



Region II Individual and Community Preparedness Bulletin



Preparing for Safe Camping

The great outdoors are home to incredible works of nature, years of family memories, and hazards that can be prepared for and prevented. Before heading out on your next camping trip with friends or family, be sure to keep the following precautions in mind.

Research the park you plan to camp in for park regulations on fire, food storage and disposal, pets, and permits. Once you know which items are allowed into the park, pack accordingly; always bring a first aid kit, flashlight, insect and sun protection, and navigational supplies! Additionally, make sure all parties in your trip are up to date on [recommended vaccines](#) such as tetanus, pertussis, meningitis, or others depending on their personal health history. The last step before embarking is establishing an [emergency plan and emergency contact](#) who knows where your party will generally set up camp.



You've made it to the park! Upon arrival, be sure to [ask a park ranger](#) for any environmental or weather related hazards that you should be aware of during your stay including the local animal risks. Set up camp using [guidelines for setting up a camp](#), provided by the National Parks Service.

While in the wilderness, remain continuously aware of not only your [personal safety and health](#), but your environment and fellow campers as well. Also remember there are many creatures around you also sharing the area and respecting surrounding [wildlife](#) is crucial for both your immediate safety (aggression, [diseases](#)) and the experience of future campers.

For more information, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/family/camping/index.htm> or <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/camping/staying-safe.htm>

Are you Prepared?
Nearly half of U.S. adults do NOT have the resources and plans in place in the event of an emergency.

- Store a 3-day supply of water: one gallon per person, per day.
- Store at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy to prepare food.
- 48% of Americans do NOT have emergency supplies.
- 44% of Americans do NOT have first aid kits.
- 20% of Americans get emergency info from mobile apps. Keep a charger handy in an emergency.
- 20% of Americans use social media for alerts and warnings. Make sure to keep a charger handy in an emergency.
- 52% of Americans do NOT have written or crucial personal documents.
- Don't forget your pets! You need a 3-day supply of food and water per pet.

Prepare supplies for home, work, and vehicles. Emergencies can happen anywhere.

For more information visit: emergency.cdc.gov

FEMA RII Student Internships

Prerequisites for intern positions now available at the Region II office.

- Work Schedule: Part Time/Flexible.
- Time Limit: 3-6 Months.
- Salary: Unpaid/College Credit.

Individual and Community Preparedness

The Community Preparedness Intern will work under the supervision of the Community Preparedness Officer and/or the Integration Branch Chief, the intern will provide research, planning, and development of a series of preparedness programs. This graduate or undergraduate level internship will provide the student with an opportunity to gain experience in the Federal Government, Emergency Management, Community Development, and Partnership Coordination. The Community Preparedness Intern will also support the Community Preparedness Officer to plan, initiate, coordinate and execute the development of a Higher Education Preparedness Network, which will meet the needs of Region II states NJ and NY to build and support successful preparedness efforts.

Continuity of Operations

The Intern will support the Continuity Manager to help coordinate and manage the continuity of operations program for Federal, State level (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands) and tribal, local governments within Region II states. The intern will help the Continuity Specialists build continuity programming between FEMA and the Continuity of Operations Working Groups (CWG) and will help organize, manage and facilitate training and exercise events, write policy papers, evaluate programs, develop plans, conduct outreach, instruct classes help identify gaps or weaknesses in pandemic and cyber security planning policies procedures and attend meetings.

Requirements

- (1) Interns **MUST** be enrolled in a Graduate School or Undergraduate School in their Junior/Senior year.
- (2) Previous work or ongoing study at bachelor's level in public health, liberal arts, business, public administration, communications, training, economics, emergency management or public relations.
- (3) Interns must be United States Citizens only (green card holders or those with student visas/work permits are not allowed).
- (4) Accepted Interns must complete a background investigation and suitability of employment prior to start date (this process can take 4-6 weeks or longer).

If interested please contact:

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FEMA Region II
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Region II Individual and Community Preparedness Then and Now



FEMA Region II National Preparedness Division and External Affairs delivered Continuity of Operations for Tribal Government training (COOP) to Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and Mohawk Council in Akwesasne, NY on August 17-18, 2017.



Individual & Community Preparedness Officer Devin Kerins visited the Boys & Girls' Club of Union County on Monday, August 14 to discuss disaster preparedness with the summer program. Devin spoke to over 30 children between the ages of 4 and 8 about what a disaster is, how kids can prepare for disasters, and the importance of having a family plan. He also answered some amazingly grown-up questions about a variety of disasters, such as the formation of hurricanes and earthquakes, how to stay safe in a tsunami, and about the burning of the White House in the War of 1812.

For these and other DISASTER FACT SHEETS FOR KIDS, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/34288>



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Resilient Workplace COOP Workshop

In light of recent events around the world, preparing for an active shooter incident is more important now than ever before. While we have all spent a considerable amount of time preparing for the response to an active shooter incident, FEMA and the Buffalo FEB would like to invite you to participate in a workshop to examine how, not only how we would respond to such an event, but also what challenges you may encounter recovering from it.

On **September 7, 2017**, the Buffalo FEB in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, will be hosting the Resilient Workplace COOP Workshop. The workshop will be held from 0830 to 1530 in Room 423, 130 South Elmwood Avenue. We invite your agency to attend this facilitated discussion on topics such as initial response actions, communication, human resources, continuity of operations, and public relations.

The workshop will consist of three modules:

1. Initial Actions.
2. Continuity of Operations.
3. Long-term Recovery Challenges.

The format will be consist of informational presentations, case studies, and a scenario-based discussion. To reserve a seat for this workshop please email director@buffalofeb.org

Exercise Design Course

FEMA Region II will be conducting training for emergency exercise design and evaluation (a combination of FEMA Courses I-120 and L-146). The course is a 4 day program which focuses on the design phase of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

Course details:

Emergency managers, emergency services personnel, and other individuals who are part of the emergency preparedness and response or continuity of operations need to be able to use the fundamentals of exercise simulation and design as an integrated system of resources and capabilities. Skills learned during this program will enable jurisdictions to conduct NIMS required exercises.

The course will develop emergency response and continuity exercise skills in the following areas:

- Exercise programs
- Exercise design steps
- Exercise evaluation
- Designing a functional exercise
- Exercise process
- Tabletop, functional and full scale exercises
- Exercise enhancements

The course will conclude with students conducting and evaluating actual tabletop and functional exercises in a group/team environment.

August 28-31, 2017 Daily: 0900-1530

At American Red Cross, Greater NY 520 W. 49th St. NY, NY

October 30-November 3, 2017 Daily: 0900-1530

Burlington County Fire Academy, 53 Academy Dr., Westampton, NJ

November 7-10, 2017 Daily: 0900-1530

Holy Name Medical Center, 718 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, NJ

Registration:

Dates	Partner Agency	How to Register
August 28-31, 2017	American Red Cross	https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2hseepaug2017/event/registration.html
October 30-November 3, 2017	NJ Courts	Email Charles Coleman, Charles.colemand@njcourts.gov
November 7-November 10, 2017	Holy Name Medical Center Institute for Simulation Learning	https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2hseepnov17/event/registration.html

FEMA Region II Preparedness Webinar: Preparedness Planning for Senior Citizen Communities

Description: The senior citizen population faces several unique challenges, coupled with the fact that many are often dependent upon others for basic necessities and psychosocial support. This dependency often increases their vulnerability to the impacts of major disasters, when not only are the seniors themselves impacted, but these critical services are also disrupted. Currently, 46.2 million

people in the United States are 65 years old or older, with that number expected to increase each year. This population demographic made up 13.3% of the population in the 2011 Census. The ability to recover from an emergency tomorrow often depends on planning and preparation done today. This webinar will provide to older individuals and their caregivers, as well as to the local agencies who serve them, tools and information to assist them in assessing their needs and vulnerabilities so they can be better prepared to cope with emergencies.

Speakers: Ms. Kathleen Otte is the Regional Administrator for HHS Regions I and II for the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL). In this capacity, she represents the Administration and the Assistant Secretary on Aging on all matters related to the implementation of the Older Americans Act (OAA) and other aging related issues within the 8 states and 2 territories she oversees. Prior to joining AoA, Kathleen served as the Director of the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services for the State of New Hampshire. Kathleen and the New Hampshire team designed and implemented a caregiver support program that received national distinction by winning the Regional Innovation Award from The Council of State Governments and developed the nation's first statewide 'Structured Decision Making' process for Adult Protective Services.

Kathleen has over 30 years' experience in the field of aging, having served or volunteered in various human service delivery programs. In 2014, Kathleen received the Spirit of Jane Addams Award for Outstanding Performance in Social Justice from Be the Evidence, International for her work with Elder Justice Initiatives.

Rhonda Schwartz is an Aging Services Program Specialist within the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Community Living. Rhonda is assigned to the Regional Office located in Boston, MA, where she works with federal, state and tribal organizations in the region, with particular attention to oversight of the Older Americans Act state and tribal grant programs. Prior to joining ACL in July 2016, Rhonda spent more than seven years managing Older Americans Act and other ACL programs at the Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs. Rhonda previously practiced law for sixteen years, specializing in commercial real estate transactions, before pursuing a Masters Degree in Social Work, focusing on older adults.

Date / Time: September 26 2017, 12:00 – 1:00pm EDT

Registration Link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2seniorwebinar/event/registration.html>

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FEMA News

Get Ready for National Preparedness Month

The Ready Campaign recently released the September 2017 National Preparedness Month (NPM) theme and [social media toolkit](#), which includes graphics, hashtags, and social media content to share. This year's theme is "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can." In addition to the overarching theme for the month, each week has a theme highlighting different preparedness actions.

The NPM 2017 Weekly Themes are as follows:

- Week 1: September 1-9 - Make a Plan for Yourself, Family and Friends.
- Week 2: September 10-16 - Plan to Help Your Neighbor and Community.
- Week 3: September 17-23 - Practice and Build Out Your Plans.
- Week 4: September 24-30 - Get Involved! Be a Part of Something Larger.

Sound the Alarm and Save a Life with American Red Cross

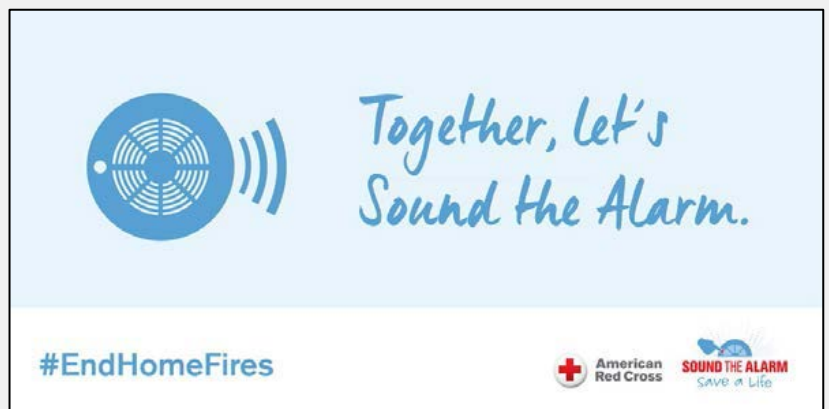
The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) encourages Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) throughout the Nation to join the [American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign](#). This initiative works with local fire departments to install 100,000 smoke alarms this summer and fall for local *Sound the Alarm* community events. This is a great opportunity for local CERT programs to partner with these organizations to attract and engage volunteers. The success of the partnership lies in individual programs, program managers, and volunteers!

Consider mobilizing your team for a local *Sound the Alarm* event. The Red Cross handles the training, logistics, communications, and liability.

This opportunity is a simple and easy way for CERT programs to engage with their communities, make a real difference, and promote CERT!

Joining is simple! Follow these steps to sign up to be a *Sound the Alarm* volunteer:

1. Go to www.redcross.org/sound-the-alarm.



2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your zip code to find a nearby event.
3. Scroll down again and click the region nearest you.
4. Scroll down again to “Volunteer Opportunities,” click the event that works for you. Once you choose the event, fill out the short application.
5. Be sure to type “CERT team/program name” in the Group/Organization field so FEMA can recognize your participation.

FEMA Tribal Outreach and Consultation Period on FEMA Tribal Consultation Policy

FEMA will initiate a 90-day outreach and consultation period from **June 1 to August 29, 2017**, to seek input from federally recognized Indian tribal governments on the update of the agency’s Tribal Consultation Policy. The [FEMA Tribal Consultation Policy](#), first issued in 2014, acknowledges the agency’s nation-to-nation relationship with tribal governments. The policy also guides how FEMA engages tribal governments in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration on policy and actions that have tribal implications.

This consultation period aims to update the policy to reflect current authorities and best practices, as well as follow FEMA’s new policy document format requirements. FEMA seeks input and feedback from tribal leaders, or their designees, during the consultation period to help inform the development of an updated policy. Visit FEMA’s [Tribal Affairs](#) web page for more information on the tribal consultation period for this policy.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS

FEMA Region II: Camping Tips

Before You Leave:

- Check the weather and terrain where you plan to set up camp.
- Research park rules & restrictions.
- ALWAYS pack: first aid kit, flashlight, extra water, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Make sure all parties are up to date on vaccines.

When You Arrive:

- Ask a park ranger about any specific safety precautions during your stay (i.e. falling rocks, unpredicted weather).
- Review your emergency plan with all members of your party.

For more info, go to <https://www.nps.gov/articles/camp-safety-before-the-trip.htm>

FEMA Region II: Camping Safety Tips

During Your Trip:

- Stay aware of your surroundings at all times (weather, terrain, location).
- Respect wildlife and do not interact.
- Reapply sunscreen & insect repellent every 2-3 hours.
- Rehydrate often, knowing where to find more water in the park.
- Know your limits—and the limits of others in your group, such as children or elderly persons.
- Completely extinguish all campfires.
- If you bring a pet, always keep them restrained.

For more information go to:

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/camping/during-your-stay.htm>



Important Deadlines

Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant App Period Open

The open application period began on August 14 for two competitive [Hazard Mitigation Assistance](#) grant programs. Eligible applicants including territories, federally recognized tribes, states and local governments may apply for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 [Flood Mitigation Assistance](#) (FMA) and [Pre-Disaster Mitigation](#) (PDM) grants at <https://portal.fema.gov> through **3 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on November 14, 2017.**

FMA grants are available to implement measures to reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to structures insured by the [National Flood Insurance Program \(NFIP\)](#). For FY 2017, \$160 million is available, including \$70 million for community flood mitigation activities that address flooding on a neighborhood level, such as floodwater diversion and localized flood-control measures as well as advance assistance for mitigation design and development of community flood mitigation projects. The remainder of funds will be used for mitigation planning, technical assistance and mitigating Severe Repetitive Loss and Repetitive Loss structures, which include elevation, acquisition, and relocation projects. PDM grants are awarded for all-hazard mitigation planning and projects, such as the construction of community and residential safe rooms for tornados, and wind retrofits, which are enhancements made to strengthen the roof, walls and doors of structures to minimize damage caused by high winds. This year, \$90 million is available, including \$10 million for federally-recognized tribes. States, tribes, territories and the District of Columbia may apply for the statutory allocation of up to \$575,000 federal share. The remainder of funds will be awarded on a competitive basis with an

emphasis on mitigation activities that complement the post-disaster funding available under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the flood mitigation funding from the FMA program.

EDUCATIONAL / TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

65th Annual IAEM Conference and EMEX

November 10-15, 2017 in Long Beach, California

[Pre/Post-Conference Training Courses](#) available. Participants of these training courses, with the exception of the AEM/CEM offerings will receive an attendance certificate, which can be applied towards the IAEM Certification program under the Training section.

If you have any questions, please contact IAEM Program Manager Julie Husk at jhusk@iaem.com or (703)-538-1795, ext. 1789.

To register for the full conference or specific EMI classes: <https://iaemconference.info/2017/>

FEMA EMI Training Opportunity Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series- Earthquake

September 19, 20 & 21 2017, Virtual Exercise – Multiple Locations

Exercise Description:

This Virtual Tabletop Exercises (VTTX) will focus on an earthquake occurring in your community, using historical events and Hazus simulations.

The VTTX involves key personnel discussing simulated scenarios in an informal setting, and can be used to assess plans, policies, training, and procedures. This VTTX differs from other tabletop exercises in that it will be conducted using Video-Teleconference (VTC) technology (not a web-based program), and is intended to provide an opportunity for responders across the Nation to simultaneously participate in a hazard-specific facilitated discussion. Lead facilitation for the exercise will be coordinated by EMI, with local facilitation provided by the participating agency.

Read more in [Training Opportunity 1314](#).

National Emergency Management Executive Academy Training Opportunity

Course Description: The National Emergency Management Executive Academy is a component of the Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP).

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) created the National Emergency Management Executive Academy to produce a comprehensive and cutting-edge curriculum that provides the setting for senior emergency management executives to come together to explore and confront contemporary and emerging 21st century challenges. The program hones strategic leadership and critical thinking for senior executives involved with multi-jurisdictional, national, and international homeland security and emergency management policy development and decision making responsibilities.

The program is a competency-based graduate-level executive education experience. That requires working collaboratively on projects and participating in activities with a capstone team to address

some of the wicked problems in the emergency management field. Suggestions for a specific emergency management challenge to be addressed by an executive cohort as an Executive Academy capstone project may be submitted to <https://training.fema.gov/empp/executive.aspx>.

NEMEA 2017 Schedule

E0686, Executive EM Leaders Core Competencies III 4 days

Facilitating Community Risk Ownership, Civics/Governance Considerations, Political Skills, Influence Skills

Dates: September 18 – 21, 2017

Location: Emmitsburg, MD

Registration is required. All classes will be held in the Office of the Chief Component Human Capital Officer (OCCHCO) Training Suite, 500 C Street, 7 SW. For more information, please email: edu@fema.dhs.gov or visit the OCCHCO training page

All-Hazards Position Specific Train-the-Trainer Classes Course Vacancy Announcement:

Please be advised that openings remain in upcoming All-Hazards Position Specific train-the-trainer (TtT) classes for the 2nd Semester of FY 2017. The classes for which openings remain are below:

E-974 – Finance/Administration Section Chief TtT

Sept. 11-13, 2017

E-953 – Public Information Officer TtT

Sept. 25-29, 2017

Read more in [Training Bulletin1318](#).

Small Business Development Center at Kean University: Cybersecurity classes

Every day the media reports new cybersecurity attacks on large, well-known companies. What is not reported are the growing number of small businesses that are being targeted. It's a common misconception that hackers primarily target organizations and business. The reality is the risky behavior of individuals, whether intentional or not, is what often leads to security breaches.

Keep your business safe from cyber threats. We offer two free interactive courses and a downloadable cybersecurity workbook.

Go to <https://www.sbdckean.com/training/cybersecurity-readiness/> for online courses

OTHER NEWS

More than 2 million reached through Air Force Fall Prevention Stand-Down

Each year the U.S. Air Force promotes an extensive campaign to remind and educate all its personnel about fall prevention and the risks associated with working at heights. This year's Air Force Fall Prevention Focus, held in conjunction with [OSHA's National Safety Stand-Down](#), reached more than two million people, including active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, civilians, contractors, and family members.

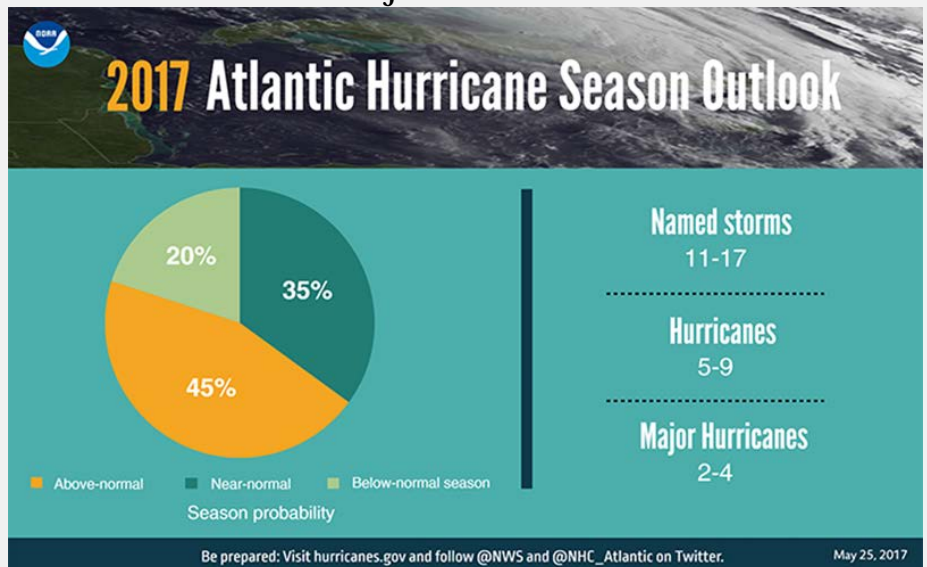


Across the world, Air Force members were encouraged to take breaks to discuss fall prevention measures, equipment, and policies with their supervisors. Bases hosted OSHA fall hazard awareness training, conducted live fall protection demonstrations, displayed safety messages, and commercials were broadcast across the Armed Forces Network. Since the Air Force began focusing on fall prevention in 2014, work-related fall injuries have decreased nearly 31 percent.

Early-season Storms one Indicator of Active Atlantic Hurricane Season Ahead

The average Atlantic hurricane season has 12 named storms. According to [estimates from NOAA](#), this season is above-normal, with 14 to 19 named storms and 2-5 major hurricane hazards.

This is a boost from May, which predicted 11 to 17 named storms and 2-4 major hurricanes. NOAA says "the updated outlook is based on the current and evolving atmospheric and oceanic conditions, the most recent model predictions, and pre-and early-season storm activity." NOAA and FEMA encourage those with hurricane risk to make preparedness plans for their families. You can check recent forecasts at the [National Hurricane Center](#).



IAEM Launches Scholarships for Part-Time Grad Students



The IAEM Scholarship Commission announces a part-time student scholarship for graduate students also involved in emergency management or disaster management through employment or volunteer activities. This program is a trial program and will be evaluated prior to continuance in future years. The goal of the program is to assist hard-working deserving students who are working on an advanced degree in emergency management, disaster management, or closely related program of study. The [application and instructions](#) are available now on the IAEM website. Completed applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted via email to shiley@iaem.com by **11:59 p.m. EDT on Aug. 31, 2017**.



Mental Health and Spiritual Care in Emergencies

August 29, 2017, 1pm EDT

CDC's Rebecca Bitsko, Ph.D., chair of the CDC Mental Health Workgroup, will discuss topics such as stress, stigma, isolation, populations more likely to be adversely affected by specific emergencies, and effective communication to address mental health concerns. National VOAD's Kevin Ellers, D.Min., Territorial Disaster Services Coordinator for The Salvation Army Central Territory, will discuss the application of mental health practices in faith-based settings, which can be one of the main sources of emotional care for many people affected by emergencies.

Use the following link to join: <https://cdc.zoom.us/j/191450968>, or join via phone at +1 (408)-638-0968 or +1 (646)-558-8656, Webinar ID: 191 450 968

Canada-US Enhanced Resiliency Experiment Seminar

September 14, 2017, 1pm EDT

National Information Sharing Consortium (NISC) will host a webinar with the U.S. DHS Science and Technology Directorate First Responders Group and the Defense Research and Development Canada's Centre for Security Science to discuss the upcoming Canada-U.S. Enhanced Resiliency Experiment (CAUSE V). CAUSE V is the fifth experiment in the [CAUSE series](#), and will take place in November 2017 in the Pacific Northwest region in the U.S. and the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. The experiment will provide the participating regions with access to enhanced interoperable communications and response technologies to better respond to incidents affecting both sides of the border. The webinar will provide an overview of the experiment's objectives and scenario. For more information about the webinar series and the NISC, visit the NISC website at www.nisconsortium.org.

Planning to Recover from Emergencies at Schools

August 25, 2017, 2pm EDT

The REMS TA Center, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education's (ED) Office of Safe and Healthy Students (OSHS), will host a Webinar on how K-12 schools and districts can better plan to recover from emergency events and be ready for all hazards and threats that may impact their school community.

Presenters will describe key considerations for recovery; present the process for including recovery activities in planning efforts; and share lessons learned from the 2014 Washington Oso landslide and Marysville-Pilchuck High School active shooter situation, and the Moore, Oklahoma tornado in 2013. During the Webinar, presenters will focus on the four recovery components of academics; physical and structural; business functions; and social, emotional, and behavioral recovery.

This event will also feature a dedicated 15-minute Q&A session during which presenters will field questions from participants.

To join the meeting, register here:

<http://remstacenter.org/webinars/WebinarRegistration.aspx?WebinarID=1080>

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EMI Training Opportunity Virtual TTX Series

September 5, 6 & 7, 2017

V-0001 - Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) – Chlorine Release Virtual Exercise – Multiple Locations

September 19, 20 & 21 2017

V-0001 - Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) – Earthquake Virtual Exercise – Multiple Locations.

For more information contact **Douglas M. Kahn**, douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov

EMI Training E-Forums: Wednesdays in August

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) will host e-forms entitled: "One Link, One Bridge, Many Voices." In August, EMI is offering e-forms every Wednesday. EMI e-Forums are 1-hour, moderated, webinar discussion forums that provide an opportunity for EMI and the emergency management community to discuss matters of interest on national preparedness training. EMI e-Forums facilitate a discussion of whole community-presented best practices. The panel members are whole community, with topics relevant to whole community. These exchanges of ideas are free of charge and available to anyone who wishes to participate.

August 30, 2017 at 3-4pm Eastern Time

State Training Officer and State Admin Agent TPOC: Working Together Achieves Better Outcomes
Participants can sign into the August webinars via [Adobe Connect](#) or dial in via conference call at 800-320-4330, PIN 107622 for questions, [contact EMI](#).

This Week's Must Reads

[Health Care Coalition Influenza Pandemic Checklist](#)

08/18/2017 05:00 PM EDT

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Preparedness and Response. 08/15/2017.

This 35-page document from TRACIE (Technical Resources, Assistance Center, Information Exchange) is intended to assist health care coalitions and their partners in assessing their preparedness for an influenza pandemic. It may also be used to orient the response as a pandemic begins. It starts with coalition-level activities that integrate information and issues from all disciplines, and provides the framework for integrated response.



[Make Food Safety a Priority This Fall](#)

During the busy fall season, whether you're preparing a packed lunch for your child, a weeknight dinner for the family, or a tailgate feast for the whole crew, make sure you prevent foodborne illness by following USDA's four steps to food safety: Clean, Separate, Cook and Chill.

