Fall has arrived, which means some of us may be firing up those furnaces soon.

And while we still have a few nice evenings left, we also may be enjoying the fire pit and outdoor barbecues as well.

Regardless, now is a great time to check those smoke detectors and make sure you are taking the right precautions to enjoy both safely for you and your family.

Our two safety sites, GetPrepared.in.gov and GetAlarmed.in.gov, provide a host of resources to share with your community to keep people fire safe.

Oct. 3-9 is national Fire Prevention Week, with the theme this year of "Learn the sounds of fire safety." Can you tell the difference between a carbon monoxide detector and a smoke alarm? How about when the alarm battery is low?

With a little preparedness and discussion, you can protect friends and family from increased fire risk this time of year.

Mary Moran
IDHS Director of Emergency Management
2021 EMAI Registration Open

EMAI conference registration is now open. This year's conference is Oct. 20-22 at the Indianapolis Marriott East, with pre-conference sessions on Oct. 19. The theme for EMAI 2021 is "Together Towards Tomorrow."

Register for EMAI

Dates To Know

Oct 17 - LEPC Hazmat Response Plans are due

Oct. 20-22 - EMAI

For other upcoming dates, visit the IDHS Calendar of Events.

Indiana Professional Emergency Manager Courses Underway

Several EMA directors and IDHS employees attended the L0101 Foundations of Emergency Management class at the Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds during the week of Aug. 16-20. This course is one of five needed to achieve the Indiana Professional Emergency Manager (PEM) certification.

The two remaining FEMA Basic Academy courses needed to achieve the certification have been scheduled:

- Oct. 4-6: L102 - Science of Disaster

Registration is available in the Acadis Portal.

Planning Update

The IDHS Planning Section has been very busy assisting with the Afghan evacuees temporarily housed at Camp Atterbury mission. Planners are working in the SEOC providing situation reports for the armory donation collection sites and also working alongside of our Recovery staff at Camp Atterbury. Planners are supporting our volunteer organizations and our state and federal partners in managing ESF-14 and Private-Public Partnerships (PPP) in obtaining donations and volunteers. Furthermore, staff have been participating in base planning efforts and capturing the updates for our own state plans.

For anyone interested in donating items, only new items will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the following National Guard armories:

- Evansville: 3300 E. Division St.
- Greenfield: 410 Apple St.
- Rockville: 224 W. Strawberry Road
- Danville: 1245 E. Main St.
- Muncie: 401 N. Country Club Road
- Indianapolis: Kessler-Moore Readiness Center, 2625 W. Kessler Blvd. North Drive
- Fort Wayne: 130 W. Cook Road
- South Bend: 1901 Kemble Ave.
- New Albany: 2909 Grant Line Road
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.

Any organization or business seeking to make a large donation and cannot deliver to a designated site should contact IDHS at privatesector@dhs.in.gov.

Currently, hot items needed include:

- Strollers
- Baby wash tubs
- Winter coats
- Boots
- Blankets
- Winter clothing

The Planning Section finished the Indiana County EOP Template and uploaded the document to WebEOC in the State Plans Library folder. The document is in Word format for ease of use. Feedback and recommendations from EMAs regarding the document are encouraged. You can send your comments to planning@dhs.in.gov.

FEMA released the updated Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 101: Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans and has several Webinars available. Below are the links to the dates and times to register. Registration is required and is on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, click on your preferred session below:

- **Webinar #1** - 10/4/21 2:00 PM EST
- **Webinar #2** - 10/13/21 2:00 PM EST

Exercise Updates

- IDHS Exercise will be facilitating the Civil Unrest Tabletop Exercise (TTX) After Action Conference (AAC) with the Northern Districts in the coming months. More details to come.

- IDHS Exercise is planning two Workshops for the Southern Districts in the spring of 2022. The first Workshop will be a Cyber Security Workshop where participants will have an opportunity to develop a Cyber Security Incident Response Plan. The second Workshop will cover Tornado/Damage Assessment; the first of a three-part series. 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.