Each September, National Preparedness Month encourages Americans to be prepared for disasters or emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities.

Homeowners, families, communities and businesses are encouraged to use this opportunity to understand more about preparing for disasters. The 2022 theme is "A Lasting Legacy: The life you’ve built is worth protecting." Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family.

Getprepared.in.gov and Ready.gov have a wealth of resources to help you get your family and community ready should a disaster strike.

Mary Moran, Emergency Management & Preparedness Director

Local Government Support

The Local Government Support Section is hiring two District Liaison positions.

IDHS is hiring a Emergency Preparedness Director. This position serves as a senior level planner in IDHS.
Registration Open for the 2022 Indiana Emergency Response Conference

Registration is open for the 2022 Indiana Emergency Response Conference (IERC).

The conference runs from Sept. 21-24 at a new location: Indianapolis Marriott East 7202 East 21st St. Indianapolis, Indiana 46219.

IDHS will be well represented at the conference with speakers including Executive Director Joel Thacker, State EMS Medical Director Dr. Eric Yazel, State Director and Counsel of EMS Kraig Kinney and more.

Additional conference information and registration can be found on the IERC's webpage.

The final date to register for the IERC is Sept. 23, 2022.

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

The next discussions will be held in Fulton & Marshall Counties

- 10 a.m. -12 p.m.
- Aug. 29, 2022
- Fulton County Public Library, 320 W. 7th St., Rochester, IN 46975

And Tipton County

- 10 a.m. -12 p.m.
- Sept. 1, 2022

Exercise Updates

Jess Kindig has rejoined IDHS to serve as the North Exercise Program Manager for IDHS Districts 1-4. She can be contacted at JKkindig@dhs.IN.gov or (317) 600-8330. Message from Kindig: “Hello! My name is Jess Kindig and I am thrilled to be returning to IDHS Exercise as the North Exercise Program Manager. I am so eager to get started working on the identified preparedness priorities set for our North EMAs and partners through the Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop (IPPW). Working toward receiving my MEP (Master Exercise Practitioner) certification, coupled with over 10 years of experience in emergency management and exercise design, conduct and implementation has provided me opportunities to expand my skillset and solidifies my drive to support our local EMAs in their preparedness efforts. I absolutely cannot wait to introduce myself to our EMAs up north and get started!”

Response and Recovery Updates

The Indiana Department of Health has PPE and supplies available. County EMAs are welcome to request resources through the portal. All requests should be ordered through Langham Logistics. Please refer to the guidance document provided, as well as the following letter outlining specific items for order.
The team is looking to increase county participation in the Nets. The team runs a HF and VHF net once a month. County participation in these Nets is critical.

**MONTHLY NETS:**

3.920 MHz +/- 5 KHz, LSB. The next Net will be on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. EDT (Indianapolis time). This net will be done in a IDHS District roll call format. Registration is no longer required.

2m/70cm on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. EDT (Indianapolis time). Counties close to Indianapolis can use the W9FBZ repeater, 147.210, 88.5 PL tone. You can also reach the team on the 70cm repeater on 224.8, 88.5 PL. These two repeaters are linked. Counties more distant may use Echolink, node 690934. If you or your county teams don't have Echolink, contact the state Auxcomm team and they'll help you set it up (you MUST be a licensed HAM to use Echolink). While this net is set up for the counties to check in, any HAM may participate.

Getting every county to check in is the end goal. Please help the Auxcomm team (and your county) by reaching out to your local ARES/RACES/AUXCOMM teams and check in!

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**Upcoming Trainings**

**All Hazards Operations Section Chief (L958)**

- **Date:** Sept. 27-30
- **Location:** MADE@Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Rd. Plainfield, IN 46168

**All Hazards Public Information Officer (L952)**

- **Date:** Oct. 3-7
- **Location:** Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office, 3500 North Harlan Ave., Evansville, IN 47711

**All Hazards Incident Commander (L950)**

- **Date:** Oct. 24-28
- **Location:** Porter County Fire Station, 4203 Montale Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46383

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**Planning Updates**

The deadline for submission for the county THIRA/SPR is **Oct. 28, 2022.**
The NIMS and CPG 101 survey is required by **Nov. 15, 2022**.

If you have any questions about THIRA/SPR, NIMS or CPG 101, please contact Peri Rogowski at progowski@dhs.in.gov or Joshua Kiilu at jkiilu1@dhs.in.gov.

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**Hazmat Updates**

LEPC Program Manager Jackie Pulley will be hosting a Fiscal Report Training Webinar for LEPCs at 10 a.m. on Aug. 30. LEPCs interested in attending can email jpullery@dhs.in.gov for more information.

The next IERC meeting is on September 12 at MADE@Plainfield. Those interested in watching the meeting virtually can request the meeting link at saratr2@dhs.in.gov.