As emergency managers, we stand at the ready to help our communities when disasters strike, and we spring into action when the time comes. We know how important it is to work with partners at all levels of government and in the private sector to get the job done, so we were ready to accept the challenge when Gov. Holcomb announced this week that state agencies and partners from Team Rubicon and the American Red Cross will be coordinating to receive, sort and deliver donations for the thousands of Afghan evacuees being temporarily housed at Camp Atterbury.

Next week, donated items will be accepted at National Guard armories throughout the state, and federal and state personnel, including emergency management professionals, will be working in concert to coordinate these efforts. As shown throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, emergency managers have the skills and experience needed to get resources where they’re needed the most. Thank you for how you continue to serve your communities in ways just like this.

Mary Moran
IDHS Director of Emergency Management
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.

**Last Chance Reminder: Sign up Now for Operation Space Storm Exercise**

The IDHS Exercise Section is offering a two-module space storm exercise (tabletop and functional) in September. It will build off the Logistical Staging Area Workshop from this February and use draft plans for a space storm incident.

This HSEEP compliant exercise is scheduled for three hours, with Module 1 being a tabletop and Module 2 being a functional exercise. This exercise will be virtual; however, Madison and Jackson County have kindly arranged for in-person locations if participants wish to exercise in-person.

Details:

Central and South Regions – Operation Space Storm: LSA TTX/FX

- September 22
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern (9 a.m. to noon Central)
- Hybrid/in-person

**Planning Update**

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
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/

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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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**PPE Resource Update**

The State EOC has recently received resource requests for PPE due to experiencing increased cases of COVID-19. **USDHS and FEMA are no longer providing PPE at no cost share.** Counties pre-planning or with current needs for first responders should procure through local vendors before submitting to IDHS Logistics.

As a reminder, all requests should be entered via WebEOC for review, including impacts and challenges within the justification. Mission requests should also include the type of each personal protective equipment, size (as applicable) and quantity.

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**National Preparedness Month**

With the end of National Preparedness Month coming to a close soon, it is an excellent time to highlight tools for emergency planning. The week of September 20-24 focuses on teaching those skills to children. You can find more information on FEMA’s Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP), including curriculum and games, at [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov/student-tools).

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