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EMA Appreciation Week

IDHS is gathering responses for Indiana EMA Appreciation Week. The third annual week will be observed from **Feb. 20 to Feb. 26, 2022**, and will highlight/recognize the critical work performed by EMA personnel.



The IDHS family would like to thank you for the hard work and dedication you showed your fellow Hoosiers during the major winter storm that impacted the entire state of Indiana last week.

An arctic front brought freezing rain and heavy snowfall, which caused significant hazards to much of the state including power outages, difficult travel conditions and large amounts of ice. Many county EOC's were activated and local disaster declarations were declared.

We appreciate you being our partners during this storm. You went above and beyond in terms of daily communications and updates in the form of the daily State EOCs conference call and continually updating the [County Travel Status Map](#)

Because of your hard work and preparation all counties are on the way to getting back to normal.

Best Regards,

Mary Moran

IDHS Director of Emergency Management

Response and Recovery Update

IDHS RACES AUXCOMM is hosting an HF net on Saturday, March 12, starting at 10 a.m.

Please help IDHS honor emergency managers by participating in a short survey about your experiences. Answers will be used for a story on the IDHS website and, with your consent, will be featured on the IDHS social media platforms.

We look forward to hearing about your experiences.

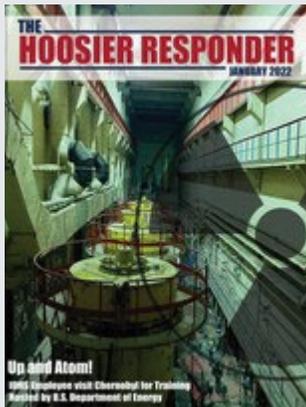
[Complete the Survey](#)

Indiana ISAC County Cybersecurity Conversations

- 1 p.m.-3.p.m
- Feb. 18
- Huntington University (Habecker Dining Room), 2303 College Avenue, Huntington, IN

RSVP required by Feb. 14 to thollenbeck@iot.in.gov

Please join the Indiana Office of Technology, Rep. Leonard and Sen. Zay for an important conversation about the rising threat of cybersecurity and the reporting requirements of local authorities as a result of HEA 1169. This information is critical for emergency managers as well as local government leadership who protect communities against the threat of cyber-attacks.



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

The net will be done on a roll call format, based upon the IDHS districts and their counties.

Registration is required. If your county would like to participate, the frequency is 3.920 +/-5 on LSB

[Register now!](#)

The 10th biennial **Operation Stay Afloat** conference will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the State Government Center in Indianapolis.

This conference highlights flood preparedness and all-hazard mitigation. Target audience members for the conference are local floodplain administrators, local building officials, local emergency management officials, representatives from regional planning groups or river basin commissions, engineers and other consultants who work with local jurisdictions, volunteer groups involved with floodplain issues and disaster recovery, local CEOs and state legislators.

To register for the event, go to [Operation Stay Afloat Registration](#)

For more information on flood insurance visit in.gov/floodinsurance

The Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) will host the **Institute for Excellence: Discovery Preparedness and Recovery Workshop**. It focuses on how local leaders can prepare and respond to disasters. Leaders from IDHS and local county governments will discuss resources, preparedness and processes to protect people and property during a disaster event.

- 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
- Feb. 17
- Indiana Historical Society, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

[Register here](#)

You can now view the [2022 NIMS ICS Position-Specific Train-the-Trainer \(TtT\) Course Schedule](#)

Once a course is completed, you will need to send a copy of the certification to training@dhs.IN.gov.

Grants Updates

New Updated FEMA Guides

FEMA has released the revised the In-Depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness “Are You Ready”. It was last released in 2004. It is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

FEMA has released the [Long-Term Community Resilience Exercise Resource Guide](#), which focuses on designing whole community exercises to prepare for the effects of a changing climate.

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/>

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.

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.

Thank you for your patience as IDHS gets grant agreements drafted and out the door as quickly as possible. Be on the look for the DocuSign email that comes when it’s ready for external signatures.

The [ILBC grant application](#) is still open for local law enforcement agencies. The grant allows agencies to receive a matching grant for purchasing body cameras for their officers. IDHS encourages you to share this information with your local law enforcement agencies. The grant application is expected to close **2/18/22**.

Exercise Updates

The IDHS Exercise Section is offering a [Cybersecurity workshop](#) in March 2022. Participants will hear from local, state and federal partners.

- 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 - March 15, 2022
 - Virtual via Microsoft Teams
 - [Registration](#) is now available.
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In preparation for the Operation Lights Out: 2022 Logistical Staging Area (LSA) and Commodity Points of Distribution (C-POD) Full-Scale Exercise (FSE), an identical seminar and workshop will be available in Districts 5, 6, and 7. Participants will learn about FEMA’s community lifelines, how to manage a C-POD and requesting commodities from the state. This presentation will be HSEEP compliant and participants that are EMPG funded can count this as one of the three exercises needed to meet that requirement. All presentations will start at the

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

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

conclusion of the district's 1000 meeting. Contact ederrer@dhs.in.gov for more details.

Dates:

District 7 in Terre Haute, IN: March 10, 2022

District 5 in Noblesville, IN: April 27, 2022

Hazmat Updates

- 2021 Tier II reports are due on March 1. Facilities that fail to have their reports in the Tier II Manager by the March 1 deadline must pay an additional \$100 late fee. Please note: due to limited staffing, facilities that at least initiate a 2021 Tier II report in the Tier II Manager by the March 1 deadline will not be impacted by the late fee penalty.
- IDHS is in the process of hiring a new LEPC Program Manager. In the meantime, LEPCs in need of assistance can reach out to Casey Kenworthy (ckenworthy@dhs.in.gov) or Mike White (mwhite@dhs.in.gov). Please note: due to limited staffing, responses to LEPC questions might be delayed.

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