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Program News for the week ending May 24, 2019

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Higher Education Program Manager’s Message

Good day emergency management & homeland security academics and friends!

We are just a short week away from the 21st Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium! The Symposium program came back from the printers today and we are very excited to share it. We now have the final agenda posted to our website and at last count we had 263 registered participants. We expect about a dozen other participants coming for individual days and know there will be outstanding opportunities to network and learn from our diverse community. The registration is now officially closed.



Figure 1: Allison Carlock, FEMA-ICPD, Wendy Walsh, FEMA-Hi Ed, Dr. Jamie Aten, Wheaton College, Alex Amparo, FEMA-NPD & Matt Lyttle, FEMA-ICPD.

Photo Courtesy of Wendy Walsh.

Last week, I mentioned that we sent an invitation to all registered participants to sign up for the workshops and world café sessions they are interested in attending. However, this did not occur as we wanted to wait for clarifying information. Please keep a look out for this email in the upcoming week, sign up at your earliest convenience and let us know if you did not receive the email by May 29th. Those who register will be given priority if sessions fill up beyond room capacity.

Now that we have the symposium updates covered, I want to share with you that my week started out at FEMA Headquarters, to participate in a meeting organized by the DHS Center

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for Faith & Opportunity. Specifically, to meet with Dr. Jamie Aten from Wheaton College. He is the founder and executive director of their Humanitarian Disaster Institute. In 2018 they stood up a Master of Arts program in Humanitarian & Disaster Leadership and their program is unique in that it has a faith-based orientation. I joined our Individual & Community Preparedness Division (ICPD), Ali Carlock & Matt Lyttle and our Associate Administrator for the National Preparedness Division, Alex Amparo to spend a little more than an hour talking about education, community building and financial preparedness. It was very inspiring, and many ideas began to emerge regarding the notion of how financial preparedness education can be integrated into our lives- how can it 'go viral'? The notion of having the ability to adapt and pivot current capabilities rather than to look to build new capabilities was discussed. And Dr. Aten also shared a recent publication his daughter (currently a high school sophomore) wrote on resilience lessons from Harry Potter. Here is the [link to that article](#) if you are as curious as I was 😊.

As you all hopefully know, financial preparedness is a key focus area for FEMA. We want to know all that you are doing related to this topic. How are you, your organization, your communities contributing to financial preparedness? Do you have ideas of how we can make financial preparedness 'go viral'? How can we or do you incorporate [this] in your course work? We would love to learn all that you are doing, share your good work, and do all we can to expand financial resilience!

Wishing you a reflective Memorial Day weekend and a wonderful week ahead!

Higher Education Program Update

The next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, June 21, from 2-3 p.m. ET, 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368. Please join us. Learn from the emergency management academic community about what is new and exciting in their world. Find out about ongoing projects and discuss higher education community needs that the Higher Education Program can address. Contact [Wendy Walsh](mailto:Wendy.Walsh@fema.dhs.gov), Wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov with your discussion topics.

Higher Education Program Webinars - The Higher Education Program regularly hosts webinars for the emergency management higher education academic community. If you have a pertinent topic or idea, contact [Wendy Walsh](mailto:Wendy.Walsh@fema.dhs.gov).

Special Interest Groups (SIGs). FEMA's Higher Education Program encourages the organization of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to support the increased exchange of knowledge in specific areas and applications of emergency management education. A SIG will provide a forum within the Higher Education community of interest to bring together people who have a common curiosity. The SIG will serve as a focal point for community development in their special area. SIGs can potentially become involved in co-authoring/researching and serving as mentors to students and subject matter experts to practitioners. [For more information and a list of SIGs](#) (URL: <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx>). To join a SIG, send an email to Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov or Danielle.Green@associates.fema.dhs.gov.



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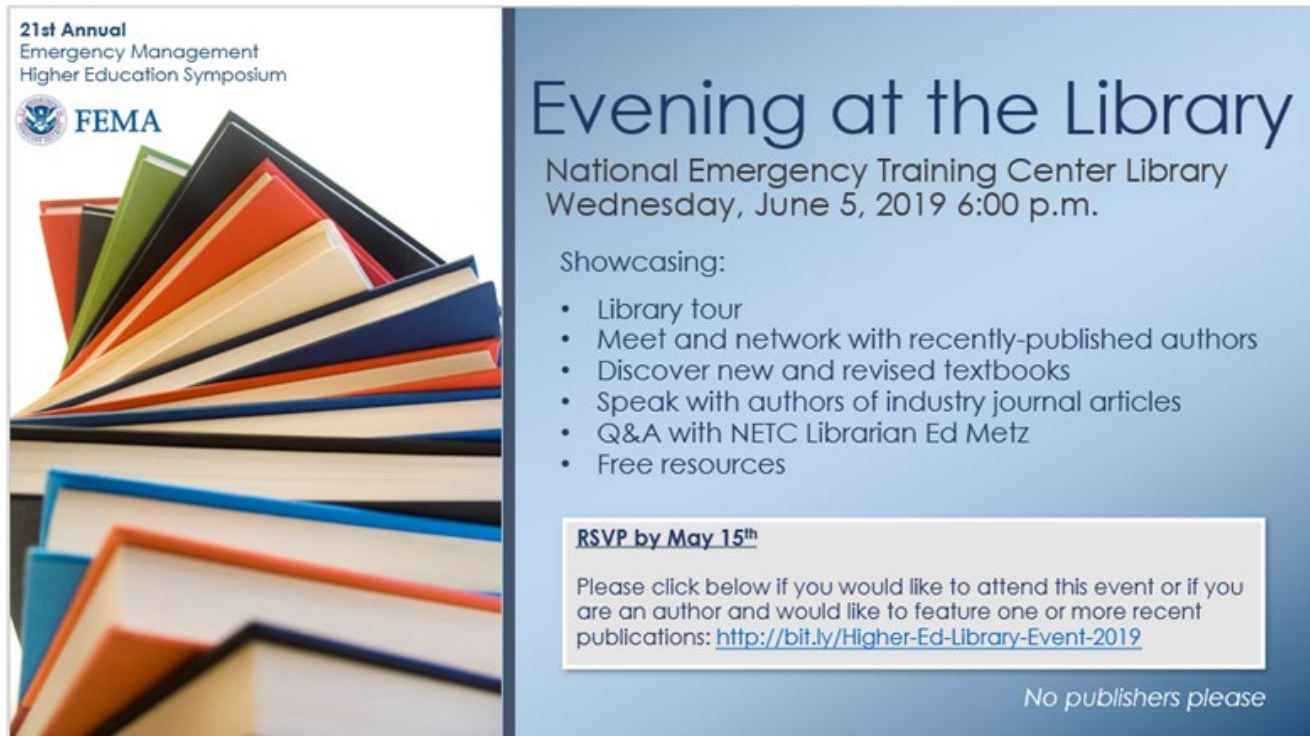
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The 21st Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, June 3-6, will be held at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg, MD. In the coming weeks we will post additional information to the Hi Ed website (URL: <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/>) as it becomes available. A few items of interest:

Symposium [Agenda](#)



The poster for the 21st Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium features a stack of colorful books on the left. The text on the right reads: "Evening at the Library National Emergency Training Center Library Wednesday, June 5, 2019 6:00 p.m. Showcasing: Library tour, Meet and network with recently-published authors, Discover new and revised textbooks, Speak with authors of industry journal articles, Q&A with NETC Librarian Ed Metz, Free resources. RSVP by May 15th. Please click below if you would like to attend this event or if you are an author and would like to feature one or more recent publications: <http://bit.ly/Higher-Ed-Library-Event-2019>. No publishers please".

College List

The Higher Education Program keeps a list of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Higher Education Program staff do not provide college recommendations or discuss the relative merits of the colleges and universities listed. If you have a new or updated program to include, send an email to fema-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

National Science Foundation

[Dear Colleague Letter: Effective Practices for Data](#)



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[Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers](#)

Employment

Federal Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Mitigation), IC 14, CLOSE 5/29/2019, [FEMA-19-CYP-295193-CORE](#), St. Croix, VI
- Emergency Management Specialist (Mitigation), GS 11-12, CLOSE 5/29/2019, [FEMA-19-SC-263841-DE](#), Atlanta, GA
- Emergency Management Specialist, (Recovery), GS 13, CLOSE 5/31/2019, [FEMA-19-JLS-300995-DE](#), Carson City County, NV
- Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery) Operations Section Chief Type II, IT 04, CLOSE 5/30/2019, [FEMA-19-THS-301144-IMAT](#), Maynard, MA
- Emergency Management Specialist (Response), GS 12, CLOSE 5/31/2019, [FEMA-19-TM-264903-DE](#), Round Hill, VA
- Management Specialist, (Preparedness), GS 11-12, CLOSE 6/3/2019, [FEMA-19-JLS-300092-DE](#), Oakland, CA
- Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC 11-12, CLOSE 6/4/2019, [FEMA-19-TDS-282417-CORE](#), Anchorage, AK; Lakewood, WA
- Customs and Border Patrol – [Air Interdiction Agent \(pilot\) – Flight Assessment](#)

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Columbia College](#) – Program Coordinator of Associate and Bachelors Programs, Disaster and Emergency Management/Fire Science
- [George Washington University](#) – Faculty, Biostatistics and Epidemiology
- [Mississippi University for Women](#) – Assistant Professor, Public Health
- [Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey](#) – Assistant/Associate/Full Professor, Health Disparity and Health Equity
- [Stanford University](#) – Research Professor, Social Science

Resources

The resources below are compiled through a variety of sources and included here as interesting and relevant resources for research or classroom use. The links are provided as a convenience and for informational purposes only. They do not constitute any endorsement or approval by FEMA or the Higher Education Program.

[To Control Forest Fires, Western States Light More of Their Own Governing](#)



[McAleenan Swears in New HSAC Members, Announces Tasking to Secure Houses of Worship](#)
Homeland Security Today

[Water Is What's Killing People: Hurricanes Could Drench Florida in Catastrophic Flooding](#)
Florida Today

[More Floods, More Effective Flood-Fighting Technology](#)
Domestic Preparedness

[FEMA Podcast](#)

Interview with Michelle Medley-Daniel with the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network, Allie Lerch and Chris Chambers with Ashland Fire & Rescue, and Hilary Lundgren with the Washington Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network to learn about the successes, tools, and growth of the network from eight to twenty-four communities.

[NASA Official Credits DHS' Cyber Tools with Transforming Its Cyber Stance](#)
Nextgov

[The end of natural disasters and the beginning of the new normal](#)
The Globe And Mail

FEMA Announces Notice of Funding Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2019 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program

The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced the release of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Fiscal Year 2019 **Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP)** May 23, 2019.

The RCPGP provides \$10 million to local governments [(as defined by [2 C.F.R. § 200.64](#)) located within one of the 100 most populous [Metropolitan Statistical Areas \(MSAs\)](#) per the [Census Bureau's 2017 Population Estimates](#)] to build regional capacity to manage catastrophic incidents by improving and expanding collaboration for catastrophic incident preparedness.

The RCPGP plays an important role in the implementation of the [National Preparedness System](#). RCPGP supports the building of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. Delivering core capabilities requires the combined effort of the whole community, rather than the exclusive effort of any single organization or level of government. RCPGP projects should increase capability levels in the Food, Water, and Sheltering Community Lifeline as measured in the Housing or Logistics and Supply Chain Management core capabilities reported through the [Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment \(THIRA\)/Stakeholder Preparedness Review \(SPR\)](#).

Awards will be made on a competitive basis to applicants who present an ability to successfully meet the requirements described in the NOFO.

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The application period will remain open until 11:59 p.m. EDT on July 8, 2019. Submissions must be made through [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). The FY 2019 RCPGP NOFO is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on <http://www.grants.gov>, Assistance Listings Number 97.111.

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA's Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch at (202) 646-3444 or at FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

Calendar

Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Course Offering

EMI

V-0001 - Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) – Active Threat (College/University Campus with Hostages)

Exercise Date & Location:

September 10, 11 & 12, 2019. Virtual Exercise – Multiple Locations

Exercise Length:

4 Hours. Start time is 12:00 P.M. Eastern and end time is 4:00 P.M. Eastern.

Target Audience:

The VTTX program is designed for a “community-based” group (not individual participation) of at least five or more personnel from local or State emergency management organizations with representation from all emergency management disciplines - public safety, public works, public health, health care, government, administrative, communications, military, private sector, non-governmental, critical stress professionals, and other whole-community partners.

Participation Requirements:

The VTTX will be limited to approximately 10-15 locations per broadcast. Participating locations must have an appropriate site equipped with VTC capability (this is not an Adobe Connect® session) that can access the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) VTC site (connection information will be provided by EMI). Participating locations will be responsible for local exercise logistics and should designate an exercise coordinator to implement the logistical requirements for the exercise. In addition, the location must provide a person capable of facilitating the on-site portion of the exercise. Electronic copies of the related exercise materials (Exercise and Coordination Facilitation Guide, Situation Manual, agenda, etc.) will be provided in advance by EMI.

To Apply:

Locations interested in participating in the VTTX series should submit an email request to participate in the exercise to Doug Kahn at douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov, phone (301) 447-7645, with preferred date of participation. Your email is your program application. When applying, please provide a central point of contact from your organization to address all VTTX issues. Each location will receive a notice from EMI and will be provided with relevant logistical information and exercise materials to set up and facilitate the exercise locally.

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The FEMA Form 119-25-2 is not required to be submitted until the VTTX is completed. With your request, cc in your email: the Integrated Emergency Management Branch office at fema-emi-iemb@fema.dhs.gov or call 301-447-1381. [To view the full training announcement.](#)

FEMA Seeks Public Comment for New Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

FEMA Private Sector

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced an invitation for the public to comment on the development and implementation of Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) Section 1234: National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. This Section is part of the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act which became law in October 2018, there were more than 50 provisions passed important reforms to federal disaster programs.

Communities from all levels of government federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial, as well as key stakeholders, including private businesses, citizens, vulnerable and at-risk populations, critical infrastructure sectors, and non-profit, academic, and philanthropic organizations are encouraged to provide comment. The development of the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program – and how as a nation we can deliver those outcomes – is vital.

This change will allow FEMA to invest in projects that drive risk reduction and build capability for communities and is consistent with the three overarching strategic goals in FEMA's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan: *Build a Culture of Preparedness*, *Ready the Nation for Catastrophic Disasters*, and *Reduce the Complexity of FEMA*. FEMA and its partners specifically want to discuss and share ideas about Section 1234 with you. For more information on DRRA, visit www.fema.gov/disaster-recovery-reform-act-2018. Comments will be accepted from May 20 through July 15, 2019, on IdeaScale at <https://fema.ideascale.com/a/campaign-home/61112> or by email at BUILDBRIC@fema.dhs.gov.

FEMA will also host a webinar series during the month of June to provide a brief overview of the different topic areas that are important for the development of the BRIC program. Each session will include an open conversation with stakeholders through the chat platform.

For detailed information of each session, visit <https://www.fema.gov/drra-bric>. The call-in information is the same for each webinar:

Phone: 1-800-320-4330 Code: 338559#

Adobe Connect: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/engage-bric/>

- **Webinar 1:** Infrastructure Mitigation Projects and Community Lifelines
Date: Thursday June 6, 2019 (2 - 4 p.m. ET)

Webinar 2: Hazard Mitigation Planning, Grant Application and Evaluation, and Risk Based Funding
Date: Thursday June 13, 2019 (2 - 4 p.m. ET)



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- **Webinar 3:** Funding & Resource Management and Benefit-Cost Analysis
Date: Thursday June 20, 2019 (2 - 4 p.m. ET)
- **Webinar 4:** Building Codes and Enforcement and Capacity and Capability
Date: Tuesday June 25, 2019 (2 - 4 p.m. ET)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released the refreshed National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training Program for a 30-day National Engagement Period. This time provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the draft of the updated Training Program, so that it reflects the collective expertise and experience of the whole community. **The National Engagement Period will conclude at 5 p.m. EDT June 21, 2019.**

To provide comments on the draft, complete the feedback form and submit it to FEMA-NIMS@fema.dhs.gov by June 21, 2019

Go here to download the draft of the revised NIMS Training Program and feedback form:
<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/179520>.

National Engagement Period Webinars

FEMA will host a series of 60-minute engagement webinars to highlight key proposed changes to the NIMS Training Program, and to provide information on submitting feedback and answer participant questions. All webinars are open to the whole community, including individuals and communities, the private and nonprofit sectors, faith-based organizations and all governments.

Because each engagement webinar will cover the same information, please choose the session most convenient for you. Advance registration is required due to space limitations. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. To register, click on your preferred webinar session from the list below.

[Webinar 1: June 3, 2019 at 4:00 EDT](#)

[Webinar 2: June 5, 2019 at 1:00 EDT](#)

[Webinar 3: June 10, 2019 at 2:00 EDT](#)

If you require accommodations to participate in these events, please provide details in the Disability Related Accommodations field on the registration page or contact us at: FEMA-NIMS@fema.dhs.gov.

Comments made during the webinars are for discussion purposes only. FEMA will only formally adjudicate comments submitted using the feedback form. To provide input, download the draft NIMS and feedback matrix from the link above and submit the completed feedback form to FEMA-NIMS@fema.dhs.gov.

National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health Webinar

The National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health (NCDMPH) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) announce the next upcoming webinar "[Tools to Help Care for Older Adults in Disasters](#)" to be presented by Dr. Cheryl A. Levine, Senior Advisor for At-Risk Individuals at ASPR and Kandra Strauss-Riggs, MPH, Education Director, HJF, NCDMPH/USU.



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Dr. Levine will be promoting the latest Capacity-Building Toolkit for including Aging & Disability Networks in Emergency Planning, which was authored by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) in collaboration with the HHS office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and the HHS Administration for Community Living (ACL).

Ms. Strauss-Riggs will be promoting the Caring for Older Adults in Disasters curriculum. The purpose of this curriculum is to enable educators to teach health professionals about caring for older adults in disasters. This curriculum can be used by a wide range of health professions.

Date: May 29, 2019

Time: 2:00 pm ET

[Click here to register](#)

Dial-in information will be sent prior to webinar

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