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2022 EMS Week

Next week we will recognize unsung heroes in our communities with EMS Week. We will be recognizing several Hoosier EMS professionals who have been nominated by their peers. Follow along and thank your local EMS professionals as you see them around your community this week.

With most of Indiana experiencing above average temperatures for this time of year—and heat causing more fatalities each year than floods, lightning, tornadoes and hurricanes—now is a great time to revisit how to stay safe when the weather starts heating up.

- Stay hydrated and nourished. Drink fluids regularly, regardless of the activity level. Avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic beverages because they increase the rate of dehydration.
- Take time to cool off. If possible, stay indoors in an air-conditioned building. If the home does not have air conditioning, spend time in an air-conditioned public facility. Check local news to see if there are any local heat-relief shelters.
- Never leave animals, children or elderly individuals inside a vehicle. The temperature inside vehicles can become dangerously high even if the windows are rolled down completely.
- Dress appropriately for high temperatures. Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. Light colors reflect heat better than dark colors.
- The skin and eyes also need to be protected. Wear the proper level of SPF sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses. This will protect the body from harmful ultraviolet rays.

Learn more about how to stay safe as the weather heats up at GetPrepared.in.gov.

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 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 Hancock County.

- 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- May 17, 2022
- Hancock County Public Library, 900 West McKenzie Road Greenfield, IN, 46140

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

After completion of the L102 Science of Disaster Course on May 11, seven people have graduated from The National Emergency Management Basic Academy so far this year.

- Kassandra Buster
- Tamara Mann
- Andrew Marshall
- Mark Michael
- Selena Marie Rosas
- Felicia Wolfe
- Paul Petrie

The Indiana Red Cross invites you to attend the Mass Casualty Incident External Partner Virtual Workshop presented by the Indiana Region Red Cross. The Indiana Region has developed a Mass Casualty Response Team and would like to start the conversation how we can support each other when tragic events occur.

- 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.
- May 25, 2022

Contact Regional Disaster Officer Leslie Montgomery for more information. Leslie.montgomery@redcross.org or 616-490-5571

The National Agricultural Biosecurity Center (NABC) in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security Food, Agriculture and Veterinary Defense Division have 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

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

The Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) is hosting a one-day Dam Information, Resources and Training (DIRT) Conference for dam owners, operators and local officials on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Location: Valle Vista Golf Club & Conference Center, 755 East Main St. Greenwood, IN, 46143.

This multi-speaker conference was created to bring dam owners/operators together with members of the professional dam safety community and various
FEMA Updates

FEMA scheduled a listening session about the upcoming revised edition of the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF), which will be conducted via Zoom to ensure our partners have an opportunity to provide input for the 3rd Edition NDRF.

- **May 19, 3 p.m. EDT:**

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

- **RPA deadline.** Any RPA forms (Request for Public Assistance) 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.

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 meetings are valuable to hear what advancements are being made. If you have time, IDHS encourages you to attend.

- **Microsoft Teams** meeting link available.
- **Join with a video conferencing device:** [indiana@m.webex.com](mailto:indiana@m.webex.com) Video Conference ID: 116 219 784 2
- **Call in (audio only)**: +1 317-552-1674, United States, Indianapolis. Phone Conference ID: 187 038 914#

Planning Updates

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

SEAR WebEOC Board is always available to view and print current events as well as update the events that are annual or events you already know about for Dec. 1, 2022 – Nov. 30, 2023. The deadline for reporting future events (2023) is Aug. 30, 2022 to be included in
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.

**Grants Updates**

FY22 SHSP and FY22 NSGP will open up for grant applications no later than Tuesday 5/17/22 and all information will be posted to our website.

The federal grants compliance team would like to thank you all for working on your 21 EMPG Compliance requirements!

FY23 SSSG is scheduled to be open for applications the beginning of June and due by June 30, 2022 at 4:30pm (EST) A formal announcement has not been communicated yet.

If you are new to your EMA roll or have a new email address, sign up for Govdelivery messages in order to receive the most up to date information.