



## Region II Individual and Community Preparedness Bulletin



### Preparing for Prepareathon



September is just a few short weeks away. It is recognized as National Preparedness Month (NPM) and during NPM we encourage communities to take action by continuously preparing for emergencies that may affect where individuals live, work, and visit. It is a critical part of FEMA’s overarching mission to support citizens and first responders to ensure that as a Nation, we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Prepareathon will now be held on September 15th to coincide with NPM. It is a national community-based campaign that enables individuals to actively participate in preparedness activities. Prepareathon events are unique to each community and may be aligned to the 2017 NPM 2017 weekly themes:

- Week 1: September 1-9**
- Week 2: September 10-16**
- Week 3: September 17-23**
- Week 4: September 24-30**

- Make a Plan for Yourself, Family and Friends**
- Plan to Help Your Neighbor and Community**
- Practice and Build Out Your Plans**
- Get Involved! Be a Part of Something Larger**

Prepareathon promotes an understanding of the actions that can be taken to prepare for emergencies and be aware of safety tips and protective actions that are essential before or during a disaster. The whole community is encouraged to participate while strengthening local, regional, and national networks of like-minded and committed community members. Best practices, technical expertise, and experience can be shared among members to create awareness and expand the capacity to become champions for preparedness.

FEMA offers easy-to-implement resources to help individuals, organizations, and communities practice simple, effective preparedness actions. Individuals can increase their understanding of local hazards and the risks they pose to help better prepare for the hazards relevant to their communities. *For ideas on what you can do for Prepareathon, we encourage you to visit and explore the site <https://www.ready.gov/september>*



# 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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## Region II National Preparedness Division Individual and Community Preparedness



A Long Term Power Outage (LTPO) event can be caused by a myriad of events and can result in catastrophic economic losses and deaths. Without efficient and timely fuel delivery hospitals, nursing homes, and other public health facilities may be unable to care for their patients. Coupled with the lack of potable water and sewer services, infectious diseases could become a primary threat.

In response to this threat, on August 9th, 2017, FEMA Region II in partnership with the Caribbean Area Division co-hosted a discussion based workshop focusing on the effects of a long-term power outage caused by a cyber-attack against the electrical grid system. Participants from the private sector, non-profit, local and federal government discussed strategies on how to execute their essential functions and maintain operation during a long-term power outage in Puerto Rico.



Also on August 9th, FEMA Region II and the Caribbean Area Division co-hosted an active shooter workshop at American University. The workshop provided attendees with a platform to expand upon public safety and continuity plans and discuss the unique challenges of preventing, responding to, and recovering from a complex coordinated attack on a college or university. Complex coordinated terrorist attacks are acts of terrorism that involve synchronized and independent team(s) at multiple locations with no warning and employing one or more weapon systems, such as firearms, explosives, fire as a weapon, and other non-traditional attack methodologies (i.e. vehicles, mass stabbings) which are intended to result in large numbers of casualties. The workshop received approximately 60 attendees from the community.

## 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](mailto: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. 49<sup>th</sup> 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	<a href="https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2hseepaug2017/event/registration.html">https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2hseepaug2017/event/registration.html</a>
October 30- November 3, 2017	NJ Courts	Email Charles Coleman, <a href="mailto:Charles.colemand@njcourts.gov">Charles.colemand@njcourts.gov</a>
November 7- November 10, 2017	Holy Name Medical Center Institute for Simulation Learning	<a href="https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2hseepnov17/event/registration.html">https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2hseepnov17/event/registration.html</a>

## Volunteers Needed Virtual Workshop for Houses of Worship

In an attempt to broaden our reach with preparedness workshops and training, FEMA Region II is seeking your help with rolling out a Virtual Workshop series. It is envisioned that the virtual workshop approach will link various communities together from around the Region to learn, exchange lessons learned and best practices, and to strengthen their abilities to respond to and recover from various disasters.

The first virtual workshop topic will be **Active Shooter Incident for Houses of Worship**, and we are seeking organizations to volunteer to be a part of the first delivery to provide us with feedback.

**What is a “House of Worship”?:** For the purposes of these discussions, we would define a House of Worship as any public or private facility used for religiously-sponsored activities at the time of an incident. This includes commercial properties used as houses of worship at the time of the incident. Examples include, but are not limited to, churches, temples, synagogues, mosques, and related religious gathering and retreat facilities.

**Agenda:**

- Presentation: Case studies in Houses of Worship Incidents.
- Presentation: Initial Actions – “Run... Hide... Fight.”
- Discussion Module on Initial Actions.
- Presentation: The Aftermath, What Happens Now?
- Discussion Module on Recovering from an Active Shooter Incident.

**Dates:** September 5, 0900-1200 and September 25, 1800-2100

**Location:** Seeking volunteer Houses of Worship to host your community team either from you House of Worship or a suitable alternative location

**Who:** We encourage you to invite participation from within your House of Worship, such as religious leaders, ushers, teachers, counselors, community outreach coordinators, security, etc.; as well as your local police department. Participation is envisioned of perhaps 4 or 5 people, or even more if your organization is motivated.

**What You Need:** Only a computer with a microphone, preferably with a webcam, and an internet connection.

If interested, email Devin Kerins, Individual and Community Preparedness Officer, at [devin.kerins@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:devin.kerins@fema.dhs.gov) and let him know what date above you would like to participate in. He will provide you with more details on technological and logistical matters.

## **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>

## **FEMA Region II Virtual Shelter-in-Place Workshops**

Given the incredible response we received for the first virtual workshop, FEMA Region II will be expanding the workshop series to include a virtual version of the most popular "Shelter-in-Place Workshop". Once again we will be seeking volunteers to host their community partners to participate in these virtual discussions.

The virtual Shelter-in-Place Workshop is a 3-hour combination of presentations and breakout discussions to improve your ability to persons in place for an extended period of time following a major disaster. This workshop uses the scenario of an improvised nuclear device, while encouraging participants to identify best practices that could be implemented during other more commonly occurring disasters, such as tornadoes or earthquakes.

For this workshop, we would like to take a community approach. Therefore, we are seeking organizations to host their community partners or business continuity / emergency response teams to allow more people to participate and to encourage the most beneficial discussions.

**Agenda:**

- Educational Presentation on Shelter-in-Place and Alternate Methods of Communication
- Discussion Module on Initial Actions
- Discussion Module of Shelter-in-Place

**Dates will be either:**

1. Thursday, **September 28: 9am – 12pm EDT**
2. Monday, **October 2, 6pm – 9pm EDT**

The workshop will use the Adobe Connect Platform. For more information or to volunteer to host your community, please contact Devin Kerins, Individual & Community Preparedness Officer, at [devin.kerins@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:devin.kerins@fema.dhs.gov).

## FEMA News

### Administrator Long Meets with IAEM, starts Discovery Sessions

On Wednesday, August 9, Administrator Long had the opportunity to meet with the leadership from the International Association of Emergency Managers, one of FEMA’s long-standing partners, to discuss their ideas and priorities and to identify ways to continue to work together to improve emergency management across all levels.

On Thursday, August 10, Administrator Long kicked off the first of seven discovery sessions with FEMA employees and the agency's external stakeholders and partners. These sessions will begin a new cycle of inclusive listening for FEMA leadership, and will be key to developing a collective strategic plan.

### 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:

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## 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

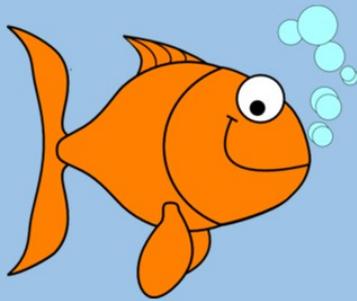
### FEMA Region II: Beach Safety Tips In the Sun

- Bring items to block the sun (hat, umbrella, sunglasses)
- Wear broad spectrum sunscreen at or above 30 SPF.
- Use sunscreen even when its cloudy!
- Reapply sunscreen every 2 hrs.
- Look out for sharp object on the beach if you're not wearing shoes.
- Keep Spray sunscreens away from your face



For more information go to :  
<https://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm049090.htm>

# FEMA Region II: Beach Safety Tips In the Water



- Check weather conditions
- Have young/inexperienced swimmers wear lifejackets
- Watch young children and elderly persons, even in shallow water.
- Be respectful of aquatic life you encounter.
- Stay at least 100 ft. from piers & jetties to avoid rip currents.
- If in a rip current, don't fight it and swim parallel to shore until free

For more information go to: <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/water-safety/beach-safety>



## Important Deadlines

### Comments Needed for Draft Policy on Floodplain Development

FEMA prepared a draft policy for FEMA staff and communities participating in the NFIP to update guidance for participating communities on satisfying National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) floodplain development permit requirements, and to address questions about floodplain permitting of development activities occurring in the FEMA designated Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). Through this policy, a community can ensure compliance with NFIP and local floodplain management regulations, while potentially reducing the administrative burden associated with permitting certain types of low-to-no impact development in the floodplain.

This guidance does not intend to address other permits associated with building codes, or other federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial permits, and only applies to floodplain development permitting requirements to enroll in, and maintain eligibility for, the NFIP. The draft policy is available for review on FEMA's website at: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/131010>, and the public is invited to provide comment and input via [FEMA-Floodplain-Management-Division@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Floodplain-Management-Division@fema.dhs.gov) until **August 23, 2017**.

## EDUCATIONAL / TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## 65<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jhusk@iaem.com) or (703)-538-1795, ext. 1789.

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

## EARTH EX 2017

August 23, 2017

The National Information Sharing Consortium (NISC) and the Electric Infrastructure Security (EIS) Council held webinar on the Emergency All-sector Response Transnational Hazard Exercise™ (EARTH Ex) 2017 on July 19, 2017. The PowerPoint slides and recording of the webinar are available on the NISC website at:

- July 19, 2017: EARTH Ex 2017: Multi-Sector Exercise Opportunity
- Download Slide deck - <https://goo.gl/A5k6sK>
- View Recording - <https://goo.gl/Dy9NpV>

**Mission:** EARTH EX is designed to improve community resilience to large scale, long duration power outages through multi-sector exercises

EARTH Ex 2017 is a come as you are opportunity for executive and senior operational managers in all critical lifeline sectors to review, develop and extend the policies, procedures, and information sharing capabilities for responding to a long duration power outage.

EARTH Ex 2017 is a widely distributed exercise event, using new electronic exercise tools, advancing over three phases. It enables an examination of the response and restoration decisions and actions lifeline sectors will face during a long duration power outage.

EARTH Ex 2017 supports in-depth discussion on roles, responsibilities, essential decision making, and information sharing and communications requirements.

**Action requested** - If you haven't already, please register for private sector, public sector, and NGOs - <http://www.nisconsortium.org/bcreator/register.php?exercise=1>

## 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](mailto: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.

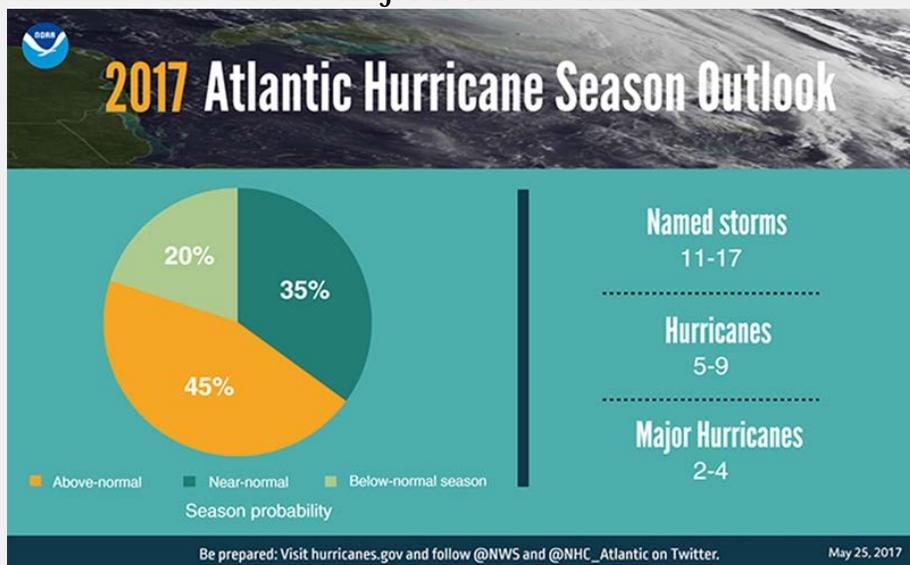
Go to <https://www.sbdckean.com/training/cybersecurity-readiness/> for online courses

### OTHER NEWS

## 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](mailto: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 (CAUSE) V Seminar

September 14, 2017, 1pm EDT

National Information Sharing Consortium (NISC) will host a webinar with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate First Responders Group (DHS S&T FRG) and the Defense Research and Development Canada's Centre for Security Science (DRDC CSS) 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; continuing education units (CEUs) will be awarded for those interested.

For more information about the webinar series and the NISC, visit the NISC website at [www.nisconsortium.org](http://www.nisconsortium.org).

## **Planning to Recover from Emergencies at Districts and 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>

## **EMI Flood Virtual TTX**

**September 18 – 21, 2017**

**E0686, Executive EM Leaders Core Competencies III 4 days**

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

Location: Emmitsburg, MD

## **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](mailto: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 23, 2017 at 3-4pm Eastern Time**

Improving Local Recovery: Training as a Success Maker

**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

### Think Fungus: Fungal Disease Awareness Week

#### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

August 14–18, 2017, is the first Fungal Disease Awareness Week. CDC and partners have organized this week to highlight the importance of recognizing serious [fungal diseases](#) early enough in the course of a patient's illness to provide life-saving treatment. Some fungal diseases go undiagnosed and cause serious infections in people in the United States and around the world, leading to illness and death. We encourage healthcare providers and their patients to "Think Fungus" when symptoms of infection do not get better with treatment. *For more information, click the title link or [click here](#).*



### Sign Up to Sound the Alarm!

#### **American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign**



FEMA, the National Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program Office, the American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign, and local fire departments have partnered to install 100,000 smoke alarms this summer and fall for local Sound the Alarm community events.

Partnering with these organizations could be a great opportunity for local CERT programs to attract and engage volunteers. The success of the partnership lies with 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! *For more information, click the title link or [click here](#).*