We’re quickly approaching September, which is recognized as National Preparedness Month. You will see a lot of communications coming from IDHS as the agency looks to supply people with information and resources to keep them safe in a variety of situations. A wonderful resource available to you and your communities can be found at [GetPrepared.in.gov](http://GetPrepared.in.gov).

The site, recently re-launched with a new look and an all-hazards approach, focuses on data and tips for tangible actions to improve preparedness. The theme this year is “Prepare to Protect: Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love.”

The end goal is to have conversations with your loved ones about how to best protect everyone when disaster or danger strikes. You need to make educated decisions quickly, and this resource provides you the tools to make a difference.

I encourage all our emergency managers to visit [GetPrepared.in.gov](http://GetPrepared.in.gov), share out the materials and protect the communities you love.

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**2021 BRIC and FMA Webinar Series**

Mark your calendars for the 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program Webinar Series.
Continuity Guide for Non-Federal Government Entities

FEMA recently released a new "Guide to Continuity of Government for State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Governments."

This new guide describes the relationship between continuity of operations, continuity of government and enduring constitutional government. To download this guide and other continuity resources, visit FEMA’s website.

2021 EMAI Registration Open

EMAI conference registration is now open. This year's conference is Oct. 20-22 at the Indianapolis Marriott East, with pre-conference sessions on Oct. 19. The theme for EMAI 2021 is "Together Towards Tomorrow."

Register for EMAI

Dates to Know

Aug. 31 - SHSP period of performance ends

Sept. 15 - Indiana Water and Wastewater Emergency Response Functional Exercise. Click here for registration.

Oct. 20-22 - EMAI

The 2021 BRIC and FMA Programs’ Webinar Series will bring FEMA subject-matter experts and partners together to provide technical information, best practices, tools and resources regarding these grant programs.

To learn more and register for the upcoming webinars, visit the FEMA website.

Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) – Deadline Aug. 31

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security requests all states submit special event information for events that are scheduled or likely to occur between Dec. 1, 2021, and Nov. 30, 2022.

Each EMA has a Special Event (SEAR) board in WebEOC to submit their county events for the specified timeline no later than Aug. 31, 2021.

County EMA’s are critical partners in this data collection effort. The information collected is tied to federal resources, and the SEAR rating that U.S. DHS gives to each event. If anyone needs any assistance submitting events in WebEOC, please reach out to Janice Lee at jalee@dhs.in.gov.

Operation Space Storm Exercise: Sign Up Now

The IDHS Exercise Section is offering a two-module space storm exercise (tabletop and functional) in September. It will build off the Logistical Staging Area Workshop from this February and use draft plans for a space storm incident.

The storm will be a record-breaking incident that causes rolling power outages anticipated to continue long-term with no known date for fully restored power.

This HSEEP compliant exercise is scheduled for three hours with module one being a tabletop and module two being a functional exercise. This exercise will be virtual; however, Madison and Jackson County have kindly arranged for in-person locations if participants wish to exercise in-person.

Regardless of how and where you participate, participants must bring their laptop in order to sign-in. Bringing your own laptop allows for evaluating county response discussion and further validating participants’ HSEEP compliance. All exercise questions are directed to a local response, so be thinking of your LSA Plan, C-POD Plan, EOC Plans, CEMP/EOPs, etc.
For other upcoming dates, visit the [IDHS Calendar of Events](#).

**Available Training**

**FEMA Basic Academy in Fall 2021**

The five FEMA Basic Academy courses needed to achieve the Indiana Professional Emergency Manager (PEM) certification have been scheduled in late summer and early fall 2021.

- Aug. 16-20: L101 - Foundations of Emergency Management
- Aug. 31-Sept. 2: L105 - Public Information Basics
- Sept. 7-8: L146 - HSEEP
- Oct. 4-6: L102 - Science of Disaster

Registration is available in the [Acadis Portal](#).

**IDHS Planning Quick Hits**

**Emergency Operations Plan**

Partners throughout the State have been requested to provide feedback and recommendations for the new State of Indiana Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). After the review and edits, the document will be posted for public comment, followed by a promulgation by Governor Holcomb. If you have not provided your feedback, please send it to [Planning@dhs.IN.gov](mailto:Planning@dhs.IN.gov).

**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.

**Public Assistance Program**

The Request for Public Assistance deadline remains open. A specific deadline for RPAs will be announced when a disaster end date for the COVID-19 pandemic is established by FEMA.

Continue checking the [IDHS Public Assistance Program webpage](#) for updates on...
County EOP Template

The county EOP template will be sent to county EMAs no later than Aug. 31. The Planning Section welcomes your feedback and comments. Please send those to Planning@dhs.IN.gov