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### New Employees join IDHS Exercise Section

The IDHS Exercise Section is back to fully staffed after two recent hires.

The [COVID numbers](#) are not pretty these days, which means of all of us continue to face challenges we thought were behind us.

But with better data and resources to help treat and transport those impacted by the virus, your counties have a better toolkit to deal with the pandemic at the local level. Also, you can be confident that IDHS and the Indiana Department of Health are collaborating effectively to do everything within their power to protect Hoosiers and support all efforts at the local level.

Testing and vaccination sites remain operational across the state. Indiana no longer has shortages of PPE and other equipment necessary to protect the public safety community. Hospitals, while seriously stretched right now, are holding their own in treating the influx of patients.

Remember to connect local officials with one another in a concerted, team effort to best protect your community. Emergency management requires ongoing collaboration and planning, which is critical in this evolving pandemic. Most of all, take care of yourself and make your health a priority. You remain an important part of the solution to reaching the other side of this ordeal.

Mary Moran  
IDHS Director of Emergency Management

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## Indiana Professional Emergency Manager Courses Underway

Jason Chapman and Casey Fizer started with IDHS on Aug. 23, joining Jess Kindig and Ashley Baldwin.

Contact information for the Exercise Section is below if you'd like to say hello or have any exercise-related questions.

**North Exercise Program Manager** (IDHS Districts 1-4): Jason Chapman [JChapman@dhs.IN.gov](mailto:JChapman@dhs.IN.gov)

**Central Exercise Program Manager** (IDHS Districts 5-7): Jess Kindig [JKindig@dhs.IN.gov](mailto:JKindig@dhs.IN.gov)

**South Exercise Program Manager** (IDHS Districts 8-10): Casey Fizer [CFizer@dhs.IN.gov](mailto:CFizer@dhs.IN.gov)

**State Exercise Officer:** Ashley Baldwin [ABaldiwn@dhs.IN.gov](mailto:ABaldiwn@dhs.IN.gov)

**General Exercise inbox:** [Exercise@dhs.IN.gov](mailto:Exercise@dhs.IN.gov)

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## Virtual Train-the-Trainer Courses Scheduled

The Emergency Management Institute recently released the 2022 NIMS ICS position-specific Train-the-Trainer (TtT) virtual "K" course schedule. To view the full schedule, visit the [IDHS Emergency Management webpage](#).

## 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](#)

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## Dates to Know

**Aug. 31** - SHSP period of performance ends

**Sept. 15** - Indiana Water and Wastewater Emergency Response



Several EMAI directors and IDHS employees attended the L0101 Foundations of Emergency Management class at the Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds during the week of Aug. 16-20. This course is one of five needed to achieve the Indiana Professional Emergency Manager (PEM) certification.

The three remaining FEMA Basic Academy courses needed to achieve the certification have been scheduled:

- Sept. 7-8: L146 - HSEEP
- Oct. 4-6: L102 - Science of Disaster
- Oct. 12-13: L103 - Planning: Emergency Operations

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

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## EMPG Compliance Clarification

Recently, confusion has existed as to what trainings are required for EMPG compliance. If you already have taken the required trainings for EMPG compliance and been approved, you are not required to retake the most updated version of the courses. If you are new to EMPG compliance, then you must take the most updated versions.

These trainings are available on the FEMA Independent Study website: <https://training.fema.gov/is/crslst.aspx>.

FEMA recommends personnel refresh their training every three years or when new course versions come out. However, it is not a requirement currently.

These are the most up-to-date trainings:

- IS-100.C: *Introduction to the Incident Command System*

Functional Exercise. [Click here for registration.](#)

**Sept. 16** - WebEOC will be down for an upgrade from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 11:30 a.m. A notification will be sent to all users upon completion.

**Oct. 20-22** - EMAI

For other upcoming dates, visit the [IDHS Calendar of Events.](#)



[Read the August issue of the Hoosier Responder](#) and learn more about EMAs juggling multiple public safety roles.

## 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/>*

- IS-200.C: *Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response*
- IS-700.B: *An Introduction to the National Incident Management System*
- IS-800.D: *National Response Framework, An Introduction*
- IS-120.C: *An Introduction to Exercises*
- IS-230.E: *Fundamentals of Emergency Management*
- IS-235.C: *Emergency Planning*
- IS-240.C: *Leadership and Influence*
- IS-241.C: *Decision Making and Problem Solving*
- IS-242.C: *Effective Communication*
- IS-244.B: *Developing and Managing Volunteers*

## Deadline Aug. 31: Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR)

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.

If anyone needs any assistance submitting events in WebEOC, please reach out to Janice Lee at [jalee@dhs.in.gov](mailto:jalee@dhs.in.gov).

## Reminder: Sign up now for Operation Space Storm Exercise

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.

This HSEEP compliant exercise is scheduled for three hours, with Module 1 being a tabletop and Module 2 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.

Details:

## 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 guidance, trainings and other vital information.

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Central and South Regions – Operation Space Storm:  
LSA TTX/FX

- September 22
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern (9 a.m. to noon Central)
- Hybrid/in-person

[Sign Up Now](#)

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