



Region II Individual and Community Preparedness Bulletin



July is Parks and Recreations Month



July is national parks and recreations month! This summer is filled with fun outdoor activities to do from biking around the city, to enjoying a stroll in central park with your family and friends. It is important to stay hydrated and consider some outdoor summer safety tips that can help prevent injuries. Common classifications of injuries for planning prevention and management include: road trauma, environmental injuries, falls, and drowning. It is the eighth leading cause of death globally, where many unintentional injuries and deaths are related to the home or the surrounding environment. While you are outside enjoying our parks, here are some safety tips to keep in mind!

Playground Safety:

Make sure that children cannot reach any moving parts that might pinch or trap any body part. Also, equipment should be carefully maintained as open "S" hooks or protruding bolt ends can be hazardous. Be aware that metal, rubber and plastic products can get very hot in the summer, especially under direct sun, resulting in skin burns. Thus, parents should supervise children on play equipment at all times.



Bicycle Safety:

When riding a bicycle, it is important to wear a helmet to protect you from serious injuries and always remember to stay hydrated! Before riding, inflate the tires properly and check that your brakes work. It could be useful to consider wearing something that reflects light, such as reflective tape or markings, or flashing lights. Remember, just because you can see a driver doesn't mean the driver can see you. Ultimately, be on the lookout for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, and remember to stay hydrated!

For more information please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/family/kids/summer/index.htm>

Region II Individual and Community Preparedness *Then and Now*



We facilitated a discussion for over 60 participants from Colleges and Universities around Albany on preparing for, responding to, and recovering from Active Shooter Incidents.

Recordings from previous Region II Webinars can be found at the links below. Please use Mozilla Firefox (or something other than Internet Explorer) to watch the recordings.

Topic	Speaker	Link
<i>Managing the Psychosocial Consequences of Conventional and Unconventional Terrorism</i>	Steve Crimando, New Jersey Department of Human Services	https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p4habfs1dud/
<i>Winter Weather Planning</i>	Gary Conte, National Weather Service	https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p32y9jfx3f4/
<i>Social Media Crisis Communications for First Responders</i>	Richard Huff, NJ EMS Task Force	PART ONE: https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p9p5mejbe02/ PART TWO: https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p7v836lpjfd/

Coming Soon in R2

FEMA Region II Preparedness Webinar for July – “Planning for Pandemic Emergencies”

Description: July’s preparedness webinar will look at pandemic, from the definitions to the planning to preparedness efforts. Our speakers will discuss epidemiology terms, a brief overview of diseases with pandemic potential, pandemic planning and response (focused on clinical /

epidemiology), activities with partner agencies, and the efforts of New Jersey's Department of Health in planning and preparedness efforts.

Speakers: Lisa McHugh has been an epidemiologist with the New Jersey Department of Health, Communicable Disease Service since March of 2003. She is currently a senior level epidemiologist serving as the Program Coordinator for the Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program. Since 2005, Ms. McHugh has served as the New Jersey's Influenza Surveillance Coordinator.

Wendy Sheay is a Planner for the NJ Department of Health with over 13 years' experience in emergency preparedness and response. She has worked at the local, county and state levels writing and testing operational plans for the public health and healthcare sectors. She also provided operational support during the Department's response to Zika and Ebola viruses, Hurricane Sandy and the H1N1 influenza pandemic.

Date / Time: July 24, 2017, 12:00 – 1:00pm EDT

Registration Link:

<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2webinarpandemic/event/registration.html>

Exercise Design Course

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (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.

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.

Monday July 17 to Thursday July 20, 2017 - Daily: 0900 – 1530

At 26 Federal Plaza, Conference Room C/D, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10278

Target Audience:

Any official having direct responsibility for developing and conducting emergency response or continuity exercises.

Registration:

The course has reached its capacity and all spots are reserved.

\$8 Million Available for Homeland Security National Training Program Continuing Grants

Since 2012, the Department of Homeland Security provided more than \$47 million in [Homeland Security National Training Program Continuing Training Grants](#) (CTG) awards. Yesterday, FEMA announced that \$8 million in Fiscal Year 2017 CTG funding is available to develop and deliver FEMA training to address specific focus areas: Cybersecurity, Economic Recovery, Housing, and Rural and Tribal Preparedness.

Administered annually by FEMA, this competitive program attracts applicants nationwide, including state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, non-profit local and national organizations, colleges and universities, and faith-based organizations. Complete instructions to apply are found in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), posted on [Grants.gov](#), listed under Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 97.005, Continuing Training Grants. FEMA will review, evaluate and score proposals by applying a methodology that is detailed in the NOFO. The CTG application period opened on June 26, 2017 and will close at **11:59 p.m. EDT on July 26, 2017**. Awards will be made by September 30, 2017.

For questions regarding the CTG program, contact FEMA's National Training and Education Division via email at FEMA-NTES@fema.dhs.gov or contact Mr. Patrick Cowhey, patrick.cowhey@fema.dhs.gov and (202) 786-0905.

New Core Capabilities Development Sheets Released

FEMA today released 48 Core Capability Development Sheets to help state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions build and sustain their core capabilities as well as close capability gaps identified through the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, the State Preparedness Report, or other capability assessments. The National Preparedness Goal identifies the [core capabilities](#) needed by all jurisdictions to be fully prepared to prevent, protect, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from all hazards and to be able to implement the National Preparedness System.

Each sheet provides the core capability definition and tasks, relevant trainings, example capability targets, typed resources, critical planning partners, validation techniques, and additional organizations that support development or delivery of the specific capability. Download the sheets by mission area – Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery – or as a complete set at: www.fema.gov/fema-technical-assistance-program.

The sheets will be updated and improved with feedback. Please contact FEMA-TARequest@fema.dhs.gov with any comments.

Coming Soon: 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: Mosquito Prevention Tip

- Avoid mosquito hotspots like stagnant water
- If you are using sunscreen, apply the cream before the insect repellent
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For more information please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/prevent-mosquito-bites.html>

FUN AND BREEZY

Summer's here and it's time to enjoy the outdoors to the fullest. Just remember to put safety first:

- Re-apply sunscreen
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- Take breaks from the heat
- Protect your eyes from UV rays
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For more information please visit: FOH.psc.gov/SummerSafety

Important Deadlines



Apply for the 2018 National Emergency Management Executive Academy

FEMA's EMI is now accepting application packages for the 2018 National Emergency Management Executive Academy. Ideally, candidates will have experience as senior executives of major emergency management organizations, served on major commissions and task forces, or be responsible for decisions that have a significant effect on homeland security and emergency management policies.

Applications will be accepted through **August 15, 2017**. There are a limited number of seats and enrollment is competitive. For more information on the Executive Academy and the application and selection process, visit www.training.fema.gov/EMPP/executive.asp.

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 until **August 23, 2017**.

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Tribal officials can submit comments on the FEMA Tribal Consultation until **August 29, 2017**, through:

- E-mail to tribalconsultation@fema.dhs.gov, or
- Mail to **ATTN: Margeau Valteau, Office of External Affairs, DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472-3191**.

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EDUCATIONAL / TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

The dates and locations for the Executive Academy courses are:

E0684, Executive EM Leader Core Competencies II 4 days

Disaster Risk Management, Scientific Considerations, Geographic Considerations, Sociocultural Considerations, Evolving Technology Application & Adoption

Dates: July 10 – 13, 2017

Location: Emmitsburg, MD

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

Delivering High Impact Presentations

All FEMA full-time, temporary full-time, and CORE employees in the Washington, D.C. area, are invited to attend a two-day, skill building training session, Creating and Delivering High Impact Presentations. Participants will learn techniques for developing effective presentations applicable to any setting within FEMA.

Aug. 2-3, 20, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET

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-978 – Situation Unit Leader TtT

July 17-21, 2017

E-949 – Communication Unit Leader TtT

Aug. 14-16, 2017

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](#).

OTHER NEWS

Improve Your Cyber Posture: Beware of “Phishing” Social Engineering Attacks

Social engineering is the use of deception to manipulate individuals into divulging confidential or personal information for fraudulent purposes. “Phishing,” is conducted through email.

Have you ever received an email that states you must respond immediately, says you have won a prize, or claims to be tax related? These are all popular phishing email themes, but adversaries use a variety of tactics to entice users into clicking malicious hyperlinks. Perhaps you heard about the “WannaCry” attack that occurred in May 2017 – it was one of the most devastating phishing attacks to date, having worldwide impact. That event demonstrated the widespread damage that can be done by a single phishing attack. Remember that every individual and organization is at risk for phishing attacks – a mere mouse click can put your personal and financial information, as well as your organization’s data, at risk.



Please take the following measures to protect your organization and yourself from phishing attacks:

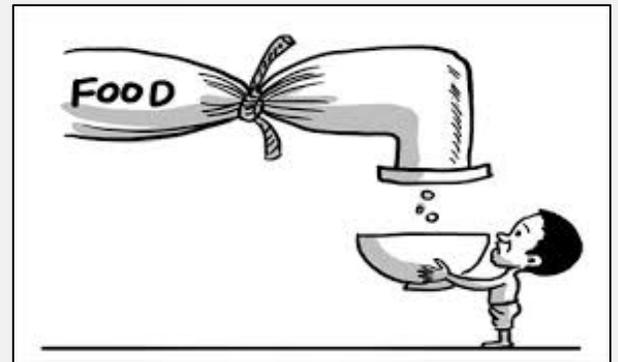
1. Check the header of work emails to see who they are from. Sometimes it will be outside of your organization's .com or email address or sometimes will be "spoofed" to display your organization's .com or email address. Click the sender's name to ensure they can be located within your organization's global address book (GAL).
2. Remember: If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
3. Do not open attachments from any unknown sender.
4. Hover over hyperlinks to see if the link preview displays an alternate web address from what it claims.
5. Never provide credit card or other private information to anyone who emails you and whose identity cannot be confirmed.

For additional information on phishing, please talk to your organization's training, security or IT departments to request additional information and training opportunities.

Moderate Acute Malnutrition: A Decision Tool for Emergencies

United Nations Children's Fund.

This 43-page document is a decision-making tool that aims to guide program managers to identify the most appropriate and feasible program strategy to address moderate acute malnutrition in a particular emergency setting. It provides four steps for making decisions to prevent acute malnutrition and address moderate acute malnutrition in emergencies. *For more information please click on the title link.*



Topic Collection: Rural Disaster Health



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

This Topic Collection from TRACIE (Technical Resources, Assistance Center, Information Exchange) provides resources that highlight guidance for and lessons learned by healthcare practitioners who serve rural and tribal communities. Resources are in topics that include Critical Access Hospitals; Education and Training; Guidance; Lessons Learned; Plans, Tools, and Templates; Research; Surge Planning (from Urban to Rural Areas); and Tribal Health Resources. *For more information please click on the title link.*



"ADA National Network Learning Session: Emergency Planning for Institutional Facilities"

Webinars begin at **2.30pm ET/1.30pm CT/12.30 pm MT/11.30am PT/9.30am Hawaii.**

Registration: Free on-line at <http://www.adapresentations.org/registration.php>

Registration closes at midnight, July 12th, 2017.

The International Building Code and International Fire Code have unique emergency criteria for assisted living facilities, nursing homes, hospitals and jails. In these types of facilities there may be legitimate reasons where the typical fire emergency plan to send everyone out using the stairways may not be the best choice considering both the abilities and safety of the residents. This presentation will discuss options for planning, training of staff, practice drills, notification, and evacuation.

Presenter:

Kimberly Paarlberg is a Senior Staff Architect in Technical Services with the International Code Council (ICC). Her experience with ICC includes work in the plan review and code development departments with responsibilities for code development, plan reviews, providing code interpretations, instructing technical seminars and authoring and reviewing instruction materials, code commentary and publication articles. Kimberly serves as code development secretary for the IBC Means of Egress/Accessibility and ICC Administration committees.

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EMI Training Opportunity Virtual TTX Series

July 11, 12, & 13, 2017

V-0001 - Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) – Haz Mat (Bakken - Oil) Transportation (Rail) Focus - Virtual Exercise – Multiple Locations

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.

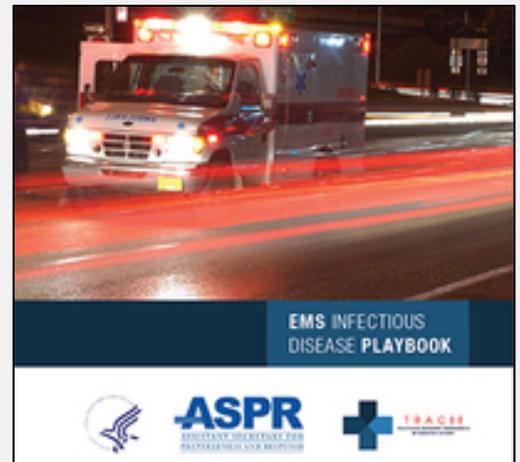
For more information contact Douglas M. Kahn, douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov

This Week's Must Read



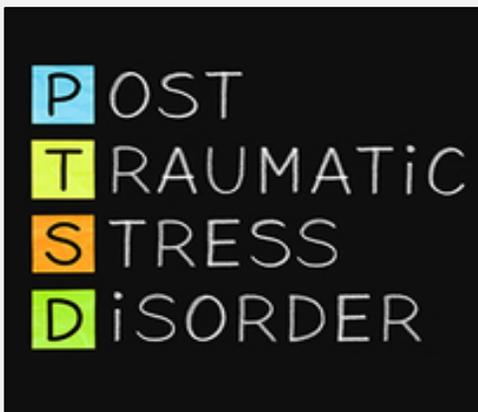
EMS Infectious Disease Playbook

How can EMS responders safely and effectively fight infectious diseases? How should responders react if they unexpectedly encounter a patient they suspect has an infectious disease? What information should call takers relay to responders before they arrive on scene? These are just a few of the complex questions that are addressed in the new EMS Infectious Disease Playbook. [Learn More >>](#)



Inclusive Care for Crisis Response

An inclusive and integrated approach to disaster and emergency preparedness, response, and recovery activities ensures that diverse populations are not overlooked or misunderstood. People who suffer from trauma-related illnesses like PTSD may need extra help coping with a disaster. Be ready to provide compassionate care to people with trauma-related illnesses in the wake of a disaster or emergency. [Learn More >>](#)



When and How to Help Older People During and After Disasters

Although many older people want to - and can - handle the challenges that arise from disasters on their own, their friends, loved ones, and even neighbors need to know when the older adults in their lives need a helping hand. Find out how you can help older adults stay healthy and independent in the wake of a disaster. [Learn More >>](#)

