and training Net for the counties on Saturday, May 7, 2022.

At 8:15 a.m. on 3.920 +/-5 Hz on LSB on N & S antenna

At 8:30 on 3.920 +/-5 Hz on LSB on E & W antenna

This net will be done on a roll call format.

If your county would like to participate [Registration is required](#). by May 5, 2022.

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## Integrated Public Safety Commission (IPSC) "Third Thursday"

The Integrated Public Safety Commission (IPSC) Executive Director, Kelly Dignin, hosts an open-door meeting on the third Thursday of every month. Primarily, this is attended by county EMA directors and other local response organizations. However, they also have some people from the private sector, like AT&T. These meetings are valuable to hear what advancements are being made. If you have time, IDHS encourages you to attend.

- **Microsoft Teams** meeting link [available](#).
- **Join with a video conferencing device:** [indiana@m.webex.com](mailto:indiana@m.webex.com) Video Conference ID: 116 219 784 2
- **Call in (audio only)** [+1 317-552-1674](tel:+13175521674), United States, Indianapolis. Phone Conference ID: 187 038 914#

To register for the webinars, visit the [NEP webinar](#) page.

FEMA has scheduled listening sessions about the upcoming revised edition of the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF), which will be conducted via Zoom to ensure our partners have an opportunity to provide input for the 3rd Edition NDRF

- [May 3, 1 p.m. EDT:](#)
- [May 19, 3 p.m. EDT:](#)

[Read More](#)

On **July 1, 2022** two things will go into effect:

- **RPA deadline.** Any RPAs (Request for Public Assistance) forms will not be accepted. This form is only for those who have yet to be declared an eligible applicant by FEMA and are not actively submitting projects into the Grant Portal.
- **The 100% Federal Cost Share** will end on July 1, 2022. The cost share will then switch to a 90/10. FEMA will reimburse 90% of all PA eligible project costs and the applicant will be responsible for 10% of those costs.

## IDHS/IDEM collecting PFAS foam from Indiana fire agencies

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has launched a program to collect Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) foam from Indiana fire agencies.

The State will remove and properly dispose of PFAS material from any agency that requests it. **This is a**

## Exercise Updates

- Jason Chapman's last day as the North Exercise Program is Friday, April 29, 2022. Until the vacancy is filled, IDHS Districts 1 and 2 may contact Elaina Derrer Aprea at [EDerrer@dhs.IN.gov](mailto:EDerrer@dhs.IN.gov) 317-617-6940 for exercise related inquiries. IDHS Districts 3 and 4 may contact Casey Fizer at [CFizer@dhs.IN.gov](mailto:CFizer@dhs.IN.gov) 317-415-7059.
- Register [here](#) for the virtual **2022 Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop** (IPPW) being held on May 13, 2022
- The Exercise Section has updated the IDHS Exercise Guide to account for the new HSEEP-compliant/ consistent language. In the resources section, you will find the addition of two documents labeled "Indiana HSEEP Compliance 2020-2022" and "HSEEP Compliance for Federal Grant-Funded Exercises Policy." The 2020-2022 document explains the differences of exercise requirements for LEPC and non-LEPC exercises for years 2020-2022.

[Read Here](#)

## Grants Updates

**[The FFY 2022 Nonprofit Security Grant Program](#)** and **[FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Program grant](#)** will open soon. The latest information from FEMA indicates the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity will be released **mid-May**. IDHS is anticipating the window for applications to be very short, as Indiana expects a limited timeframe to submit the state application.

IDHS recommends signing up for [grant updates](#) to be notified when IDHS announces Indiana's due date and puts all of the 2022 information on the website.

[Last year's application](#) and information is still on the IDHS website and can provide guidance on the application process and forms that will be required.

All questions should be submitted through a [Grants Support Ticket](#).

Over the last few months, the IDHS federal grants team has undergone structural changes. As a result, the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), and Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant

**free service with no additional requirements for fire agencies.**

[Click here for additional information about PFAS and the program.](#)

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## Public Safety Jobs Dashboard



Check out all the current openings on the [IDHS Public Safety Jobs dashboard](#). If your agency is hiring and would like to promote the job, submit your information below the dashboard. It's free.

*Note: If the link above does not load, please copy and paste this address into the browser: <https://www.in.gov/dhs/fire-and-building-safety/public-safety-job-postings/>*

(HMEP) will be managed by district. This means EMAs will work with the same grant manager for each federal grant within their district.

Under the Federal Team lead Rachel Cosner, each district will be managed by Renita Evans, Jocelyn Overby or David Burks. The structure of the districts is as follows:

- Districts 1,3 and 7 will work with Renita Evans.
- Districts 2,6 and 10 will work with Jocelyn Overby.
- Districts 5, 8 and 9 will work with David Burks.
- District 4 will work with Rachel Cosner.

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) and the Indiana Local Body Camera (ILBC) program will be handled separately as they generally have different local contacts. Rachel Cosner ([rcosner1@dhs.in.gov](mailto:rcosner1@dhs.in.gov)) and Renita Evans ([revans2@dhs.in.gov](mailto:revans2@dhs.in.gov)) will serve as points of contact regarding NSGP. Beth Turner ([elturner@dhs.in.gov](mailto:elturner@dhs.in.gov)) will assist on ILBC and other federal grants as needed.

Additionally, IDHS has added two new members to the Federal Compliance Monitoring team consisting of Tonya Resler and Bethany Codalata. Laura Boyd will continue to serve as the point of contact for equipment inventory and asset management. Tonya and Bethany have begun initiating and reviewing grant compliance reviews for all federal grants.

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FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) is offering a series of virtual trainings on the federal procurement rules applicable to recipients and subrecipients when purchasing in support of a FEMA award or declaration. The one-hour training sessions will be offered most Wednesdays from February through June 2022.

The training will cover a variety of procurement under grant concepts, frequent compliance issues, as well as [revisions to the federal procurement standards](#) that were effective Nov. 12, 2020.

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