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National Volunteer Month Highlighting Volunteers in Emergency Management

April is National Volunteer month and time dedicated to honoring all of the volunteers in our communities, as well as encouraging volunteerism throughout the month. FEMA Corps a FEMA-devoted unit of 1,600 service corps members within AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps is dedicated to disaster preparedness, response and recovery. In addition to direct service hours, FEMA Corps members are required to complete 45 hours of Independent Service Projects during the course of their ten month term.

“I was very new to volunteering when I joined the program last July, since then I have completed almost 1,700 hours of direct service in various communities around the United States. The most memorable and rewarding experience I have had during my term was being deployed to North Carolina in response to Hurricane Matthew. While I was there I was assigned to help with the Disaster Survivor Assistance mission by canvassing the affected communities to help the survivors sign up for Federal assistance” said FEMA Corps member Jaci Snook.

The program prepares 18 to 24 year olds for careers in emergency management and related fields. FEMA Corps members serve for a 10-month term with an option to extend for a second term and gain training and experience and provide important support to disaster survivors.

The FEMA Corps members we spoke to have volunteered with many organizations including the National MS Society-Southern New York Chapter, NYC Parks, NYSBP (St. Bernard’s Project) and the American Red Cross of Greater New York. “One thing I have noticed while volunteering in New York City is how appreciative everyone has been of not only myself, but of all the volunteers and the organizations providing the services,” said Masha Register who has been assisting FEMA Region II National Preparedness Division for the last 10 weeks.



Jaci Snook (left) and Masha Register

“I think Volunteer Appreciation Month is very important to recognize because many critical services are provided at no cost to those who are in need and wouldn’t otherwise be possible without volunteers. Most organizations who can offer those types of services rely heavily on the dedication and excellence of those who choose to spend their time giving back to the communities they live in” says Register.

For more information on FEMA Corps go to <https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri-corps/fema-corps>

Region II Individual and Community Preparedness *Then and Now*

This Week in ICP

The Region II Preparedness Team has been very busy ...



Facilitating Continuity of Operations Workshops to NJ School Administrators



Joining forces with NYC EM and NYC Center for Faith and Community Partnership.



Handing out preparedness material to students, faculty and staff at region colleges/universities.



Providing training for volunteers at the American Red Cross of Greater New York.

Region II Shelter-in-Place Workshops

What: The FEMA Region II Shelter-in-Place Workshop is a facilitated discussion that focuses on identifying challenges you may encounter with sheltering people in place for an extended period of time. Through presentations and group discussions, you will look at the immediate actions necessary to secure your facility and people inside, and then the long term challenges unique to your facility or business that may occur if you are required to hold people inside for up to 72 hours.

This exercise utilizes the scenario of an Improvised Nuclear Device as the “worst of the worst” case scenario in order to bring to light many challenges you may face on other natural and manmade disasters.

Who: This **one day** workshop was created with the whole of community in mind. Discussions would be beneficial to any government agency, hospital or healthcare facility, school or daycare center, private business, faith-based organization, nongovernmental organization, etc. Space is limited so registration is a must.

Where, When, and How to Register:

Tuesday, May 16	Ocean City Tabernacle, 550 Wesley Ave, Ocean City (Cape May County)	https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2sipc/apemay/event/registration.html
Wednesday, May 17	Paterson Fire Headquarters, 300 McBride Ave, Paterson, NJ	https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2sipp/aterson/event/registration.html

See us at the NJEPA Conference in Atlantic City - <http://www.njepa.org/>

Monday May 1, 2017

Shelter-in-Place Workshop (4 hours – Training) 8:00-12:00

As part of FEMA’s on-going efforts to support community resilience and business continuity, FEMA Region II will sponsor a **Shelter-in-Place Workshop**. This workshop will allow provide government agencies, 1st responders voluntary organizations, schools, critical infrastructure, and other community partners an opportunity to exchange ideas and best practices regarding immediate actions and how to shelter your employees, clients, and visitors in place during a major terrorist attack until safe to evacuate. This workshop is good for any manager or staff member responsible for emergency and continuity planning.

The agenda for the workshop will be:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Presentation: Overview of Shelter-In-Place
- Module One: Initial Actions – Briefing, Breakout Discussions, Plenary Brief Back
- Break
- Module Two: Shelter-in-Place – Briefing, Breakout Discussions, Plenary Brief Back
- Hot Wash
- Closing Remarks

Instructors: Russell Fox and Devin Kerins, FEMA Region II

Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments (IA PDA) Training/Exercise (4 hours) 8:00-12:00

This interactive workshop provides an overview of the process for completing an Individual Assistance (IA) Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) for state and local emergency managers who will be conducting IA PDAs. The workshop will discuss the logistics of conducting IA PDAs, explain the roles and responsibilities of IA PDA team members, and define the steps in the IA PDA

Process. Attendees will also learn to recognize basic construction components and different types of damage through activities and exercises.

Instructors: Iris Epsenhardt, FEMA IA

Region 2 Public Assistance – (4 Hours) 1:00-5:00

This Session will provide an overview for State and local Stakeholders on the roll out of the Re-Engineering of the Public Assistance Program. The block will focus on the new position titles, roles and responsibilities, the current state of the appeal process, provide PAPPG updates, staffing and discuss PA moving forward. It will showcase the templates designed to transition into the “new” methodology. Public Assistance is critical to the recovery efforts of both State and Local stakeholders in New Jersey, and having an overview and some direction as we move forward with the Re-Engineered program will only enhance Recovery efforts in future events. FEMA Region 2 is the most risk prone region, and Public Assistance encompasses the bulk of Recovery dollars distributed in Recovery to our State Partners and their applicant base.

Instructors: FEMA PA staff will co-present with the NJ State OEM PA.

Tuesday May 2, 2017

Shelter Field Guide Training (8 hours) 8:00-5:00

Operating emergency shelters helps communities respond to disasters. The *Shelter Field Guide* helps organizations without prior disaster experience establish and maintain shelters and provides a basic overview of shelter operations and is written for people who may manage a shelter. The guide is designed to be used in the field throughout the cycle of shelter opening, operation, and closing. The *Shelter Field Guide Training* is an 8-hour course designed to train faith-based groups, nonprofit organizations, government partners, and private industry in the use of the *Shelter Field Guide*.

Instructors: TBD, FEMA IA/TBD, NJ DHS/TBD, ARC

Combined Mitigation / Preparedness Resiliency Programming (4 hours – 2 sessions covering 3 topics) 8:00-12:00

Outside the Regulatory Floodplain: The Overlooked Area of Risk 8:00-10:00

Over 30% of US Federal Disaster Assistance for flooding is used for structures located outside of the regulatory 1%-annual-chance floodplain. Across the Nation, regulations for floodplain management are generally restricted to development within the regulatory floodplain, allowing for growth in areas with a probable risk of flooding. State and Federal lawmakers are seeking to address this vulnerability through new legislation. For example, the Federal Government recently established the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS), which redefines the floodplain for Federal investment. The intent of the FFRMS floodplain is to identify the evolving risk above and beyond the known regulatory 1%-annual-chance floodplain. At the State level, New Jersey adopted the Flood Hazard Area Control Act in 2007, which adds a factor of safety above the regulatory floodplain for land use permits.

Even with these steps, more needs to be done at a community level to address these risks. More restrictive standards that mimic the forward thinking approach adopted by New Jersey can be advanced locally through the creation and adoption of new, more restrictive regulations. This presentation will cover the overlooked risk that exists outside of the regulatory floodplain, discuss the proposed methods to identify and map these areas as well as compare the resulting floodplains (regulatory, NJ Design and FFRMS). In addition, we will highlight how to review, develop, and implement higher standards for increased risk reduction. Lastly, we will review the benefits of implementing a higher standard for building more resilient communities.

Instructor: Andrew Martin (FEMA Region II)

Resilience Baseline Assessment 8:00-10:00

FEMA Region II is working on a simple methodology for assessing resilience building projects. Similar to a traditional BCA, the Resilience Baseline includes social, environmental, and economic indicators to assess a projects overall impact on a municipality's resilience. Utilizing the GIS framework created for the 10-year Flood Mitigation Prioritization, the Resilience Baseline Assessment establishes a municipality's baseline using current conditions and allows leaders to assess multiple scenarios to show how individual projects or groups of projects impact the Resilience Baseline. This session will introduce the methodology guiding the Resilience Baseline Assessment and will demonstrate how municipal leaders can use the assessment as a planning tool and to assess progress on their journey to resilience.

Instructors: Mike Moriarty/Sam Capasso FEMA Region II

Community Flood Resilience Toolkit – New Jersey: Resiliency Guidebook for Municipal Leaders 10:00-12:00

FEMA Region II and the State of New Jersey, with assistance from Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., are working with New Jersey communities to identify factors contributing favorably to help improve community resilience to a disaster as well as barriers and bottlenecks to implementation of community resiliency initiatives.

Premised on the assumption that small communities are often resource constrained in the area of planning and don't have the wherewithal to research the broad scope of academic literature and after-action reports to discern relevant best practices and to develop a community-specific plan, the project will create a Community Resilience Toolkit that includes programs, tools, and strategies that have proven to be beneficial in efforts to build resilience.

The Community Resilience Toolkit is intended to serve as a roadmap for municipal leaders working to make their communities more resilient to a disaster. The Toolkit outlines actions a community can take as they progress along the resilience journey.

Toolkit Components -

- A. Capacity Building
- B. Peer & Regional Collaboration
- C. Community Engagement
- D. Disaster Response & Short-Term Recovery
- E. Training
- F. Policy
- G. Programs
- H. Planning
- I. Funding Sources

Instructors: Mike Moriarty/Lawrence O'Reilly/Russell Fox FEMA Region II, TBD New Jersey DEP, TBD 2 Officials from 2 localities in NJ that are implementing the Resiliency Toolkit.

Wednesday May 3, 2017

New Public Assistance Model Overview (75 minutes – Only one offering) 10:00-12:00

This session will provide an overview of the New Public Assistance Delivery Mode. Topics will include: a review of the "Phased approach to implementation;" a discussion of the "three lane" process; an overview of expedited, standard and technical lanes and the approach to development of Projects in each lane; a summary of PA processing of determination memos and the path of Project Worksheets (PWs) to the CRC's; a discussion of the new PA model roll out in GA to include a

discussion on a path forward, successes and areas for improvement thus far in the process; and an synopsis of the CRC, CRM and PDM approach to Public Assistance.

Instructors: FEMA PA staff TBD

FEMA News

Blue Room Helps to Restore Calm

April is National Autism Awareness Month, and organizations across the Nation are incorporating emergency preparedness for those with Autism and other special needs into their plans. Through the American Red Cross, Office of Disability Integration, the first [Blue Room](#) was made available at the River Center shelter in Baton Rouge, LA. A Blue Room is a portable cardboard room designed to soothe the over-stimulated senses of people with Autism and other developmental or neurological disorders.

The room successfully helps children with Autism cope with disaster. During the most recent flooding in Baton Rouge, 2-year-old Azzie and his mother Keeira went to the shelter for help. When introduced to the Blue Room, Azzie was immediately calmed. He soon began playing and acting with affection toward his mother and the shelter staff.

“I am thrilled to have been able to help navigate the process,” said Terry Freeman, an American Red Cross Disability Integration specialist who helped with the project in Baton Rouge. “The sensory gym is one part of many new initiatives of Red Cross Disability Integration, whose purpose is to support people with access and functional needs. It is our hope to see more of these gyms in future disaster relief operations.”

Autism Awareness Month Resources

Topics: General preparedness, Health, Medical

Description: These resources focus on emergency preparedness measures for those with Autism or other access and functional needs.

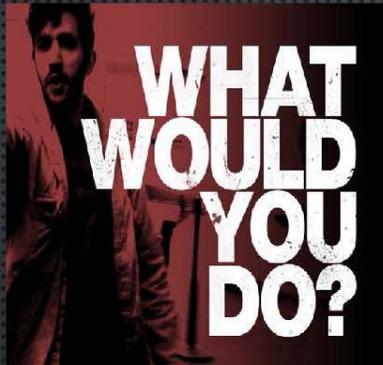
- Autism Society: [Disaster Preparedness Tips for Families Affected by Autism](#)
- Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center: [Emergency Preparedness and Response](#)
- Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities: [Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Emergency Planning Resources](#)

FEMA seeks comments on updated Tribal Mitigation Plan

Review Guide *IAEM*

FEMA is updating its policy that guides how agency officials interpret regulatory requirements in their review and approval of tribal mitigation plans. The updated Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide will supersede FEMA’s current [Tribal Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance](#) issued in 2010. The goal is to simplify the guidance, address key policy questions, and improve alignment with similar FEMA policies on state and local mitigation planning. The underlying regulatory requirements for tribal mitigation planning in the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR part 201) have not changed. The draft Guide (January 2017) and a fact sheet summarizing the initial consultation period are posted to the [FEMA Library](#). Tribal officials can submit comments on the Guide by mail to: National Mitigation Planning Program, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA), DHS/FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Suite 313, Washington, DC 20472-3020. Comments also can be submitted by email to tribalconsultation@fema.dhs.gov. All comments must be submitted either by U.S. mail or email no later than **Apr. 9, 2017**.

Preparedness Tips



FEMA Region II Shelter-in-Place Tip ACTIVE SHOOTER

IF THE ACTIVE SHOOTER IS NEARBY:

- **LOCK THE DOOR**
- **SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE**
- **TURN OFF ANY SOURCE OF NOISE (I.E., RADIO, TELEVISION)**
- **HIDE BEHIND LARGE ITEMS (I.E. CABINETS, DESKS)**
- **REMAIN QUIET**
- **GET OUT OF THE ACTIVE SHOOTER'S VIEW**
- **PROVIDE PROTECTION IF SHOTS ARE FIRED IN YOUR DIRECTION (I.E. AN OFFICE WITH A CLOSED AND LOCKED DOOR)**
- **DON'T TRAP YOURSELF OR RESTRICT YOUR OPTIONS FOR MOVEMENT**

TO PREVENT AN ACTIVE SHOOTER FROM ENTERING YOUR HIDING PLACE:

- **LOCK THE DOOR**
- **BLOCKADE THE DOOR WITH HEAVY FURNITURE**

Important Deadlines



2017 New Jersey Sustainability Summit: Local Action - Collective Impact

The theme of the 2017 New Jersey Sustainability Summit will focus on local action to achieve broader impact. Sustainable Jersey brings a unique mix of public and private, state and local partners together to support communities in achieving remarkable progress. How can we all work better together to build local capacity for change and have a collective impact?

Last year, over 300 people attended the 2016 New Jersey Sustainability Summit to help us build consensus on the future we want. This year we will focus on tools and resources to help communities and businesses work together to make that future a reality with a special focus on key issues such as water resources, energy, waste, civic engagement, and strengthening local economies. More information and registration link coming soon!

Recommended Webinars



Academic Perspective On Increasing Engagement With Faith-based Organizations in Disaster Preparedness Webinar

Presented by FEMA- Emergency Management Institute Higher Education Program & National Training Liaison

April 12, 2017 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. EST

Description:

The webinar is a collaborative effort between the DHS Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships and the FEMA Higher Education Program to ensure emergency managers, faith-based and community organizations are aware of academic partner resources and engagement opportunities.

The objectives for the webinar include:

- Increasing the number of academic institutions familiar with FEMA's Higher Education Program
- Elevating best practices for partnering with academic institutions who work to engage faith-based and community organizations in disaster preparedness activities
- Increasing the knowledge of emergency managers on the resources and work being produced by academic partners regarding faith-based and community organization engagement in emergency management.

Presenters:

- EMI Leadership
- Marcus Coleman, Special Assistant, DHS Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships
- Brie Loskota, Executive Director of the Center for Religious and Civic Culture at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles
- Jamie Aten, Ph.D., Founder & Co-Director, Wheaton College Humanitarian Disaster Institute
- Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager, Moderator

Registration link is:

<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/e4eg8e383ze/event/registration.html>

Conference Call-In: 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368

For additional information: Contact Wendy Walsh, EMI Higher Education PM-
wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov

Incident Command System Table Top Exercise with Steve Crimando

April 13, 2017 at 2 PM EST

When a disaster strikes, how are you managing your event response when multi agency involvement is needed? Large scale events often call for coordinated efforts of a local Incident Command System (ICS) that includes local police, fire and emergency management from surrounding areas to help ensure event response is effective. However, there are some potential challenges when working with many groups, especially external ones.

Join us on April 13th at 2 PM ET for our Expert Insights Webinar, [Incident Command System Table Top Exercise](#). During this webinar our speaker, Steve Crimando of Behavior Science Applications will cover the following:

- Brief background on Incident Command Systems
- Improving communication and coordination with an Emergency Notification System
- Table top exercise
 - Pre-event planning
 - Running the drill
 - After action reporting and recap
- Best practices to consider

Register now! At [Incident Command System Table Top Exercise](#).

Infectious Diseases: Critical Developments and Global Forecast

Tuesday, April 18 at 11:00 am EST

[Register Here](#)

Join us for a discussion on infectious diseases including recent developments and the global forecast for 2017. We will have a discussion with Mark Keim, MD, MBA, CEO of DisasterDoc, professor of disaster medicine at Harvard Medical School, professor of public health at Emory University, and former associate director for science at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and respond to questions and comments posed by forum attendees. You can register for the web forum [here](#).

Learning More About the 2017-2022 Healthcare Preparedness and Response Capabilities

Hosted by ASPR TRACIE, and features Dr. John Hick and Melissa Harvey discussing the capabilities, how they have evolved over time, and what they mean for healthcare facilities. Access select questions posed by participants and answered by panelists [here](#).

Register Now for These Upcoming Seminars and Webinars

League Professional Development Seminar

Licensed Professionals: The Impact of Employee Handbooks, the NJLAD and Other Municipal Actions (Shared Services) On Tenure and Employment

Tuesday, April 11, 2017- Rescheduled Date!, 9:00a.m. – 12:30pm

Where: Doubletree Hotel, 700 Hope Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

<http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/2017-licensed-professionals.html>

League Professional Development Seminar Using Current ABC Rules to Promote Redevelopment

May 10, 2017, 8:30 AM – 12:30PM

Where: Doubletree Hotel, 700 Hope Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

<http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/2017-abc-rules.html>

Save The Date!

The One Day Mini Conference

June 16, 2017

Where: Conference Center at Mercer, 1200 Old Trenton Rd West Windsor, NJ 08550

More Details to Follow

Catalog – Trainings / Events

FEMA Announces New Emergency Management Course: Integrating Emergency Management Education into Your Institution



The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) will conduct the "[Integrating Emergency Management Education into Your Institution](#)" course to assist Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions and Tribal Colleges and Universities with either establishing or enhancing their emergency management curricula. The course will be taught on the following dates:

April 19-20, 2017 - for Historically Black Colleges and Universities

All sessions of the course will be taught at Emergency Management Institute, National Emergency Training Center at Emmitsburg, Maryland. The application deadline is no later than eight weeks prior to the start of the course. Enrollment is limited to the first 20 applicants.

For more information, contact Lillian Virgil at Lillian.virgil@fema.dhs.gov.

NYDIS Offering Mental Health First Aid Certification for Faith Communities

Offered by NYDIS and The Salvation Army, in association with EmblemHealth and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Staff from faith-based nonprofits, congregation leaders and clergy/religious leaders are encouraged to attend these very important trainings!

- **Wednesday, April 19th**
- **Wednesday, May 24th**
- **Wednesday, June 14th**

All trainings will be held from **8:30am-5:30pm**, at EmblemHealth, 55 Water Street (Old Slip Street Entrance), in Lower Manhattan. [Register here.](#)

FEMA EMI Virtual Tabletop Exercise - Campus Active Shooter

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) program will offer a campus active shooter scenario on **June 6, 7 & 8, 2017**. The VTTX occurs from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET. To participate, send an email to Doug

Kahn at douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov or call 301-447-7645. Additional information is available at <https://training.fema.gov/programs/emivttx.aspx>.

The Urgent Threats Forum will take place June 6-7, 2017 in New York City

Since 2006 these Global Forums have convened public and private sector leaders in international cities including Florence, Singapore, London, Berlin and New York. Senior government leaders, senior executives and world-renowned experts have come together to share their insights and strategies.

Topics to be discussed will include:

- The Overall Threat Landscape: examining leading risk intelligence & key threats to the organization
- Corporate Risk Benchmarking: peer organizations compare key risks
- Technology Enhanced Resilience: What can we expect in the near term?
- Terrorism Abroad & At Home
- Severe Weather Outlook
- Assessment of the Latest Cyber Threats
- What to Expect Under the new U.S. Administration
- Update on The Metropolitan Resilience Network
- Lone Wolf Terrorism & Militant Extremists
- A Look at the new enhanced G-SIT: global situational intelligence tool
- Global Infectious Disease: a look at what is on the horizon

Learn more about this event by emailing intercep@nyu.edu.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton
Presents an Educational Workshop for Those Working with Trauma Victims



"Pursuit of Excellence: From Trauma to Resiliency"

MAY 11, 2017 • 8:30 AM to 4 PM

TCNJ (The College of New Jersey), 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
VICTOR RIVAS RIVERS
A film star, author and renowned advocate for violence prevention, Rivers seeks to raise awareness and activism of related forms of abuse, along with ways that individuals and communities can do more to end violence.

OTHER WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

- Introduction to Trauma Informed Care
- The Neurobiology of Trauma
- Immigration and Trauma
- Suicide Prevention for Schools
- The Psychology of Terrorism
- Art Therapy for Children Affected by Trauma
- Impact of Partner Violence on Children and Teens
- Using TF-CBT for Children's Trauma Therapy

COST: \$100*
REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ONLINE SOON

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact Ada Osorio at 609-394-7680 x2305
or aosorio@cctrenton.org

CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org





• National Board Certified Counselor CEUs: Approved
• NASW CEUs: Pending * \$20 additional fee for CEU-eligible workshops

Free 1 Day Trainings: Morning Coffee & Lunch Provided



Mental Health First Aid Certification

*for Faith-based Organization Staff,
Religious Caregivers & Clergy*

Offered by **New York Disaster Interfaith Services** and
The Salvation Army from **8:30am-5:00pm** on either

Wednesday, April 19th

Wednesday, May 24th

Wednesday, June 14th

Emblem Health (Connecticut Room, 3rd Floor)
55 Water Street (Old Slip Street Entrance)
New York, NY 10041

REGISTER AT:

www.nycmhfa.eventbrite.com

In association with

**EmblemHealth &
NYC DOHMH**

This Week's Must Reads



More than a quarter of SME staff lack cyber threat training (3/30/2017) ComputerWeekly.com

Data from cyber insurance provider CFC Underwriting shows that 38% of its claims in 2016 could have been avoided through better staff education and training on cyber risks. Some 27% of small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are failing to educate staff on the threat of a cyber attack, according to research by cyber insurance provider CFC Underwriting.