Registation 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.

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

Submit your nominations

Don't forget to submit your nominations for the Leadership in Fitness Excellence (L.I.F.E.) Award and the IERC Award. Descriptions of each are on the nomination form webpage.

Deadlines:

- L.I.F.E. Award - Aug. 1
- IERC Award - Aug. 10

Questions can be sent to dhenson@indfirechiefs.org.

IPAWS User Conference

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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 discussion will be held in Elkhart County

- 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- July 18, 2022
- Elkhart Public Library
  300 S Second St
  Elkhart, IN 46516

Virtual Townhall for state training resources for cybersecurity

This month’s Town Hall will host Zachary Ange and Kristin Hill from KnowBe4, the state's vendor for online and cyber training. This virtual event will highlight the free resources available to public organizations, why it’s important to train employees, and how to use the program effectively.

After the presentations, there will be a Q&A between our guests and panelists.

- 2 p.m.
- July 20, 2022
- To join us you need to create an Access Indiana account here, unless you’ve already created an account, and register for the Town Hall here.

For any questions contact thollenbeck@iot.in.gov.

Exercise Updates

Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is facilitating a cybersecurity tabletop exercise scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022, at the Jeffersonville Police Department in Jeffersonville, Indiana. The purpose of the tabletop exercise is to examine and educate the community on measures to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from a cyber incident. While the focus of the exercise will revolve around the Port of Louisville and supporting infrastructure, the foundational elements presented are applicable to the emergency management community as a whole.

If you have any questions or would like to register for this exercise, email Jim Armstrong at james.s.armstrong@uscg.mil.

IDHS is sponsoring Operation Unify: Civil Unrest Functional Exercise with IDHS North Districts 1-4 on August 3rd, 2022 in Angola, Indiana. Participants include emergency managers, public safety, and healthcare professionals. If wanting more information about this exercise, contact Exercise@dhs.in.gov.
This is a 4.5 day course on media and public relations. This course will guide the participants on how to promote a consistent and positive public image of the department, enabling the community to perceive their police as a transparent organization they can depend on and trust.

- Aug. 8-12, 2022
- Hancock County Sheriff Dept. 398 Malcom Grass Way, Greenfield, IN 46140

FEMA Updates

Get Involved in the National Exercise Program

The National Exercise Program (NEP) is a two-year cycle of exercises across the nation that examines and validates capabilities in all preparedness mission areas: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response and Recovery. FEMA’s National Exercise Division manages the NEP.

Check out how to participate in the NEP.

When Minutes Matter:
Alert and Warning Communications

FEMA’s National Integration Center will be offering an August 2022 delivery of the Alert and Warning Collaborative Technical Assistance (TA) Workshop. This workshop is open to all alert and warning practitioners and provides a research-based approach to help jurisdictions improve the speed, reach, and effectiveness of their alerts and warnings. Additional information on the upcoming session is provided in the attached flyer.

August 2022 Workshop

Pre-Work Webinar: Aug. 2, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. ET

Response and Recovery Updates

- IDHS RACES AUXCOMM W9SEM is hosting an HF and testing and training Net for the counties at 8:15 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, on 3.920 +/-5 Hz on LSB on N & S antenna.

This net will be done on a roll call format. If your county would like to participate registration is required by Aug. 10, 2022.

- VHF Monthly Net: At 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month on 147.210 +600 Hz pl 88.5. Both Nets are Eastern Standard Time – Indianapolis Time. You can also use 224.8 pl 88.5 and Echolink callsign W9FBZ node 690934. Registration is not required for this Net.

- Check out our updated frequency and contact information!

- W9FBZ has announced the 147.210 repeater will now be the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) repeater. It was formerly known as the Naval Avionics Center ARC repeater. The decision of the club to relinquish the allocation for better emergency communications is consistent with the club’s history and intent. W9FBZ is atop of a 500-foot tower at Washington St. and State Ave. in downtown Indianapolis, IN.

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.

Upcoming Trainings

All Hazards Operations Section Chief (L958)
Day 1 Workshop: Aug. 16, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. ET
Day 2 Workshop: Aug. 17, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. ET

Registration

FEMA is looking for education professionals in school districts and K–12 schools to be part of the following pilot course offerings:

- **E0360** Preparing for Emergencies: What School Staff Need to Know
- **E0361** Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools

Learn More

Public Safety Jobs Dashboard

Check out all the current openings on the [IDHS Public Safety Jobs dashboard](https://www.in.gov/dhs/fire-and-building-safety/public-safety-job-postings/). 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/](https://www.in.gov/dhs/fire-and-building-safety/public-safety-job-postings/)*

Planning Updates

Continuity Training (L-1301 Continuity Planning) is scheduled for July 20-21, 2022, at the MADE@Plainfield facility. Class information and registration is on [Acadis](https://www.in.gov/dhs/fire-and-building-safety/public-safety-job-postings/).

The deadline for submission of the SEAR events in the county WebEOC board is no later than **Aug. 26, 2022**. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Lee at [jalee@dhs.in.gov](mailto:jalee@dhs.in.gov) or call 317-605-7005.

The deadline for submission for the county THIRA/SPR is no later than **Oct 28, 2022**.

The NIMS and CPG 101 survey is required no later than **Nov 15, 2022**.

If you have any questions about THIRA/SPR, NIMS or CPG 101, please contact Peri Rogowski at [progowski@dhs.in.gov](mailto:progowski@dhs.in.gov) or Joshua Kilu at [jkiilu1@dhs.in.gov](mailto:jkiilu1@dhs.in.gov).

All Hazards Public Information Officer (L952)

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

All Hazards Incident Commander (L950)

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

Grants Updates

Quarter 2 Program Reports for SHSP 21 are open now. Quarter 2 Program Reports for EMPG-C 21, HMEP 22 and Quarter 1 Program Reports for ILBC 22 will open on July 1.
The FY2023 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant application is open in IntelliGrants. It closes today at 4:30 p.m.. Please read the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) carefully as there has been some changes, including an increase in the cap of funding per project to $20,000. Applicants may submit one project per application and can submit multiple applications to consider for funding. If you have any questions or need assistance, please submit a grants support ticket.

For FY22 salary reimbursement, IDHS is reducing the number of HSEEP exercises from three (3) exercises to one (1) exercise required for salary reimbursement. Current policy and guidance documents are being updated to reflect this change. The training course requirement will stay the same.

Hazmat Updates

The Indiana Emergency Response Commission (IERC) is asking for assistance in registering Indiana fire departments into Tier II Manager, a free online hazmat reporting and emergency planning system. Tier II Manager provides first responders at the state, county, and local levels with real-time access to hazardous chemical inventories of facilities in their jurisdiction. Please encourage fire departments to enroll for an account and instruct them to fill out the form linked here.

A multi-county LEPC tabletop exercise, sponsored by Monroe, Brown, and Bartholomew Counties with support from the U.S. EPA, is scheduled for August 24, 2022, at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds. The exercise is designed to allow participants to evaluate their emergency procedures during a simulated release of an extremely hazardous substance from the Mariah Foods facility in Bartholomew County. For those interested in observing the exercise, please contact Casey Kenworthy at ckenworthy@dhs.in.gov for more information.