Cold temperatures, snow and freezing rain are common throughout Indiana from November through March each year. But Hoosiers should be prepared for other weather hazards during the wintertime too.

• Tornadoes can occur at any time of the year, as outbreaks in December 2015 and November 2013 showed. In December 2021, a deadly EF4 tornado ravaged western Kentucky and ended 20 miles south of the Indiana border. Review tornado safety tips

• Sometimes temperatures are warm enough that winter storm precipitation remains rain. In February 2018, record rainfall between 5 and 9 inches created widespread flooding, with numerous rivers reaching major flood levels and several setting new records. Review flooding safety tips

Mary Moran, Emergency Management & Preparedness Director

Local Government Support
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 discussions will be held in Marion County #1

Nov. 28, 11 a.m. -1 p.m.

Indianapolis Public Library – Pike Branch, 6525 Zionsville Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268

Marion County #2

Nov. 28, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Indianapolis Public Library – West Perry Branch, 6650 S. Harding St., Indianapolis, IN 46217

If you have any questions, contact thollenbeck@iot.in.gov.

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/

Most of Indiana already is being affected by winter weather. Now is a great time to revisit the resources available so everyone is familiar with them in case of severe weather. 511IN.org contains information about road conditions, closures and width/weight restrictions. The interactive map provides information to motorists so they can drive safely and efficiently.

New features include:

- cameras now provide video feeds.
- weather stations are a layer on the map now.

Red Cross services across Indiana include trained volunteers who are on-call 24 hours a day to help meet urgent resident needs, including shelter, food, health (medication & medical equipment), mental health, spiritual care and recovery plan development. All Red Cross Services, including recovery planning, are free. To request services, please call 1(800)-RED-CROSS.

Planning Updates

Please complete your THIRA/SPR, if you haven’t already. If anyone has questions or needs assistance after attending the online THIRA/SPR training, please contact Joshua Kiilu at jkiilu1@dhs.IN.gov or call (317) 601-4598 as soon as possible. The 2022 THIRA-SPR Assessment Tool and step-by-step instructions are in WebEOC.
HIRA – Foundation for THIRA Step 1 – conducted every three years – is due Jan. 30, 2024.

Exercise

Attention North EMA partners from IDHS Districts 1-4! Please mark your calendars for a Series Concept and Objectives meeting to discuss the upcoming exercise series on a Hazardous Materials Transportation Incident.

IDHS will have a high level overview discussion on the hazard and develop overarching goals for the three-year series. This will give IDHS a head start on preparing for planning the kickoff workshop/seminar to take place in 2023. EMAs are invited to share this event with local partners in the North that would like to be involved in this series.

The meeting will be held from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Dec. 15, 2022, via Microsoft Teams.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jess Kindig, North Region Exercise Program Manager at jkindig@dhs.in.gov. IDHS is looking forward to this new series!

Districts 5-7 Civil Unrest Workshop

IDHS is sponsoring a one-day, virtual workshop providing participants the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of civil unrest preparedness. Participants will learn about legal requirements and restrictions during an event, available state and local resources through mutual aid and a review of a Civil Unrest Plan template. There also will be presentations from local emergency managers about their experiences, recommendations and lessons learned with civil unrest.

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022, 9 a.m.-1 p.m

Virtual workshop via Microsoft Teams

Please register by Dec. 5, 2022. Participants will attend remotely and will receive a calendar invitation with a Microsoft Teams link to join the event after registering. The calendar invitation will include the agenda and presentations.
Response and Recovery Update

IDHS has non-contact, infrared thermometers and personal protection kits available. Each case of NCITs contains 42 kits while the PPKs include 24 kits each.

Supplies are on a first-come, first-served basis and all requests should be made via IDHS Logistics Section Chief, Melanie Pattenaude (mpattenaude@dhs.in.gov).

Hazmat Updates

The LEPC planning module is complete in the Tier II Manager, and the IDHS Hazmat Section is training LEPCs on how to best use it to submit LEPC plans. If you are interested in having your LEPC participate in a training session, please reach out to either Erin Miller (ErMiller@dhs.IN.gov) or Jackie Pulley (JPulley@dhs.IN.gov) to get more information on when your district training session will be held.

The 2022 annual Tier II reporting webinar is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Dec. 7 ET. EMAs and LEPCs interested in learning more about how facilities file their Tier II reports are welcome to join. To sign up for the webinar, please fill out the form here: https://forms.office.com/g/AqRA1nUijL

Grants Updates

Indiana Body Camera Grant program open

The Indiana Local Body Camera Grant (ILBC), managed by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security is accepting applications.
The ILBC program provides matching grants to city, town and county law enforcement agencies to support the purchase of body-worn cameras. The matching grant funds may be used only for the purchase of body-worn cameras and may not be used to purchase video storage equipment or services. Only one ILBC grant application will be allowed from each law enforcement agency.

**All applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. ET on December 15, 2022.**

*All applicants must be registered with the IntelliGrants system before applying. Visit the IDHS Grants Management page for complete information and instructions on registering with IntelliGrants.*

Law enforcement agencies are encouraged to review the Notice of Funding Opportunity before applying. For complete details on the program, including eligibility and matching requirements, please review:

**Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Indiana Local Body Camera Grant Program**