Cybersecurity incidents are becoming more and more common, both around the U.S. and locally in Indiana. As leaders in emergency management and public safety, it is our responsibility to continue adapting and learning new ways to mitigate these incidents.

One way you as emergency managers can be a resource in your community is to hold conversations about the importance of being prepared for a potential incident with local elected officials, schools, private businesses, etc.

There several resources available from both the state and federal governments that can be shared with these groups:

* New: [StopRansomware.gov](#)
* Indiana Cybersecurity Hub
* Report a cybersecurity incident
* EMA Cybersecurity Toolkit

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**2021 BRIC and FMA Webinar Series**

Mark your calendars for the 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program Webinar Series.
FEMA recently released a new "Guide to Continuity of Government for State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Governments."

This new guide describes the relationship between continuity of operations, continuity of government and enduring constitutional government. To download this guide and other continuity resources, visit FEMA's website.

**Dates to Know**

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

**Sept. 15** - Indiana Water and Wastewater Emergency Response Functional Exercise. Click here for registration.

**Oct. 20-22** - EMAI

For other upcoming dates, visit the IDHS Calendar of Events.

The 2021 BRIC and FMA Programs' Webinar Series will bring FEMA subject-matter experts and partners together to provide technical information, best practices, tools and resources regarding these grant programs. There will also be a review of the fiscal year 2021 Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for BRIC and FMA.

To learn more and register for the upcoming webinars, visit the FEMA website.

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**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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**Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) – Deadline Aug. 31**

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.

County EMA's are critical partners in this data collection effort. The information collected is tied to federal resources, and the SEAR rating that U.S. DHS gives to each event. If anyone needs any assistance submitting events in WebEOC, please reach out to Janice Lee at jalee@dhs.in.gov.
Final Reminder: HMEP and EMPG Grants Open Through Aug. 6

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant and Emergency Management Performance Grant applications are open through Aug. 6.

Go to the IDHS Grants Management webpage to view the Notice of Funding Opportunities and apply.

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.

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.

Operation Space Storm Exercise: Sign Up Now

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.

The storm will be a record-breaking incident that causes rolling power outages anticipated to continue long-term with no known date for fully restored power.

Details:

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

In-person locations: Madison County EMA, Jackson County (exact location TBD)

Available Training

FEMA Basic Academy in Fall 2021

The five FEMA Basic Academy courses needed to achieve the Indiana Professional Emergency Manager (PEM) certification have been scheduled in late summer and early fall 2021.

- Aug. 16-20: L101 - Foundations of Emergency Management
- Aug. 31-Sept. 2: L105 - Public Information Basics
- Sept. 7-8: L146 - HSEEP
• Oct. 4-6: L102 - Science of Disaster

Registration is available in the Acadis Portal. Read more on page 22 of the June Hoosier Responder.