With the leaves changing colors and falling from the trees, it is time to start preparing for the winter weather season. This time of year can have incredibly unpredictable weather patterns, so being ready for all possibilities will keep you and your communities safe this winter.

Creating an emergency kit for your home and vehicles can help you stay ready for whatever comes your way, be it sleet, hail or a blizzard.

Your emergency kit should include:

- Extra blankets or a sleeping bag
- First aid kit
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Non-perishable food and water
- Portable phone charger
- Spare clothes, mittens, socks, scarves and hats

Communities often monitor local radio, TV stations and social media for weather updates to stay safe. It's important that the public gets the most up-to-date information possible. By adding the current status for each county to WebEOC in a timely manner we are able to get that life saving information out sooner on the Travel Advisory Map and reach more people.

Go to Getprepared.in.gov for more tips to keep all Hoosiers safer this winter.
Virtual Train-the-Trainer Courses Scheduled

The Emergency Management Institute recently released the 2022 NIMS ICS position-specific Train-the-Trainer (TtT) virtual "K" course schedule. To view the full schedule, visit the IDHS Emergency Management webpage.

DHS Strategic Framework for Addressing Climate Change

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released its first Strategic Framework for Addressing Climate Change to govern the Department’s efforts to combat the climate crisis. DHS is at the forefront of national initiatives to address the impacts of climate change, including by leading efforts to build resilience in communities across our country. The pdf version among other publications are located here.

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Exercise Updates

The FEMA National Exercise Division has closed fall submissions for the exercise support program from the National Exercise Program (NEP). Decisions will be sent out by Dec. 10, 2021.

The NEP offers no-cost assistance to state, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions for exercise design, development, execution and evaluation to validate capabilities across all mission areas.

For jurisdictions who were not ready to submit a request by the deadline, the NEP will hold additional exercise support rounds in spring and fall of 2022. If you have any questions, please contact the National Exercise Division.

• The Central Exercise Program Manager departed Oct. 22, 2021. Exercise support questions for Districts 5 and 7 can now be directed to Casey Fizer at CFizer@dhs.IN.gov. Exercise support questions for District 6 can now be directed to Jason Chapman at JChapman@dhs.IN.gov.

Save the dates:

• The CCTA FSE After Action Conference is TBD at this time.

• Exercise planning is beginning soon for a Cybersecurity Workshop with southern districts. All EMAs will be invited to the workshop. It will be facilitated through Microsoft Teams. Please watch your email inbox for further information on developing the two workshop exercise planning teams or you can email the South Exercise Program Manager (Casey Fizer) at CFizer@dhs.IN.gov or the Exercise@dhs.IN.gov inbox.

FEMA is offering two new training opportunities in December.

• 1688-Training Opportunity-E0050 Exercise Control and Simulation December 2021

• 1689-Training Opportunity-E0139 Exercise Design Development Course December 2021

Apply Here
Check out all the current openings on the [IDHS Public Safety Jobs dashboard](https://www.in.gov/dhs/fire-and-building-safety/public-safety-job-postings/). If your agency is hiring and would like to promote the job, submit your information below the dashboard. It's free.

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**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](https://www.in.gov/dhs/fire-and-building-safety/public-safety-job-postings/) for updates on guidance, trainings and other vital information.

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Exercise encourages counties and/or districts to hold either an annual Training Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) or Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop (IPPW) and roll up their Training Exercise Plan (TEP) or Integrated Preparedness Plan/Integrated Preparedness Schedule (IPP/IPPS) respectively by May of 2022. IDHS will hold its annual IPPW in May and will include any county and/or district submissions as read ahead materials. Please contact your Exercise Program Manager or State Exercise Officer if you have any questions.

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