IDHS is sponsoring two virtual seminars on Nov. 2 and Nov. 9, providing participants the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of conducting a damage assessment within the state of Indiana.

Each seminar will have different presentations related to damage assessments and debris management. Both seminars comply with Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) standards. It is recommended that participants attend both seminars. If you cannot attend, the recordings can be available upon request.

The seminars will provide participants with knowledge of various types of damage assessments, available IDHS resources and services, and recommendations on how to train volunteers to conduct damage assessments. There will also be presentations from local emergency managers (EMs) with a question-and-answer session allowing participants to ask EMs about their experiences conducting damage assessments and debris management. Additional presentations will be given by representatives from the National Weather Service (NWS) and Indiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (INVOAD).

**Event Registration**
Please register for this event by Oct. 26, 2022. The seminars will be virtual events. Participants will receive a calendar invitation with a Microsoft Teams link to join the event after registering. The calendar invitation will include the agenda.

Mary Moran, Emergency Management & Preparedness Director

Do you have an amazing story that happened to you or your team that you would like to share? Submit stories year-round to potentially make it on the IDHS website publications or social media channels.

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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 Hamilton County

Oct. 26, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Fishers PD Training Rooms, 4 Municipal Dr., Fishers, IN 46038

Carroll & Clinton Counties

Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
FJCP Library, 208 W Clinton St., Frankfort, IN 46041

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

NWS Updates

NWS Indianapolis Annual Fall Partner Virtual Workshop

- 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
- Nov. 9, 2022

This is our annual virtual meeting where we share items of note, new procedures, any upcoming changes and/or updates on topics pertinent to you. We will share our winter weather and hydrological outlooks for the upcoming winter season as well. This will be all virtual again this year and recorded in case you cannot attend. Pre-registration is required.

FEMA Updates

The FEMA National Exercise Division (NED) is accepting Fall 2022 requests for exercise support to the National Exercise Program (NEP). The program offers no-cost Local Government Support

Many counties are under burn bans this week due to Red Flag Warnings where high wind speeds combined with low humidity to produce an increased risk of fire danger. IDHS has a burn ban map where all county bans are displayed.

Planning Updates

IDHS Planning hired Bryce Ahnafield as the new Critical Infrastructure/Private-Public Partnership Planning Manager. He is also the Planning Manager Support person for District 6. Bryce’s contact information is: brahnafield@dhs.in.gov or 317-435-5501. Welcome, Bryce!
assistance to state, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions for exercise design, development, conduct and evaluation to enhance preparedness across all mission areas in support of FEMA’s Strategic Plan.

Fall 2022 requests for support are due no later than **Nov. 1, 2022**. To submit a request for exercise support, download the [support request form](https://www.fema.dhs.gov), then email the completed form with supporting documentation to **NEP@fema.dhs.gov**. Awardees will be notified by Dec. 21, 2022. FEMA will hold additional exercise support rounds in Spring and Fall 2023.

For questions, contact FEMA at **NEP@fema.dhs.gov**.

**County Plan Templates:** If you are looking for a County Plan Template, they are located in the State Plans Library on your County WebEOC Board along with many other important planning documents. If you would like to share one of your county plans that could be used in creating one for the entire state, please send it to IDHS Planning at **planning@dhs.in.gov**. Planning is working on additional county templates in 2023 to share.

**HIRA/THIRA/SPR/NIMS/CPG 101:** The 2022 THIRA-SPR Assessment Tool and step-by-step instructions have been uploaded to WebEOC. If anyone has questions or needs assistance after attending the THIRA/SPR training, please contact Joshua Kiilu at **jkiilu1@dhs.in.gov** or call (317)601-4598.

Here is the schedule of the HIRA, THIRA/SPR and NIMS/CPG101.

- The new deadline for submission for the county THIRA/SPR is no later than **Oct. 31, 2022**.
- The NIMS and CPG 101 survey is required no later than **Nov. 15, 2022**.
- HIRA – Foundation for THIRA Step 1 – conducted every three years – is due **Jan. 30, 2024**

**Upcoming Trainings**

**All Hazards Incident Commander (L950)**

- Date: Oct. 24-28
- Location: Porter County Fire Station, 4203 Montale Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Response and Recovery Update**

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security has non-contact infrared thermometers and personal protection kits available. Each case of NCITs contains 42 while the PPKs include 24 each.

Supplies are on a first come, first served and all requests should be made via the IDHS Logistics Section Chief, Melanie Pattenaude ([mpattenaude@dhs.in.gov](mailto:mpattenaude@dhs.in.gov)).
IDHS RACES/AUXCOMM

The team is looking to increase county participation in the Nets. The team runs an HF and VHF net once a month. County participation in these Nets is critical.

MONTHLY NETS:

3.920 MHz +/-5 KHz, LSB. The Net will be on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. ET. This net will be done in an IDHS District roll call format. Registration is no longer required.

2m/70cm on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. ET. Counties close to Indianapolis can use the W9FBZ repeater, 147.210, 88.5 PL tone. You can also reach the team on the 70cm repeater on 224.8, 88.5 PL. These two repeaters are linked. Counties more distant may use Echolink, node 690934. If you or your county teams do not have Echolink, contact the state Auxcomm team and they will help you set it up (you MUST be a licensed HAM to use Echolink). While this net is set up for the counties to check in, any HAM may participate.

Getting every county to check in is the end goal. Please help the Auxcomm team (and your county) by reaching out to your local ARES/RACES/AUXCOMM teams and check in!

Grants Updates

EMPG Salary award letters went out this week. Please log in and sign the award letter and make changes (if required).

HMEP and SHSP award letters went out last week. TODAY is the last day for SHSP awardees to enter their applications into IntelliGrants.

If you have any issues, you should submit a grants support ticket.