As we celebrate with friends and family this week, we at IDHS are thankful for the strong relationships we foster with emergency management partners around the state. With that in mind, here are our top 3 holiday safety tips to keep everyone healthy and safe this year.

1. Keep an eye on what you fry. Never leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave the kitchen, even for a short period, turn off the stove, and move items that can burn away. Also, keep children and pets at least three feet away.

2. November weather can be unpredictable, and it is best always to be prepared. It is essential to check weather conditions before you depart and have an Emergency Preparedness Kit in your car in case of an accident.

3. Do not attend or host a holiday gathering if you are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued dedication to keeping Hoosiers safe.

May you and yours have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Best Regards,

Mary Moran
IDHS Director of Emergency Management

Hazmat Updates
IDHS is offering a virtual training for the Tier II Manager system at 1 p.m. EST on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021.

This training will offer step-by-step instructions on how to use the Tier II Manager system and how to submit an Annual Tier II (312) Report.

To sign up for the webinar, please fill out the online registration form.

Once registered, IDHS staff will provide a virtual meeting link prior to the webinar date. Individuals with Tier II reporting subjects they would like discussed during the training may include those questions in the registration form.

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 that 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.

FEMA has released the Long-Term Community Resilience Exercise Resource Guide, which focuses on designing whole community exercises to prepare for the effects of a changing climate.

TEEX (Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service) has launched a new FEMA-certified online course – AWR-401-W – Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment and Stakeholder Preparedness Review.

Save the dates:

- The CCTA FSE After Action Conference has been scheduled for Dec. 13, 2021
- 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
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/

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.

Joe Luckett, the Operations Section Chief in State EOC and former long-time Indiana National Guard liaison will retire on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 after serving the State EOC for more than 12 years. Joe plans to spend time travelling and with family. Prior to November 30th anyone who wishes to send Joe a congratulatory email can send it to JLuckett@dhs.in.gov.

FEMA is offering two new training opportunities in December.

- 1688-Training Opportunity-E0050 Exercise Control and Simulation Dec. 2021
- 1689-Training Opportunity-E0139 Exercise Design Development Course Dec. 2021

Apply Here

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/IPS) 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.

Planning Update

NIMS/CPG 101 Survey Responses are due Nov. 30

If you have any questions, please contact Joshua Kiilu at planning@dhs.in.gov

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