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Earthquake Readiness

On Jan. 7, the largest earthquake in recent history struck just off the southwestern coast of Puerto Rico causing widespread damage to homes, businesses, public infrastructure and natural wonders of the island. The people of Puerto Rico impacted by the magnitude 6.4 earthquake have fled their homes in fear as the ground continues to shake with multiple aftershocks occurring each day. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is monitoring the quakes to support recovery, however, it is a misconception that they are 'predicting' future earthquakes.



Source: Liz Roll/FEMA

According to USGS, earthquake prediction is impossible because scientists are unable to identify the three elements of an earthquake prior to its occurrence: date and time, location and magnitude. All they can predict is the probability, or the likelihood, that an earthquake will occur in a general area within a given timeframe and are typically based on the average rate of historical events in the area. Puerto Rico has had a number of large earthquakes over the past century, the most recent being a magnitude 8.0 in 1946 resulting in 4 large aftershocks between magnitude 7.0 and 7.6 between 1946 and 1953.

Lessons learned from the seismic activity in Puerto Rico will help USGS improve their ability to forecast future earthquakes and estimate levels of damage based on how far seismic waves travel. Additionally, these earthquakes are a sage reminder that individuals and communities can take steps to prepare for no-notice events. February is Central U.S. Earthquake Awareness Month, now is a great time to take steps to [prepare for an earthquake](#) with your family and coworkers.

Protect Yourself During Earthquakes!



One easy task we can all do is practice what to do during an earthquake. With family and coworkers, **Drop, Cover and Hold On** so everyone knows how to stay safe when the ground starts shaking.

It is also important to ready your home for an earthquake in order to protect yourself and your property from harm.

Additionally, individuals can take steps to stay safe after an earthquake. Consider taking the [Until Help Arrives](#) course so you can help others in need after an earthquake. You can also register on the American Red Cross "[Safe and Well](#)" website to let others know you are okay.

For more information on how to stay safe before, during and after an earthquake, visit [Ready.gov/earthquakes](#) for preparedness tips. Or, if you are interested in the USGS earthquake forecasting, please visit [USGS.gov](#).

If you are interested in providing the Until Help Arrives training in your community, please contact Devin.Kerins@fema.dhs.gov for more information.

Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Wuhan, China

On Dec. 31, 2019, the World Health Organization announced the advent of a respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus, also known as "2019-nCoV", first detected in the city of Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. This is a rapidly changing situation and we are still learning about 2019-nCoV.

- Outbreaks like this – when a new virus is emerging to infect people – are always concerning. Some people might be worried about this virus and how it may impact Americans.
 - While this situation poses a very serious public health threat, the Centers for Disease Control believes the immediate risk to the U.S. public is low at this time.
 - Risk also depends on exposure. People exposed to ill persons are at greater risk of infection. At this time in the U.S., 2019-nCoV is not spreading in the community.
 - However, the situation is evolving, and the risk will depend on how well the virus spreads and how sick it makes people.
- CDC has activated its Emergency Operations Center and begun using public health measures, including enhanced entry screening, as part of our aggressive public health response strategy.

The CDC has raised the [Travel Advisory to Warning-Level 3](#) which recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to the entire country of China. Both [State](#) and the [CDC](#) maintain their own travel advisory systems for international travel. No matter where you plan to travel to internationally, you should always check the State and CDC websites prior to your trip.

In addition to avoiding non-essential travel to China, the CDC recommends other ways that travelers can protect themselves and others:



Kristen and Charlotte Rouba take precaution by wearing surgical masks during their travels.
Kelly Boyd/New Jersey State Police Department

- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid contact with animals, whether alive or dead, animal markets, and products that come from those animals (e.g. uncooked meat).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

If you traveled to China recently and are sick with a fever, cough or difficulty breathing:

- Seek medical care immediately. Before you go to your doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead to let them know of your recent travel and symptoms you are experiencing.
- Avoid contact with others if you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or use your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.

Talk to your family members and loved ones about practicing health tips including how they would be cared for if they were to become sick and what would be needed if they were to be cared for in your home.

For further information about pandemic readiness, see www.ready.gov/pandemic. For more information on the outbreak visit the [2019 Novel Coronavirus Outbreak Page](#).

The coming days and weeks are likely to bring more confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV in the United States and globally, including some person-to-person spread in the United States, but the goal of the ongoing U.S. public health response is to contain this outbreak and prevent sustained spread of 2019-nCov in this country.

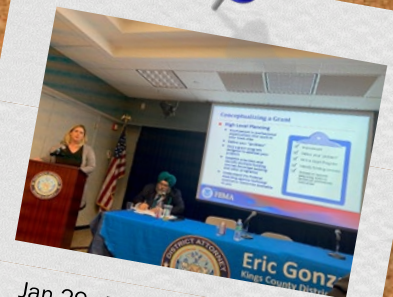
Region II Staff in Your Neighborhood!



Jan.16--FEMA Region II's CPO conducted "Until Help Arrives" for attendees at Temple Beth Chaim in West Windsor, N.J.



Jan. 21-- Community Preparedness Officer conducted a 4-day exercise program design course in NYC for planners from FEMA, NYPD, FDNY, Port Authority, and Army Corps of Engineers.



Jan.29-- Tanya Hedlund, Grants Division Branch Chief, presented at a seminar hosted by the Brooklyn District Attorney's office to discuss preparing houses of worship for security threats.

FEMA REGION II MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES

If you missed [Human Trafficking: The Hidden Crime](#) featuring a SME from Homeland Security Investigations you can watch the recorded webinar now.

Coming Soon to Region II

Click on
Event links
to Register!

February 2020				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2/3	2/4	2/5 Until Help Arrives. Freehold, NJ	2/6	2/7
2/10	2/11 Prepare to Recover. Burlington County, NJ	2/12 FEMA Region II Monthly Webinar: Tax Preparation Assistance	2/13	2/14
2/17	2/18 Region II CERT Quarterly Call	2/19	2/20	2/21
2/24 VITEMA: Tsunami Awareness Training St. Croix, V.I.	2/25 VITEMA: Tsunami Awareness Training St. Croix, V.I.	2/26 VITEMA: Tsunami Awareness Training St. Thomas, V. I.	2/27 VITEMA: Tsunami Awareness Training St. Thomas, V.I.	2/28

- FEMA Region II is hosting **Until Help Arrives** at Monmouth County Fire Academy. This training will provide attendees with critical skills to address life-threatening bleeding until trained medical responders can arrive. To register, click [here](#).
- Next month's **FEMA Region II Preparedness Webinar** is focused on tax preparedness for underserved communities, featuring Amelia Dalton from Education and Communications Unit of the Internal Revenue Service. This webinar will discuss how programs such as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly can make a difference in helping more Americans become financially prepared.
- FEMA Region II is hosting the **Prepare to Recover** pilot course on Tuesday, February 11 from 7-10 p.m. in Burlington County. This is a community preparedness course being developed for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and other volunteer organizations for use in their communities. It will provide a consistent preparedness message for the general public to include actions they can take to better ready themselves for disasters. Presently, this event is only open to members of CERT teams. To register, click [here](#).
- VITEMA (Virgin Islands Emergency Management Agency) is hosting a **Tsunami Awareness Training Course** on February 24th or 25th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. Croix location, and February 26th or February 27th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. Thomas location. Participants of this course will enhance the ability of individuals and organizations to support tsunami preparedness and response efforts. Spaces are limited and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, contact Irvin Mason at 774-2244 or Irvin.mason@vitema.vi.gov

Coming in March

Until Help Arrives 3/7 in Vineland, NJ: To register email: jatkinson@codch.org

Coming in April

L-146 HSEEP Course on 4/13 thru 4/16 in NYC. To register [click here](#)



Young Leaders:

Apply TODAY for the



**FEMA Youth
Preparedness Council**

Applications Due:



[Apply Today](#)



**YOU ARE THE HELP
UNTIL HELP ARRIVES**

Date: February 5, 2020
Time: 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Location: Monmouth County Fire Academy
1027 Rt. 33 Freehold, NJ 07728
Register: <https://fema-uhampco2020.eventbrite.com>

CALL 9-1-1



PROTECT THE INJURED FROM HARM



STOP THE BLEEDING



POSITION THE INJURED



PROVIDE COMFORT



5 SIMPLE STEPS MAY SAVE A LIFE

[Ready.gov/untillhelparrives](https://ready.gov/untillhelparrives)



PREPARE TO RECOVER!

Join us and learn how to become a
Preparedness Ambassador!



FEMA Region II is inviting members of local and county OEMs, CERT, MRC and other voluntary agencies in New Jersey to attend a pilot course offering on FEMA's community preparedness program **Prepare to Recover!**

This opportunity will allow attendees to provide feedback to help strengthen and shape the course and will provide community volunteers with a standardized but flexible curriculum to train communities on how to better prepare for, mitigate against, and recover from disasters.

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Burlington County Fire Academy

53 Academy Drive

Westampton, NJ 08608

Space is limited.

Register: <https://prepare2recoverpilot-burlington.eventbrite.com>

CERT volunteers should get permission from their team lead/county coordinator to attend.

For additional information, contact devin.kerins@fema.dhs.gov or deborah.costa@fema.dhs.gov

Pete Gaynor Sworn in as FEMA Administrator

On Jan. 16, Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf swore in Pete Gaynor as the new FEMA Administrator. Administrator Gaynor came to FEMA in October 2018, having served in emergency management roles at the local, state and federal agencies as well as throughout his military career. As FEMA's Acting Administrator since March 2019, Gaynor has led FEMA in its mission to help people before, during and after disaster and spearheaded accomplishment of the agency's [2018-2022 Strategic Plan](#). He has provided leadership to the successful implementation of many provisions of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018 and was the driving force behind "[Pub 1: We Are FEMA](#)." Administrator Gaynor continues to champion an inclusive work environment, provide direction, and transform the field of emergency management with the implementation of critical reforms.

FEMA Releases 2019 National Household Survey

FEMA has released the results of the National Household Survey and the data is now available on [OpenFEMA](#). With the release of the raw data, everyone, from academics and researchers to local emergency managers, will be able to analyze the data most important to their work and the communities they serve.

The NHS datasets on OpenFEMA are meant to be used by our community stakeholders for analysis and creation of metrics and other materials to better assist them in preparing individuals and communities for disasters. Datasets include the raw, unedited data. As such, users should plan to clean the data as needed prior to analysis. The datasets also include an executive summary, the survey instrument, raw weighted and unweighted data, aggregated data analysis, and a codebook with weighting overviews. In addition to the 2018 data, 2017 data is also available on OpenFEMA.

Users of the NHS datasets should also cite the date the data was accessed or retrieved from [fema.gov](#). In addition, users must clearly state that "FEMA and the Federal Government cannot vouch for the data or analyses derived from these data after the data have been retrieved from the Agency's website."

Share your findings and stories: FEMA-Prepare@fema.dhs.gov.

From Christi Collins, AICP, Branch Chief, Preparedness Behavior Division, Individual & Community Preparedness Division- FEMA National Preparedness Directorate.

FEMA Youth Preparedness Council Application Period Now Open

FEMA is now accepting applications for its 2020 [Youth Preparedness Council](#) (YPC) from students in grades 8-11. Since 2012, FEMA has brought youth from across the nation together who are passionate about preparedness and community service. Each year, teens apply to the YPC for an opportunity to join FEMA in moving people to action. As part of the YPC, members can build leadership skills, represent their schools and communities, and share their perspectives, feedback, and opinions with FEMA. The YPC gives youth the chance to meet peers from across the county to work together on exciting [projects](#)! Members will also travel to Washington, DC for the annual [YPC Summit](#). The application period began on Jan. 27 and ends March 1.

Mitigation Matters

A Stronger BCEGS Means You Will “Be” Safer and “Be” More Competitive

John A. Miller, P.E., CFM, CSM

The Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) [program](#) administered by Verisk - Insurance Services Office (ISO) provides an easy to identify rating for building code adoption and enforcement. FEMA uses BCEGS in awarding activity points and achieving levels in the Community Rating System (CRS) and when evaluating mitigation grant applications. A community's BCEGS is an available metric that signifies public health and safety conduct.

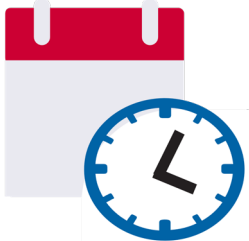
BCEGS is used by insurance underwriters to calculate the inherent risk of a structure. Building codes that are consistent with a more recent [International Building Code](#) (IBC) score better. As the enforcement of the code is essential to realize the standards, Verisk assesses a construction office's practices. Buildings construction is a predictor to how the structure will perform in a natural disaster.

The FEMA CRS makes localities safer and awards discounts to communities that exceed minimum National Flood Insurance Program requirements – it is like a “good driver discount” program for automobile insurance. Community participation in CRS at deeper level is dependent on BCEGS with certain CRS classes requiring stronger BCEGS scores as a prerequisite. Further, certain activities in the program are awarded points based on the BCEGS rating.

In the evaluation of [Hazard Mitigation Assistance](#) (Flood Mitigation Assistance and Pre-Disaster Mitigation) mitigation grant applications, FEMA uses the BCEGS ranking. Up to 20 percent of the projects score will be determined strictly by the BCEGS rating based on building code adoption and enforcement. An additional metric used in ranking applications is the level of participation in CRS. Up to 20 percent of the evaluation considers the CRS class of the community.

FEMA helps those communities that are partners in safer construction. State reporting of BCEGS can be obtained [here](#). While not available publicly, a community can request its BCEGS score from Verisk; see this [link](#).

Important Deadlines



U.S. Fire Administration Student Recruitment for Online Mediated Course Offering

Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Program Management is a seven-week on-line mediated course designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to develop a Mobile Integrated Healthcare program for your community.

Course offered April 5 – May 22

Apply Online at https://training.fema.gov/netc_online_admissions/ by Feb. 7.

FEMA Seeks Comments on Draft Policy About Building Code and Floodplain Management Administration and Enforcement by March 6

The draft Recovery Policy on Building Code and Floodplain Management Administration and Enforcement defines the framework and requirements for consistent and appropriate implementation of Section 1206 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act through the Public Assistance program. The intent of this policy is to provide communities with the resources needed to effectively administer and enforce state and locally adopted building codes and floodplain management ordinances for a period of no longer than 180 days after the date of the major disaster declaration.

FEMA is releasing the current draft policy, for a 45-day public comment period, ending on Friday, March 6. The draft policy and accompanying comments matrix is located on the FEMA website at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/185634>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of External Affairs, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or at FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

Other News

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Resources for the 2020 Earthquakes in Puerto Rico

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) has created a [webpage](#) dedicated to the situation in Puerto Rico with resources geared towards various populations. Check out the resources to learn more about what to do before, during and after the earthquakes.

National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin Released

On Jan. 18, the Acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security issued a NTAS Bulletin summarizing the Iran-related terrorism threat to the U.S. Homeland. This bulletin is effective and valid through March 18, 2020, 1 PM EST. The bulletin includes guidance on how citizen can help, be prepared and stay informed. For further information see [Bulletin](#).

Office of the Brooklyn Borough and Department of Justice Partners Host “Protecting Places of Worship” Forum

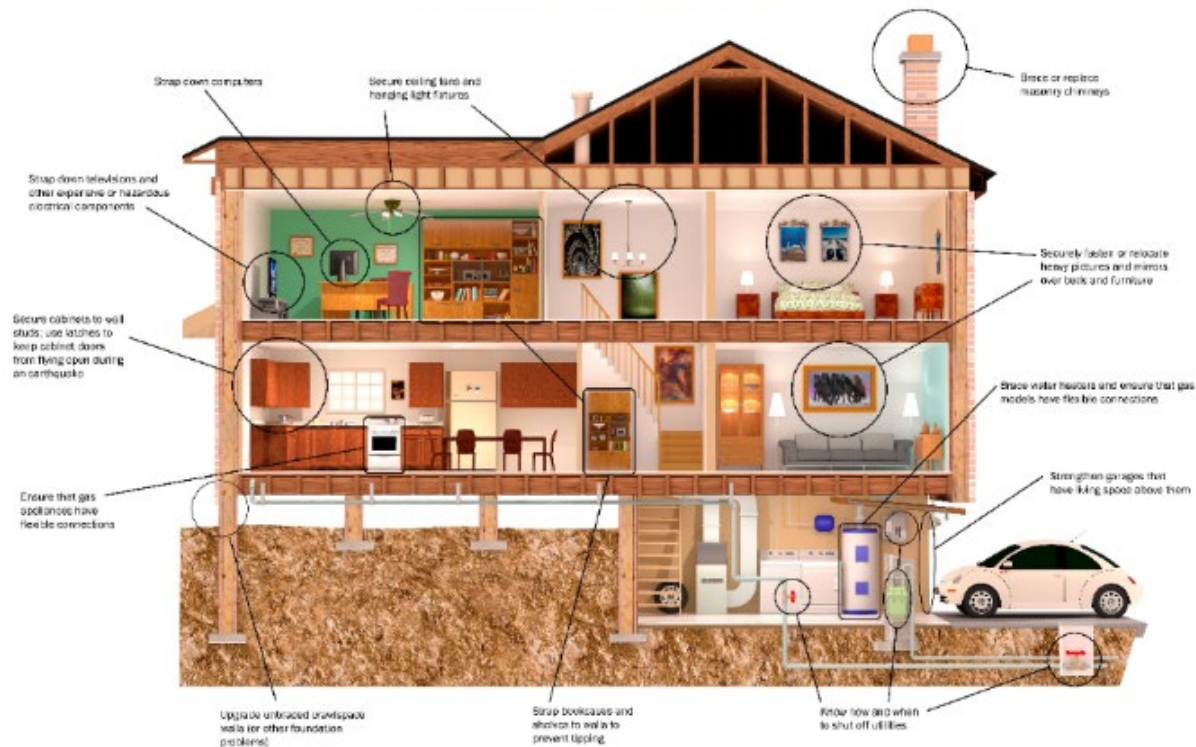
On Jan. 29, the Office of The Brooklyn Borough President and partners at the U.S. Department of Justice hosted a “*Protecting Places of Worship*” forum. The event covered a variety of critical topics affecting Houses of Worship including an overview of hate crimes prosecutions, active shooter and safety/protection recommendations. This standing-room only event drew a diverse cross-section of very engaged New York City metropolitan area faith leaders. Featured in the final segment of this 3-hour event was FEMA Region II’s Individual & Community Preparedness Officer Devin Kerns and Grants Division Branch Chief Tania Hedlund who presented on FEMA preparedness tools, resources and the Non-Profit Security Grant program. Region II’s Jose Davila, Intergovernmental Affairs Liaison and Maurice McRae, Faith-Based Preparedness Coordinator were also in attendance.

Emergency Preparedness Tips

Earthquake Home Hazard Hunt

Recommendations for reducing earthquake hazards in your home are presented on the other side of this poster

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Fighting Infections (of Corona and other acute respiratory infections) in Workplaces

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYEES:



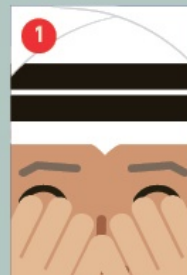
1 Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



2 Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then immediately throw the tissue in the trash. If there is no tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.



3 Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces; elevator buttons, doorknobs, desks, chairs, phones, and laptops.



1 Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



2 Avoid close contact with sick people. This includes sharing cups, sharing eating utensils and hugging.





2020 PREPAREDNESS CALENDAR



JAN

Resolve To Be Ready
Winter Safety



FEB

Central U.S. Earthquake
Awareness Month



MAR

"It's Not Luck" Campaign
Severe Weather
National Tsunami Awareness Week
Flood Safety



APR

National Financial Capability Month
Spring Safety



MAY

Wildfire Safety/National Community
Preparedness Day
National Building Safety Month
National Hurricane Preparedness Week
National Dam Safety Day



JUN

Pet Preparedness Month
Summer Safety/Extreme Heat
National Lightning Safety
Awareness Week



JUL

Fireworks Safety
Extreme Heat



AUG

Back to School -
Children & Youth Preparedness



SEP

National Preparedness Month
9/11 Day of Service & Remembrance
Fall Safety



OCT

Cyber Security Awareness Month
National Community Planning Month
Fire Prevention/National Fire
Prevention Week
Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills



NOV

Holiday Safety



DEC

National Influenza Vaccination Week
Winter Safety
Holiday Safety
Resolve To Be Ready

For links to social media toolkits and key messaging and topics please visit: ready.gov/calendar.
Social media toolkits include: flood safety, wildfires, hurricanes, extreme heat, National Preparedness Month, youth preparedness and more. Find toolkits at ready.gov/toolkits.

ready.gov/calendar

The New Jersey Community Emergency Response Team activation/deployment reports for the 2019 calendar year indicated that teams were utilized to assist first responders with searches, and more specifically searches to locate missing persons. Recently, missing persons cases such as the Dulce Maria Alavez case in Bridgeton, N.J. have gained national headlines. In order to raise the level of training related to these search missions, New Jersey Office of Emergency Management will be offering training to enhance the knowledge of CERT volunteers in this area. The first of these course offerings will be the Wilderness Search and Rescue Course. This course provides a broad search and rescue overview and identifies areas where CERT volunteers can be of assistance through intelligence gathering, attraction techniques, and through confinement/containment tactics.

In order to support this CERT initiative throughout the state, NJOEM will be distributing compasses and Garmin 66 GPS Units to interested CERT teams/volunteers who participate in the correlating training. Following the introductory Wilderness Search and Rescue course, the following 8-hour courses will be made available: *Search and Rescue Initial Actions*, *Garmin 66 Instructional Course*, and *Instructional Course for the SARTopo mapping app*. This training will be delivered by State SAR Coordinator Bryan Enberg or one of his teams located throughout the state. Course dates and times are flexible, and training can be made available on nights or weekends to accommodate as many CERT volunteers as possible.

If you are interested in this training opportunity please contact the NJOEM CERT Coordinator at njcert@gw.njsp.org.



NYC Emergency Management hosted a Mental Health First Aid certification training for NYC CERT members. The next session is scheduled for Saturday, April 18..

Those interested must register through the [CERT Online Portal](#) and also [Thrive NYC](#) in order to attend and receive a certificate of completion. To find an upcoming mental health first aid training or request one locally, visit the [Thrive NYC website](#).

Manhattan CERT



NYCEM Commissioner Criswell speaking with Manhattan CERT member David Yeung, during the response to a five-alarm fire.

New York City CERT



CERT members complete Active Shooter in a House of Worship Preparedness training at New York Disaster Interfaith Services.

FEMA REGION II QUARTERLY CERT CALL

Please join us on Feb. 18, at 10:00am

Register [here](#)

All CERT members, team leads, and county coordinators are welcome

NYCEM has the following training sessions open for registration on the CERT Online Portal. All trainings will be held at NYCEM, 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, N.Y.

- **Deaf Awareness/Basic Signs Workshop**, Tuesday, February 11, 2020
 - 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm [Click here to register](#)
- **Logistics Center Training (Advanced Training)**, Thursday, February 13, 2020
 - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm [Click here to register](#).
- **Stop the Bleed (Advanced Training)**, Tuesday, February 18, 2020
 - 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm [Click her to register](#)
- **Cultural Awareness Training**, Tuesday, March 10, 2020
 - 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm [Click here to register](#)

CERT Train the Trainer and Program Manager Course Openings - EMI

There is still space available in upcoming CERT Train the Trainer and Program Manager courses at the [Emergency Management Institute](#) (EMI). These courses will run March 2-6 and June 8-12. To apply, visit training.fema.gov, contact the EMI admissions office at NETC-admissions@fema.dhs.gov, or contact your state training officer today!

If you have events you would like to share, please email them to deborah.costa@fema.dhs.gov

Educational/Training Opportunities

AWR-348 Bombing Prevention Awareness Course

February 6, 2020 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 201 Varick St, Suite 900 (9th Floor)

The Bombing Prevention Awareness course provides an overview of IEDs and explosive effects, homemade explosives, an introduction to the terrorist attack cycle, and response to suspicious behaviors and items. This basic awareness is used to enhance bombing prevention measures. To register, [click here](#).



Family Assistance Center Operations During a Large-Scale Incident

March 3-4, 2020 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m., 100 Camp Drive, Sea Girt N.J.

This program will discuss the components of assistance that can be offered to enhance and supplement response efforts during an incident. Family assistance operations are multi-agency designed to assist survivors and families with various needs during and after an incident. The use of a Family Assistance Center can greatly impact the outcome of the incident. **Please contact Bryan.Hoffmann@doh.nj.gov with any questions and to register for the course.**

E0122 Emergency Management Accreditation Program

April 7-9, 2020, September 14-16, 2020, Emmitsburg Md.

The purpose of this training is to provide emergency management, preparedness, and homeland security personnel with information that will assist them in assessing their jurisdiction or agency's Emergency Management Program using the *Emergency Management Standard* by EMAP. The training also provides participants with the appropriate qualification to learn how to assess other Applicant Emergency Management

Programs using the *Emergency Management Standard* by EMAP. To apply, navigate to <https://training.fema.gov/onlineadmissions/>. Questions related to NETC campus access identification should be directed to Jason.Cawthon@fema.dhs.gov.

E0389 Master Public Information Officer Program – Part Three

April 27-May 1, 2020, August 3-7, 2020

This is a three-course series that prepares public information officers for an expanded role in delivering public information and warning using a strategic whole community approach. [Read more at Training Opportunity 1487](#). Training takes place in Emmitsburg, Md.

L0110 National Emergency Management Basic Academy Train-the-Trainer

April 27-30, 2020, 100 College Drive, Weldon NC

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) is offering the opportunity to students who are experienced in both emergency management and facilitating adult learning to consider becoming qualified as a faculty instructor for the Basic Academy. All topics are covered from an instructor's perspective, including: emergency management history, legal issues, intergovernmental and interagency context, influencing, organizing, social vulnerability issues, collaboration, planning, exercises, public information and warning, preparedness, team building, protection and prevention, mitigation, response, ethical decision-making, recovery, technology, administration, and the future of emergency management. View the Training Brochure and Overview [here](#).

P0258 Management & Safety in Response to Hazardous Materials

July 6-17, 2020, Emmitsburg, MD

This is a 9-day course appropriate for hazardous materials personnel operating at technician and specialist levels that addresses systematic issues for operating at a hazardous materials incident safely. This course is an instructor-facilitated, student-centered course that utilizes a risk-based approach to directing and coordinating hazardous materials/WMD incident response from a hazardous materials officer's and a hazardous materials safety officer's perspective. **All applications require electronic approval from the head of your sponsoring organization and must be submitted no later than April 30, 2020. Questions about this course can be directed to the Hazardous Materials Curriculum Training Specialist Wayne Yoder at wayne.yoder@fema.dhs.gov. To apply, click [here](#).**

Training Calendars

FEMA: <https://training.fema.gov/emcourses/schedules.aspx>

NJOEM: <http://ready.nj.gov/training/schedule.shtml>

NJOHSP: <https://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/calendar>

NYDSES: <http://www.dhses.ny.gov/training/calendar/>

DHSOBP: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/obp>

Webinars

FEMA REGION II MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES

Tax Preparation Assistance

Supporting Financial Preparedness for Underserved Populations

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 from 12 PM – 1 PM ET

Join FEMA Region II for our monthly preparedness webinar to learn how IRS-sponsored programs can provide underserved communities with free tax filing assistance using IRS certified volunteers. Programs such as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly can make a difference in helping more Americans become financially prepared.

This event features Amelia Dalton from the Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communications Unit, Internal Revenue Service.

Register now using this link:

<https://icpd.adobeconnect.com/r2taxprep12feb20/event/registration.html>

- Make sure to [test your Adobe Connect](#) before the meeting.
- This event will include live captioning.
- Contact FEMA-Prepare@fema.dhs.gov to learn more.



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FEMA REGION II MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES

Protecting our Communities:

Signs of Terrorism, What to Look For and How to Help Law Enforcement

Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 12 PM – 1 PM ET

Please join us our next preparedness webinar to learn about the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP) Suspicious Activity Reporting System (NJSARS). The presentation will define suspicious activity, show how law enforcement and the public can identify suspicious behavior and discuss the best way to report that information.

Participants will learn about the indicators used to classify leads, how information is routed through NJSARS and how this information can spark action. David Kanig, NJOHSP, is the featured speaker.

Register now using this link:

<https://icpd.adobeconnect.com/r2recognizingterrorism/event/registration.html>

- Make sure to [test your Adobe Connect](#) before the meeting.
- This event will include live captioning.
- Contact FEMA-Prepare@fema.dhs.gov to learn more.



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Making Mitigation Work: A Webinar Series

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 1-2pm ET

The Natural Hazards Center, in partnership with FEMA, continues its webinar series, “Making Mitigation Work.” The next webinar will feature Sara Grineski, Professor and Co-Director of the Center for Natural and Technological Hazards at the University of Utah, who will discuss her research comparing preparedness before Hurricane Harvey with exposure, health effects, and recovery after. [Click here to register.](#)

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Webinars for Nonprofit Partners

Thursday, February 20, 2020 1 pm -3:30 pm ET

The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate, in partnership with the DHS Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives, invites faith-based, community, and nonprofit partners to participate in one of the upcoming webinars regarding the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 NSGP will provide \$90 million in funding support to nonprofit organizations for security related activities. Additional program information is located at <https://www.fema.gov/grants>.

The February 20 webinar will focus on other DHS and FEMA resources for the faith community, including NSGP. [Click to register here.](#)

CONVERGE Disaster Mental Health Training Module

This 31-minute webinar provides a demonstration of the newly released CONVERGE Disaster Mental Health Training Module. It offers an overview of the broader vision for the CONVERGE Training Modules, as well as feature specific tips for how users can integrate the Disaster Mental Health module into their classroom, workplace, and future presentations.

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) National Network Learning Session: Earthquake Preparedness For Everyone, With Everyone

Participants in this one-hour, 30-minute webinar will get an overview of new resources and materials developed by people with disabilities for people with disabilities and learn how to modify earthquake preparedness and safety steps for access and functional needs and disabilities. Emergency managers will learn steps to take to include people with disabilities in preparedness education and drills.

Must Reads



Health and Mental Health Tips for Emergency Responders (CDC)

Responding to disasters is both rewarding and challenging work. Sources of stress for emergency responders may include witnessing human suffering, risk of personal harm, intense workloads, life-and-death decisions, and separation from family. Stress prevention and management is critical for responders to stay well and to continue to help in the situation. There are important steps responders should take before, during, and after an event.

Reaching Limited English Proficient Communities in Emergencies

This resource entitled “Tips and Tools for Reaching Limited English Proficient Communities in Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery” from the U.S. Department of Justice was developed for those responsible for emergency preparation, response, and recovery. It serves as a guide for incorporating language access considerations into disaster management plans. Page eight of the guide lists resources that can help you understand the translation process and obtain high-quality translations.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) Readiness and Response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV): Interim Guidance V2

This seven-page document, updated on January 26, 2020, provides World Health Organization checklists for risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) readiness and initial response for novel coronaviruses (nCoV) recently identified in Wuhan, China (2019-nCoV). Its objective is to provide actionable guidance for countries to implement effective RCCE strategies that will help protect the public’s health in the early response to nCoV. It includes recommended RCCE goals and actions for countries preparing for nCoV cases and for countries that have confirmed nCoV cases.

Strengthening Post-Hurricane Supply Chain Resilience: Observations from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria

Drawing on lessons learned during the 2017 hurricanes, this 106-page report explores future strategies to improve supply chain management in disaster situations. Focusing on the supply chains for food, fuel, water, pharmaceutical, and medical supplies, the recommendations of the report will assist FEMA as well as state and local officials, private sector decision makers, civic leaders, and others who can help ensure that supply chains remain robust and resilient in the face of natural disasters.