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Next week is [Severe Weather Preparedness Week](#). Each year, IDHS and NWS educate Hoosiers about weather warnings, discuss creating severe weather safety plans with loved ones and creating a disaster kit so people can prepare for severe weather conditions.

In conjunction with the **Statewide Tornado Drill on March 15**, IDHS will be opening the application period for the Residential Safe Room Program for 30 days.

A safe room designed to meet FEMA criteria can survive winds as high as 250 miles per hour. It can be an interior room, a building or an entirely separate structure designed to protect occupants for events that generally last approximately two hours.

IDHS coordinates with FEMA on the grant program to provide partial reimbursement for safe room projects on residential proprietaries. Learn more about the [program](#) and [sign up](#) to receive an update when the application process opens.

Best Regards,

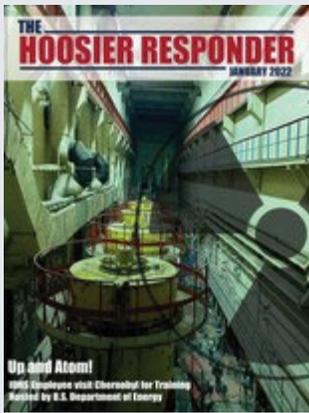
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Mary Moran

IDHS Director of Emergency Management

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 cyber-threat and attack. It's important in today's tech-reliant world to share information with each other before people fall victim to the newest cyber attacks.



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

FEMA Updates

FEMA is offering exercise assistance through the National Exercise Program.

If you are interested in learning more, there will be one-hour webinars hosted by FEMA's National Exercise Division. The webinars will cover the following topics:

- Process for requesting exercise support;
- Benefits of submitting an exercise to the NEP; and
- Approved 2022-2023 Principals' Strategic Priorities (PSP).

To register for the webinars, visit the [NEP webinar](#) page.

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,

The next discussion will be held in **Miami County**. Guest speakers will include Representatives Dan Leonard, Ethan Manning and Senator Stacey Donato.

- 1 p.m.- 3 p.m.
- March 21, 2022
- Miami County Courthouse, GAR Room, 25 N Broadway, Peru, IN 46970

RSVP by March 16 with your name, title and email address to thollenbeck@iot.in.gov.

[Full Schedule](#)

Response and Recovery Update

The 10th biennial **Operation Stay Afloat** conference is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at the IN Govt Center South Bldg Conference Center, Indianapolis.

This conference highlights flood preparedness and all-hazard mitigation. To register for the event, go to [Operation Stay Afloat Registration](#).

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

Integrated Public Safety Commission (IPSC) “Third Thursday”

The Integrated Public Safety Commission (IPSC) Executive Director, Kelly Dignin, hosts an open-door meeting on the Third Thursday of every month. Primarily this is attended by county EMA directors and other local response organizations. However, they also have some people from the private sector, like AT&T. These are valuable to hear what advancements are being made. If you have time we encourage you to attend.

- **Microsoft Teams** meeting link [available](#).
- **Join with a video conferencing device:** indiana@m.webex.com Video Conference ID: 116 219 784 2
- **Call in (audio only)** [+1 317-552-1674](tel:+13175521674), [187038914#](tel:+187038914) United States, Indianapolis.

Phone Conference ID: 187 038 914#

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.

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.](#)

Indiana Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC)

The Indiana Business Emergency Operations Center dashboard is a snapshot of Indiana meant to provide the private sector with situational awareness to continue their operations and support the response and recovery efforts of the state. This dashboard works in coordination with the Emergency Support Function 14 "Cross-Sector Business and Infrastructure" annex.

<https://share.dhs.gov/inbeoc>

Exercise Updates

The Exercise Section has updated the IDHS Exercise Guide to account for the new HSEEP-compliant/consistent language. In the resources section, you will find the addition of two documents labeled "Indiana HSEEP Compliance 2020-2022" and "HSEEP Compliance for Federal Grant-Funded Exercises Policy." The 2020-2022 document explains the differences of exercise requirements for LEPC and non-LEPC exercises for years 2020-2022.

[Read Here](#)

The IDHS Exercise Section is offering a [Cybersecurity workshop](#) next week. 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.

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 who are EMPG funded can count this as one of the three exercises needed to meet that requirement. All presentations will start at the conclusion of the district's 10 a.m. meeting. Contact ederrer@dhs.in.gov for more details.

Dates:

- District 5 in Noblesville, IN: April 27, 2022
 - Districts 7-9: June 2022
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Grants Updates

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.

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