Nationwide Cybersecurity Review

All recipients and sub-recipients of FY19 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds must complete the 2019 Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR) by December 31, 2019, as part of a new federal requirement.

This is a federal deadline and cannot be extended. For more information and resources, visit dhs.gov/4087.htm. For assistance with any questions, concerns or issues contact the NCSR team NCSR@cisecurity.org, or by phone at 518-516-6154 or 518-516-6116.

New Lifelines Concept

In 2017, FEMA identified a need to have better operational prioritization and a response construct that would effectively characterize incidents and identify the root causes of priority areas. This new construct is the Lifelines concept. Lifelines aims to create outcome-driven, effective solutions and help distinguish the highest priorities and most complex issues from other incident information.

At the state level, IDHS implements this concept into its plans and the Indiana Emergency Operations Center. This does not do away emergency support functions (ESF’s).

The interrelationship of ESFs, core capabilities and lifelines can be thought of in terms of means, ways and ends, and is described as follows:

- Means: ESFs and other organizing bodies—the means—are the way departments and agencies, community organizations and industries organize to enhance coordination and integration to deliver the response core capabilities;

- Ways: Response core capabilities describe the grouping of response actions—the ways—that can be taken to stabilize and re-establish the lifelines. FEMA executes lines of effort (LOE) to operationalize the core capabilities—the ways—for response and recovery planning and operations; and
Upcoming Deadlines

December

- 31 - County-level Cybersecurity Review due
- 31 - EMPG compliance (classes and exercises) must be submitted to IGMS for all EMPG funded positions
- 31 - 2019 County Readiness Assessment due

Ends: Lifelines describe the critical services within a community that must be stabilized or re-established—the ends—to alleviate threats to life and property.

Community lifelines enable the continuous operation of critical government and business functions and are essential to human health and safety or economic security. These services are organized and aligned to one of seven lifelines: (1) safety and security; (2) food, water, shelter; (3) health and medical; (4) energy; (5) communications; (6) transportation; and (7) hazardous materials.

Stabilizing lifeline services is the highest priority when responding to disasters because a disruption may result in immediate threats to life and property. Lifelines provide a common lens that all responders can use to assess whether critical lifesaving and life-sustaining services are disrupted.

A Lifelines implementation toolkit can be found on FEMA's website.

Travel Advisory Map

As we move into the winter months, please regularly update your county's status on the IDHS County Travel Status Map. The map reports the date of the last change, which can give the impression that counties are not updating the map in a timely manner, especially if the bar for a change is high within the county. Regularly resetting the county status to "Normal" will help residents understand they have the most up-to-date information when making any traveling decisions.

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