After 362 operational periods, the State Emergency Operations Center returned to normal daily operations on June 30. When the State EOC first activated back in March 2020, we could not predict how long the COVID-19 response would last, but I am sure we could have never expected it would be 362 operational periods.

The response brought countless challenges, many that we had not faced before. But with each new challenge, we persevered and pushed on. A big reason we at the State were able to do this was through the unwavering support and dedication from you, our county EMAs.

I can't thank you enough for everything you have done for the citizens of our great state. While the State EOC continues to monitor and support the remaining COVID-19 response operations for the Indiana Department of Health and Indiana National Guard, we are closer than ever to fully getting back to pre-pandemic life.

Mary Moran
IDHS Director of Emergency Management

New Cyber Incident Reporting Law and Tool

During the Indiana General Assembly, legislators passed HEA 1169, a law which requires all political subdivisions and state agencies to report cybersecurity incidents to the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT).
Under the new law, only the most severe types of attacks must be reported, including:

- Ransomware
- Business email compromise
- Vulnerability exploitation
- Zero-day exploitation
- Distributed denial of service
- Website defacement

For more information on the new law and to report a cyber incident, visit the Indiana Cybersecurity Hub.

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**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](#).

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**2021 NIMS and CPG 101 survey**

EMA directors are being asked to complete an important annual survey about NIMS implementation and preparedness, as well as the development or revisions of emergency operation plans.

The [survey](#) can be found in the "Recent Updates" section of the Emergency Management page. Responses are needed by Nov. 15, 2021.

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**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.

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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."

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**BRIC Pre-application Reminder**

FEMA’s Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program pre-application
Read the June issue of the Hoosier Responder and learn more about EMAs juggling multiple public safety roles.

Updated Resource Management Preparedness Guidelines


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.

period opens July 15. BRIC is the replacement for FEMA’s Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program.

The BRIC program’s funding priorities are to incentivize:

- Public infrastructure projects
- Projects that mitigate risk to one or more FEMA Community Lifelines
- Projects that incorporate nature-based solutions
- Adoption and enforcement of modern building codes

More information about the BRIC grant program and the pre-application can be found on the IDHS Mitigation and Recovery webpage.

A Day to Remember: Telling the Stories of Hoosiers During 9/11

This September marks 20 years since the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States. The IDHS Public Affairs staff currently is working on media projects to help tell the stories of Hoosier first responders and emergency management personnel who played an important role during September 2001.

If you have a story to share, please go to Remembering 9/11 and let IDHS know.

Available Training
Continue checking the IDHS Public Assistance Program webpage for updates on guidance, trainings and other vital information.

IDHS Planning Quick Hits

- The new State Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) will be sent out for review within the next 30 days.

- A county EOP template for EMAs to use is in development. More information to come.

- Log in to WebEOC and update your county's SEAR board no later than Aug. 31.

- IDHS Planning Section is finalizing the 2021-2023 Statewide Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (HIRA) that provides the foundation for identifying and prioritizing Indiana's hazards and threats.

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.