



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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Everyone Should Be Reviewing and Completing The 2009 NIMSCAST Requirements!

Area Coordinator Meetings

Area A:	10:00 a.m.	September 9, 2009	Sermon Center, Independence
Area B:	1:00 p.m.	September 8, 2009	Dept of Conservation Offices, Kirksville
Area C:	10:00 a.m.	September 23, 2009	St Louis County EOC, Chesterfield
Area D:	10:00 a.m.	October 14, 2009	Golden Corral, Springfield
Area F:	10:00 a.m.	November 4, 2009	Celebrations Catering, Owensville
Area G:	11:30 a.m.	September 9, 2009	Hillbilly Junction Restaurant, Willow Springs
Area I:	9:00 a.m.	October 15, 2009	Nelson Hart Community Ctr., St James

Pandemic Guidance for Higher Ed and Businesses

New Federal guidance has been released for institutions of higher education and for businesses to help them plan for and respond to the upcoming flu season.

Guidance for higher education institutions: <http://www.flu.gov/plan/school/higheredguidance.html>.

Guidance for employers: <http://www.flu.gov/plan/workplaceplanning/index.html>

SEMA Local EMPG Grant Application Period Closes September 15

SEMA Fiscal Officer Christy Knipp is accepting Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) applications from local jurisdictions until September 15. There are currently 102 local jurisdictions participating in the program. This program focuses on local jurisdiction planning, training and a required exercise to test the plan. The goal is to improve local emergency management capabilities to respond to a local disaster. A 50% local match is required for the EMPG funds. Any additional jurisdictions interested in applying for the grant should contact Christy at Christy.Knipp@sema.dps.mo.gov

Catastrophic Long Term Recovery Exercise Set for September 2

On September 2, SEMA, other state agencies, members of Missouri's Public Private Partnership and federal and local partners will participate in state level long term recovery tabletop exercise. The exercise takes place six months after a 7.6 magnitude earthquake with 27 aftershocks. Players will be discussing rebuilding infrastructure, utilities, communications, mass care, medical and housing issues for over 1.8 million residents impacted in a 15 county area along the Mississippi River.

Catastrophic Mass Care Conference Set for September 16-17

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and SEMA are hosting a Mass Care Conference September 16-17 in Chesterfield. This conference is designed to address the needs of Missouri residents in the event of a New Madrid Seismic Zone catastrophic earthquake. There will be an exercise after each

subject matter expert's presentation. Topics include: mass care coordinator role, sheltering, special needs sheltering, pet sheltering, feeding operations, bulk distribution and evacuation concerns. For more information go to <http://sema.dps.mo.gov> then click on the Catastrophic Mass Care Conference in the upcoming events in the white section.

Earthquake Workshop Set September 22 in Caruthersville

A free two-hour earthquake preparedness and non-structural mitigation workshop is being hosted by **State Representative Terry Swinger** at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 22 at the Caruthersville Public Library. Workshop speakers are from the State Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC). To register online: <http://register.cusec.org> or call 800-824-5817.

Crisis Communications Conference Set for Oct 21-23

Registration is now open for anyone interested in attending the 2009 Crisis Communications Conference October 21-23 in St. Charles. To register go to: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov> then click on the 2009 Crisis Communications Conference link in the upcoming events in the white section.

Included in this year's conference will be: a 911 telecommunications class on customer service and handling difficult callers, updates from the DHSS on H1N1, a discussion of interoperability issues, American Radio Relay League, NWS on weather communications, review of last year's state communications exercise and using social networking as a disaster response tool.

2009 Missouri HazMat Symposium Set for December 9-12

The 2009 Missouri HazMat Symposium will be December 9-12 at Osage Beach. This conference features two 8-hour classes on December 9: Hazwoper Refresher, and Hazmat Awareness & Operations T-t-T. The conference format features morning general sessions and afternoon breakout sessions. To view the tentative conference agenda and to register go to: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mercc.htm>.

Debris Issues, Procurement Guide, PA Insurance Considerations Fact Sheets Posted on SEMA homepage

Many questions about debris management can be answered by going to SEMA's homepage <http://sema.dps.mo.gov> and then clicking on the link to Public Assistance in the blue sidebar.

Items posted include: FEMA Mutual Aid Policy, Sample Mutual Aid Policy, Disaster Assistance Fact Sheet, A Debris Operations – Clarification: Emergency Contracting vs. Emergency Work Factsheet, a Debris Removal Letter, DUNS Number Information, FEMA Public Assistance Debris Operations Job Aid, FEMA Public Assistance Debris Management Information, procurement guides, examples of bidding, several types of debris contracts, and computations.

Missouri Disaster #1847 Environmental and Historic Preservation and Disaster Recovery Guide link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/May%202009%20Storm/Environmental%20Greenbook%20DR1847.pdf>

FEMA Releases New Disaster Assistance Fact Sheet

By Chuck May, Planning and Disaster Response Branch Chief

FEMA released a new Disaster Assistance Fact Sheet 9580.204 (Documenting and Validating Hazardous Trees, Limbs and Stumps). This fact sheet has been added to the SEMA web site for your review. Please note the **FEMA** requirements for documenting and validating debris removal that include applicant submitted spreadsheets that show "the street/road name and GPS coordinates of each tree removed."

Comments regarding this FEMA fact sheet should be directed to Amanda Brown, Public Assistance Division, via email at Amanda.Brown@dhs.gov fax: (202) 646-3288, or phone (202) 646-3869.

NIMS Position Specific Train-the-Trainer Program

By Jim Charrier, SEMA Training Officer

FEMA is now offering the states the opportunity to build upon their NIMS (National Incident Management System) training programs through the addition of position specific training. This training instructs the command and general staff within an incident command structure on the specific skills necessary to successfully accomplish their assigned roles. The first phase of this implementation is the development of a state level instructor cadre to provide these courses for the balance of the state. Those interested and qualified individuals are encouraged to complete a FEMA Form 75-5 (training application – [http://training.dps.mo.gov/trainingwebsite.nsf/str/AllForms/\\$file/75-52008.pdf](http://training.dps.mo.gov/trainingwebsite.nsf/str/AllForms/$file/75-52008.pdf)) and **submit it along with a resume and training transcript to Debbie Cheshire**. The minimum acceptable qualifications are listed below.

Instructor Requirements: Lead instructors for NIMS ICS Position Specific training courses must have a minimum of 10 years operational field experience at the Command or General Staff level with an emergency management discipline (i.e. Fire, Emergency Medical Service, Law Enforcement, Public Works, Public Health, etc. or a Wildland Fire Agency). Lead instructors must have a minimum of 5 years experience delivering emergency management type training (including exercises that test team and individual performance) to a target audience comprised of incident management level emergency response personnel. Unit instructors must have a minimum of 3-5 years of operational field experience at the Command Level.

There are few available slots in these train-the-trainer courses, so this program will be slow in developing. Those applications that are approved at the state level, but do not receive a training slot allocation immediately will be saved for submission to FEMA for future courses. Applicants must be willing and available to train several courses per year for the state of Missouri. If you have any questions concerning the qualifications, please contact Debbie Cheshire at 573-526-9111 or debbie.cheshire@sema.dps.mo.gov.

SEMA Training Classes with Openings

SEMA's training schedule is posted online at: <http://training.dps.mo.gov>. To apply for a SEMA course simply follow the directions on the home page. **SEMA will not reimburse meals or hotels for classes identified as a "Local Offering."** However, due to our open enrollment policy, individuals living outside the 50 mile radius may apply for the course. The student, or his/her organization, is responsible for those travel expenses.

9/3-8/09	HAZMAT Incident Response: Awareness (Local Offering)	Sullivan
9/9-11	ICS300	St Joseph
9/9-17/	HAZMAT Incident Response: Operations (Local Offering)	Sullivan
9/11-19	HAZMAT Incident Response: Operations (Local Offering)	Montgomery City
9/11-20	HAZMAT Incident Response: Technician (Local Offering)	Jefferson City
9/14-15	HAZMAT Incident Response: Awareness (Local Offering)	Vichy
9/16-17	WEM: Recovery From Disaster: The Local Gov't Role	Warrensburg
9/21-25	HAZMAT Incident Response: Technician (Local Offering)	Chesterfield
9/22	Damage Assessment (Local Offering)	Mexico
9/23	Rapid Assessment (Local Offering)	Springfield
9/23	Damage Assessment (Local Offering)	Springfield
9/23-24	ICS400	St Joseph

9/23-25	(COML) All Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader	Kansas City
9/25-26	HAZMAT Incident Response: Awareness (Local Offering)	Gerald
9/26	HAZMAT Incident Response: Awareness (Local Offering)	Willard
9/26-10/4	HAZMAT Incident Response: Operations (Local Offering)	Gerald
9/28-30	Intro to Computer Aided Mgmt of Operations (CAMEO)	Jefferson City
9/29-10/1	WMD Threat & Risk Assessment Local Jurisdiction	Springfield
10/14-15	Community Mass Care Management	Independence
10/19-23	HAZMAT Incident Response: Awareness (Local Offering)	Vichy
10/28-29	WEM: Recovery from Disaster: The Local Gov't Role	Branson