



## Region II Individual and Community Preparedness Bulletin



### Summer Boating Safety

The summer is hot, the water is cool, and the boats are out! Though boating is a relaxing pastime, it is important to remember a few easy safety tips, regardless of boating experience. Many states require boaters to take one or more safety courses, but it's always helpful to refresh your memory with a course in your [community](#) or [online](#). Checking the [weather](#) before going out on the water is crucial to a safe and enjoyable experience and only takes a few seconds on your phone or TV. Before leaving the marina, it helps to make a checklist of safety necessities such as a fire extinguisher, cellphone, or flares/distress signals. If you want to take an extra precaution, the US Coast Guard can [inspect your boat](#) to ensure its safety equipment is to par with state and federal regulations as well as provide further safety information free of charge.



Arguably the most important safety precaution for boating is ensuring every passenger not only has a life jacket but one that appropriately fits their body size. According to the Center for Disease Control and Protection, 332 people drown in boating-related incidents per year. Before going out on an adventure on the water, check to make sure you have the correct life jacket, throwable device, or flotation aid for your passengers, as some types are more effective depending on type of activity or age of passenger. The best protection once you're out on the water after preparing and planning is using common sense to recognize dangerous scenarios. This means driving at a

safe speed, being aware of your surroundings, designating an emergency driver/skipper, and avoiding alcohol on your vessel. The more safety precautions taken, the better experience you can have enjoying the beautiful weather this summer.

For more information please visit: <http://www.discoverboating.com/beginner/safety/tips.aspx> and <http://www.uscgboating.org/>

# Region II Individual and Community Preparedness *Then and Now*



FEMA Region II National Preparedness Division and External Affairs partnered to provide individual preparedness information to attendees at the NYC Disability Pride Parade on July 9, 2017.

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 New Jersey Courts and 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. Skills learned during this program will enable jurisdictions to conduct NIMS required exercises.

*The course will develop emergency response and continuity exercise skills in the following areas:*

- Exercise programs
- Exercise design steps
- Exercise evaluation
- Designing a functional exercise
- Exercise process
- Tabletop, functional and full scale exercises
- Exercise enhancements

*The course will conclude with students conducting and evaluating actual tabletop and functional exercises in a group/team environment.*

**August 28-31, 2017 Daily: 0900-1530**

At American Red Cross, Greater NY 520 W. 49<sup>th</sup> St. NY, NY

**October 30-November 3, 2017 Daily: 0900-1530**

Burlington County Fire Academy, 53 Academy Dr., Westampton, NJ

**November 7-10, 2017 Daily: 0900-1530**

Holy Name Medical Center, 718 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, NJ

### **Registration:**

Dates	Partner Agency	How to Register
<b>August 28-31, 2017</b>	American Red Cross	<a href="https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2hseepaug2017/event/registration.html">https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2hseepaug2017/event/registration.html</a>
<b>October 30-November 3, 2017</b>	NJ Courts	Email Charles Coleman, <a href="mailto:Charles.colemand@njcourts.gov">Charles.colemand@njcourts.gov</a>
<b>November 7-November 10, 2017</b>	Holy Name Medical Center Institute for Simulation Learning	<a href="https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2hseepnov17/event/registration.html">https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2hseepnov17/event/registration.html</a>

### FEMA Announces Funding Awards to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks

FEMA officials on July [13 announced funding awards](#) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Program to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (CCTA Program). The CCTA Program will provide \$35.94 million to selected recipients to improve their ability to prepare for, prevent, and respond to complex coordinated terrorist attacks in collaboration with the whole community.

The selected recipients will receive funding specifically to develop and implement effective, sustainable, and regional approaches for enhancing preparedness for complex coordinated terrorist attacks, which include the following components: identifying capability gaps, developing and/or updating plans, training to implement plans and procedures, and conducting exercises to validate capabilities.

### FEMA Announces 2017 Youth Preparedness Council Members

The Youth Preparedness Council was created in 2012 to bring together young leaders from across the country who are interested in supporting disaster preparedness and making a difference in their communities, by completing disaster preparedness projects to fit their community's needs. This year marks the fifth anniversary of the council.

FEMA selected the nine new members of the council based on their dedication to public service, community involvement, and potential to expand their impact as national supporters for youth preparedness. These teens bring diverse experiences to the council. One new member is a Civil Air Patrol cadet from Mississippi who introduced an emergency certification requirement to his squadron. Another is a high school class president in Georgia who founded an award-winning Odyssey of the Mind Chapter in his school district, and another is a student who was raised in Japan and Taiwan where natural disaster risk inspired her to promote preparedness at an early age and implement various Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Red Cross trainings within her class.

To learn more about the FEMA Youth Preparedness Council, please visit [www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council](http://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council).

### 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: Life Jacket Safety Tips

- A life jacket, or PFD (Personal Flotation Device), must be available for every person on a recreational boat.
- Test your PFD in a non-emergency situation, such as in a pool, to be sure it is the right fit and type for you.
  - ✓ Make sure the jacket is snug across your chest.
  - ✓ If you raise your arms and the jacket hits your chin/ears, the straps are too loose.
- There are five types of PFD, check to make sure you have the right one for your water activities.
- It is recommended that pets also wear fitted life jackets with handles and are brightly colored.

*For more information:*

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg5214/pfdselection.asp>



# FEMA Region II: Boating Safety Tips

- Take a boating safety course.
- Check the weather before you go.
- Make a checklist of safety necessities (cellphone, fire extinguisher, life jackets, and flares).
- Children need to understand and follow rules such as keeping their hands and feet inside the boat at all times and not running on a boat.
- Ensure life jackets fit properly and floatation devices are appropriate for water conditions.
- Be aware of your surroundings and drive at safe speeds.
- Do not allow alcohol on your vessel.



For more tips and information, please go to <http://www.discoverboating.com/beginner/safety/tips.aspx> and <http://www.uscgboating.org/>.

## 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](http://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](mailto:FEMA-Floodplain-Management-Division@fema.dhs.gov) until **August 23, 2017**.

## 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**

#### **Eo686, 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.

**Dates:** 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](mailto:edu@fema.dhs.gov) or visit the OCCHCO training page

### **All-Hazards Position Specific Train-the-Trainer Classes Course Vacancy Announcement:**

Please be advised that openings remain in upcoming All-Hazards Position Specific train-the-trainer (TtT) classes for the 2nd Semester of FY 2017. The classes for which openings remain are below:

E-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](#).

### **Small Business Development Center at Kean University: Cybersecurity classes**

Every day the media reports new cybersecurity attacks on large, well-known companies. What is not reported are the growing number of small businesses that are being targeted. It's a common misconception that hackers primarily target organizations and business. The reality is the risky behavior of individuals, whether intentional or not, is what often leads to security breaches.

Keep your business safe from cyber threats. We offer two free interactive courses and a downloadable cybersecurity workbook.

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

## OTHER NEWS

### Smoke it Low ‘N Slow

Grilling is an American summer staple that can kick start a block party or backyard fest, but it’s important to smoke it safely. According to [FoodSafety.gov](http://FoodSafety.gov), foodborne illnesses increase during the summer. *Stay healthy and safe during warmer months by following these meat safety recommendations:*



#### When [cooking raw meat](#):

- Thaw completely either in the fridge, cold water, or the microwave
- When marinating, be sure to keep it in a controlled-temperature space without contaminating marinades for other foods
- Use a smoker thermometer and food thermometer to check the smoker and internal temperatures to lessen risk of food poisoning

### New CDC Resource can Help States and Communities Prevent Youth Violence

[Bullying](#) is a form of youth violence, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has resources states and communities can use to stop it. Bullying is a serious public health problem, as it can result in physical injury, social and emotional distress, and even death. In 2015, about 1 in 5 U.S. high school students reported being bullied on school property.

CDC’s new resource, [A Comprehensive Technical Package for the Prevention of Youth Violence and Associated Risk Behaviors](#), outlines science-based strategies states and communities can use to stop and prevent youth violence including bullying. It [highlights six strategies](#) which work together and reinforce each other.

#### Tips from [stopbullying.gov](http://stopbullying.gov) on how to prevent bullying:

- When talking about bullying, help kids understand the gravity of bullying, model how to treat others with respect, and keep lines of communication open
- [Community-wide strategies](#) can help identify and support children who are bullied, redirect the behavior of children who bully, and change the attitudes of adults and youth who tolerate bullying behaviors in peer groups, schools, and communities

- Take a [Bullying Prevention Training Course](#) and learn how to take a public health approach to bullying prevention through the use of long-term, community-wide prevention strategies



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Location: Emmitsburg, MD

## EMI Training Opportunity Virtual TTX Series

September 5, 6 & 7, 2017

**V-0001 - Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) – Chlorine Release** Virtual Exercise – Multiple Locations

September 19, 20 & 21 2017

**V-0001 - Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) – Earthquake** Virtual Exercise – Multiple Locations.

For more information contact Douglas M. Kahn, [douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov)

## EMI Training E-Forums

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) will host two e-forums in July entitled: "One Link, One Bridge, Many Voices." E-Forums are one-hour, moderated webinar discussions that provide an opportunity for EMI and the emergency management community to discuss matters of interest on national preparedness training. The forums showcase community partners and peers, sharing their experiences in panel format, which offers opportunities to provide technical assistance in training management by facilitating peer-to-peer sharing of best practices.

July 19, 2017 at 3-4pm Eastern Time

State Training Officer and State Fire Training Director: Collaboration Achieves the Best Outcomes

July 26, 2017 at 3-4pm Eastern Time

Sharing Training Resources: Best Practices Across the Whole Community

Participants can sign into the webinar via [Adobe Connect](#) or dial in via conference call at 800-320-4330, PIN 107622#. Participation does not require pre-registration. For questions, [contact EMI](#).

## This Week's Must Reads

### Children and Climate Change



#### ***Disaster Information Management Research Center.***

This course discusses how children and youth can be impacted by climate change, how their resilience to climate change can be strengthened, and how they can act on climate change. The module looks at how children's resilience to climate change could be strengthened, and the benefits that can be provided by mitigation measures. It also discusses solutions, focusing on the empowerment of children as actors of change and on the key role of governments in children's protection. *For more information please click on the title link.*

### Faster Cyberattack Detection Can Limit Business Impact by 70%

#### ***Information Week IT Network: Dark Reading***

A new report released today, commissioned by Cyber adAPT and conducted by Aberdeen Group, has revealed that cyber attack detection and response times have a critical status in protecting access to infrastructure and data within modern networks. *For more information please click on the title link.*



## FBI Warns of Scam Targeting College Students

**Federal Bureau of  
Investigation: Public  
Service Announcement**

College students across the United States continue to be targeted in a common employment scam. Scammers advertise phony job opportunities on college employment websites and/or students receive e-mails on their school accounts recruiting them for fictitious positions. This “employment” results in a financial loss for participating students. *For more information please click on the title.*

