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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

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EMA Partners,

As you likely have heard, IDHS Executive Director Steve Cox is retiring from public service on June 24, and current Indiana State Fire Marshal Joel Thacker will be taking over as executive director. This appointment was announced by Governor Holcomb on Monday. The next marshal has not been named.

As emergency managers, the ability to react to change and continue toward successful outcomes is an inherent skill in the response world. I am thankful for having the opportunity to work with Director Cox and appreciate his support in the many roles and initiatives of the Emergency Management and Preparedness Division. I look forward to working with Joel in this new capacity and expect little change in the strategic direction of the agency and the high-quality services and support the agency provides you and your communities.

Local emergency managers remain a critical partner in the mission of IDHS. I am committed to nurturing good relationships with all local officials. The agency continues to be on a positive trajectory due to a talented and passionate staff as well as the hard work at the local level that you do every day. We appreciate your support and patience during this transition and look forward to communicating any changes or opportunities that arise during this time.

Thank you for all you do.

Mary Moran

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IDHS Director of Emergency Management

Time is running out to take our survey to voice your opinions on this crucial tool in keeping EMAs informed. Your answers help make the EMA Roundup more efficient in getting you the news you need. The survey closes Monday, June 13, 2022.

other before people fall victim to the newest cyberattacks.

The next discussion will be held in **LaGrange county**

- 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

- June 21, 2022

- LaGrange Public Library, 230 W Spring St, LaGrange, IN, 46761

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

FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Presents: Media and Public Relations

This is a 4½-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

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FEMA Updates

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

Take the Survey

The National Agricultural Biosecurity Center (NABC), in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security's Food, Agriculture and Veterinary Defense Division, has developed a readiness assessment to gain knowledge about 150 counties in 30 states that would be significantly impacted by an animal disease incident. NABC will send the assessment survey to select counties soon.

The NABC has not indicated which Indiana counties will be requested to participate in the assessment.

The Users Conference is designed for public safety officials interested in leveraging IPAWS capabilities in their jurisdictions. Current Alerting Authorities will also benefit from refreshing their knowledge. Attendance is Free!

Register for Free

Response and Recovery Updates

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

On **July 1, 2022** two things will go into effect:

- **RPA deadline**. Any RPAs (Request for Public Assistance) forms will not be accepted. This form is only for those who have yet to be declared an eligible applicant by FEMA and are not actively submitting projects into the Grant Portal.

- **The 100% Federal Cost Share** will end on July 1, 2022. The cost share will then switch to a 90/10. FEMA will reimburse 90% of all PA eligible project costs and the applicant will be responsible for 10% of those costs.

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/

as well as the following letter outlining specific items for order.

Order Instructions

Planning Updates

Continuity Training (L-1301 Continuity Planning) is scheduled for July 20-21, 2022, at the MADE@Plainfield facility. It is on Acadis for registration and information.

IDHS Planning Section welcomes Kirsten Goldstein, new Mass Care Planning Manager. Kirsten comes from the Red Cross in Minnesota. After she completes several training courses, she will be working on the State of Indiana Mass Care Plan along with many related plans and projects. If you would like to reach out to Kirsten, her email is kgoldstein@dhs.in.gov.

Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) Reporting – Federal DHS and IDHS are requesting County EMAs to update their county SEAR board in WebEOC for Indiana events planned for Dec. 1, 2022 and Nov. 30, 2023. This year's deadline is Friday, Aug. 26, 2022. The SEAR board has been developed by the IDHS IT team to make it easier to duplicate an event and change the dates along with scrolling through pages. This also allows EMAs to update the National Weather Service on if they would like NWS assistance for a particular event (or each event) and then save the event information. If you have any questions on the SEAR Program, please contact Janice Lee, jalee@dhs.in.gov.

Grants Updates

In FY2020, a tier-based system was implemented to promote equity and ensure sustainability in the distribution of EMPG funding for county EMA personnel. Last year, IDHS enhanced Indiana's EMPG funding strategy by reallocating underutilized funds to increase the support provided to counties with a history of strong EMPG utilization. This system will continue for the FY2022 cycle for EMPG, which will open for applications later this year.

Notification will be distributed to all county EMAs before the application period begins.

County EMAs will continue to be able to request, based on their funding tiers, reimbursement funding for annual salary expenditures for up to three (3) full-time positions. As in previous years, the funding awarded also may not exceed 50 percent of the total annual salary for those positions.

Please note: Reimbursement funding provided through FY2022 EMPG is for EMA personnel salaries paid from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

Funding tiers are now based on 2020 Census data. Only four counties will see a change in their funding eligibility as a result of the 2020 Census, and each will be notified by IDHS prior to the opening of the FY2022 EMPG application period. Below are the population thresholds and their associated funding tiers:

- **Less than 25,000**: $18,000
- **25,000-75,000**: $30,000
- **75,000-200,000**: $55,000
- **200,000 or greater**: $75,000

The FY2023 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant application will open in IntelliGrants on Wednesday **June 15, 2022**, and will close on **July 15, 2022 at 4:30pm (EST).** 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.](#)

FY23 SSSG is now open for applications
All applications are due by **June 30, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. (EDT).**

If you are new to your EMA role or have a new email address, [sign up for Govdelivery messages](#) (under News/Updates) in order to receive the most up to date information.

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.