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Training Update

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2015 Spring Directors' Conference

The conference will be held on April 15-16, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North-Worthington. The agenda is nearing completion and will be released shortly. Some of the presentations will include the Boston Marathon Bombing Response Coordination, Social Media use in Disasters and a presentation by Director Dragani.

Registration:

Currently all County Directors are registered. If you would like to register please create an account for the Ohio Department of Public Safety training campus by calling 614.752.6487. Once you have an account you can log in at: <https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm6/cm0682/pstc/pstc.html> To register, please search for "OH-200 Spring Directors Conference" in the ODPS training campus.

Lodging:

If you would like lodging please contact the hotel to reserve your room under the block. Ohio EMA will provide free lodging the night of April 15th for the County Director or assigned designee. Everyone will need to provide a credit card to the hotel for incidentals and no shows. You will be responsible for cancelling your room if something comes up and you or your designee can not make the conference.

If you are a County Director and need lodging please make a reservation with the hotel. Once you have completed your reservation you must email David Nunley dbnunley@dps.ohio.gov the below information:

- County Director or Designee Name
- County EMA being represented
- Confirmation Number

If you do not send the above information to David Nunley we will not have record of your having a room and will not be able to pay for your lodging. The cutoff date for rooms is March 31. Please make your reservation sooner than later, because once the room block is full we cannot provide additional lodging free of charge for another hotel.

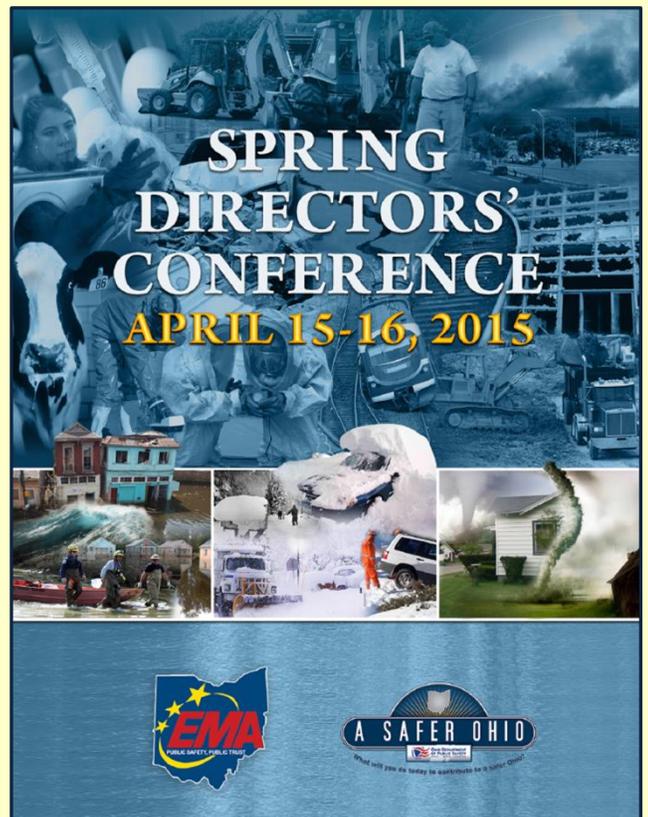
How to make hotel lodging:

Please see the link below to make reservations online. Guests may also call the hotel directly at 614-885-1885 and choose option #2. Please have them ask for the group rate with Ohio Emergency Management Agency or use the 3 letter code EMR.

Click link: [Ohio Emergency Management Agency](#)

Under **Make Reservation** fill out check in/out dates, number of rooms and how many adults/children then click **Rates & Availability**.

Rooms & Rates page will come up and then select the room type at the group rate.



Training Update Continued

EMI Training Opportunity

Attached is the announcement for the Community Specific – Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC) for FY16. Please forward this announcement to counties and communities in your state. The announcement contains the course specifics and outlines how to prepare and submit an application. The Community Specific – IEMC is one of the best training opportunities FEMA has to offer. Please distribute this announcement to local communities, counties, airports etc. who you feel would be interested.

Community-specific IEMCs have been offered for states, counties, tribes, events (Democratic and Republican National Conventions, 2002 Super Bowl), airports, joint community or counties and even cross border (Rio Grande Valley/Brownsville, Texas). The course can be tailored to address floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, severe storms (wind, ice, snow), tornados, hazardous materials, pandemic/disease outbreaks, Homeland Security (terrorist events) and special events.

Steps in the Application/Selection Process - <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IEMC/selprocess.asp>

Step 1. The chief official of the jurisdiction submits a letter of request and the application addressing the specific jurisdictional characteristics and disaster data criteria, to the respective state office of emergency management.

Step 2. If the state office of emergency management supports the request, a letter of endorsement outlining how acceptance of this request will meet state emergency management objectives needs to be prepared by your Director. The letter should be addressed to our Regional Administrator, Andrew Velasquez.

Step 3. The state's endorsement letter and the jurisdiction's application package needs to be forwarded to FEMA Region V.

Although the EMI deadline listed on the training announcement is January 15th, Region V and Ohio EMA needs time to review and prepare an endorsement letter for the various applications we receive. **Therefore, we ask that all applications be submitted to Ohio EMA no later than January 2, 2015.**



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It is Time to Apply!!

***Course: Fiscal Year 2016 Community-Specific
Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC)***

REMINDER: The deadline for applying to the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) for a community-specific IEMC in FY2016 is January 15, 2015.

Each year, State, local, tribal, territorial and specialized jurisdictions throughout the United States apply to EMI for the conduct of a community-specific IEMC.

IEMCs are exercise-based training courses that place jurisdictions' leadership and emergency operations center (EOC) personnel in realistic crisis situations within a structured learning environment. The jurisdiction selects the scenario(s) it wants to exercise (for example, a natural or technological hazard, weather-related occurrence, special event, or terrorist incident), and whether they prefer the course to be conducted at EMI or within their jurisdiction.

A community-specific IEMC builds awareness and skills needed to develop and implement a jurisdiction's policies, plans, procedures, and mutual aid agreements necessary to deal with disasters/emergencies.

Upon approval of acceptance, skilled EMI training and exercise specialists conduct a pre-course analysis in the jurisdiction in order to collect local information, identify critical infrastructure, study transportation systems, and analyze current response plans. From this information, exercises are built to assess the jurisdiction's planned approach to specific hazards and to surface issues for which the IEMC participants may need to re-evaluate and develop corrective action plans.

IEMCs are Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) compliant and designed for personnel who fill specific emergency support positions within their community. Each participant is assigned a role similar to their real-life position.

Examples of appropriate attendees are:

- Chief elected and appointed officials from local, regional, State and federal emergency management agencies;
- Senior level personnel from response agencies and organizations (e.g., law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, and public health); and
- Managers from volunteer organizations active in disasters (VOADs), and representatives from private organizations which participate in local, regional, and State responses.

For a complete list of who should attend, please go to the IEMC website at:
<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IEMC/iemcpos.asp>

For information on how to prepare and submit an application for a community-specific IEMC, click on the link:
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IEMC/selprocess.asp>

For continual updates on IEMCs, and to sign up for our free email subscription service, click on the link: [Sign up via our free e-mail subscription service](http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IEMC/) at our web site:
<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IEMC/>

Grants Gallery

As a reminder, the baseline requirements for a county to remain an eligible participant in the Emergency Management Performance Grant program are listed below:

1. Each county shall have an agency and a director who shall be employed by the county and shall be governed by the terms of the contract between the county and the political subdivisions, and all other applicable local laws, regulations, and/or ordinances.
2. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency shall conduct a minimum of two seminars each year to update local emergency management agency directors on changes to or new topics in emergency management. Each local emergency management agency director shall attend both of these seminars each year. Absences from these two update seminars will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the executive director for emergency management.
3. Each local emergency management agency shall be responsible for maintaining current its emergency operations plan, by reviewing and updating it annually. Each emergency operations plan shall be authorized by the chief executive officer and shall be consistent with published federal and state guidance and emergency operations plans.

The EMPG Grant Guidance may contain additional requirements and information.

DEADLINES

All cash requests must be submitted to the Grants Section no later than December 5 in order to be processed by end of calendar year.

Fiscal will begin processing requests again on **January 2, 2016**.

Hazardous Material Emergency Planning Grant (HMEP) Grant applications are due **December 15, 2015**. If funds remain after initial requests, Ohio EMA will continue to review and award until all funds are obligated.

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Upcoming Training

1	ICS-300 Intermediate Course	Dec. 2 – 4, 2014	Lucas County
2	G-402 ICS for Executives	Dec. 4, 2014	Franklin County
3	ICS-400 Advanced Course	Dec. 4 – 5, 2014	Lucas County
4	ICS-400 Advanced Course	Dec. 9-10, 2014	Hamilton County
5	G557 Rapid Assessment Planning	Dec. 12, 2014	Union County
6	ICS-300 Intermediate Course	Dec. 15 – 17, 2014	Trumbull County
7	OH-361 Fundamentals of Safe Room Design and Construction	Dec. 16, 2014	Ohio EMA
8	ICS-400 Advanced Course	Jan. 10 - 11, 2015	Richland County
9	G-270.4 Recovery From Disaster	Jan. 13-14, 2015	Ohio EMA
10	L146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program	Jan. 13 - 15, 2015	Jackson County
11	ICS-400 Advanced Course	Jan. 17 – 18, 2015	Miami County
12	G-366 Planning for Special Needs of Children	Jan. 22, 2015	Ashtabula County
13	G288 Local volunteer and Donations Management & G489 Management of Spontaneous Volunteers	Jan. 27-29, 2015	Ohio EMA
14	L146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program	Jan. 28 - 30, 2015	Hamilton County
15	ICS-300 Intermediate Course	Feb. 2 – 4, 2015	Cuyahoga County
16	MGT-347 ICS Forms Review Course (TEEX Instructors)	Feb. 3, 2015	Ohio EMA
17	ICS-300 Intermediate Course (TEEX Instructors)	Feb. 3 – 5, 2015	Ohio EMA
18	PER-320 Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events Course	Feb. 4, 2015 (1 Day Course)	Ohio EMA
19	PER-320 Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events Course	Feb. 5, 2015 (1 Day Course)	Ohio EMA
20	G-366 Planning for Special Needs of Children	Feb. 4, 2015	Hamilton County
21	ICS-400 Advanced Course	Feb. 10 – 11, 2015	Cuyahoga County
22	G358 Evacuation and Re-Entry Planning	Feb. 10 – 11, 2015	Ohio EMA
23	PER-304 Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery	Feb. 19, 2015	Ohio EMA
24	G191 ICS / EOC Interface	Feb. 20, 2015	Cuyahoga County
25	G290 & G291 Basic Public Information Officer Series	Feb. 23-25, 2015	Jackson County
26	OH-230 Introduction to Emergency Management in Ohio	Feb. 23-26, 2015	Franklin County – Double Tree
27	G-289 Public Information Officer (PIO) Awareness Course	Feb. 26, 2015	Medina County
28	ICS-400 Advanced Course (TEEX Instructors)	March 3 -4, 2015	Ohio EMA
29	L962 Planning Section Chief Course	March 9 – 12, 2015	Cuyahoga County
30	G108 & G366 Mass Care & Special Needs of Children	March 10-12, 2015	Ohio EMA
31	G108 Community Mass Care	March 12-13, 2015	Medina County
32	G775 EOC Management and Operations	March 24 – 25, 2015	Ohio EMA
33	G290 & G291 Basic Public Information Officer Series	April 7-9, 2015	Ohio EMA
34	OH-200 Spring Directors' Conference	April 15 - 16, 2015	Ohio EMA - Crown Plaza
35	MGT906-Incident Command System (ICS) TtT (L-449)	May 5 - 8, 2015	Ohio EMA
36	L956 Liaison Officer Course	May 12 – 13, 2015	Cuyahoga County
37	PER-304 Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery	May 14, 2015	Ohio EMA
38	G-289 Public Information Officer (PIO) Awareness Course	May 15, 2015	Ashtabula County
39	G-557 Rapid Needs Assessment Course	June 9, 2015	Ohio EMA
40	G361 Flood Fight Operations	June 10-12, 2015	Hamilton County

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For more information on Ohio EMA Training and Exercises please visit:
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