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NEW LAWS IN EFFECT JULY 1ST

Governor Mitch Daniels recently signed numerous pieces of legislation into law. Each of the new laws is effective on July 1st, 2011.

Senate Enrolled Act 267, introduced by Senator Thomas Wyss, standardizes the terms for local travel advisories issued by local units of government. Effective July 1st, the three categories for local travel advisories will be “advisory”, “watch”, and “warning.”

- “Advisory”, the lowest level of local travel advisory, means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas.

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MUNCIE FIREFIGHTER DIES IN BLAZE

Muncie Firefighter Scott Davis was killed on June 15th while

responding to a fire at a church on the south side of Muncie. Davis, 40, had been with the Muncie Fire Department since 2005, and was a former fire chief of the Yorktown Fire Department, starting his career at the age of 19.

Davis’ funeral was attended by more than 1,500 people, with many more lining the streets of Muncie for the walking procession that took Davis’ casket from the convention center to Muncie Fire Station No. 1 for a “Last Bell” ceremony. Davis leaves behind a wife and three children. ▪

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From the Director’s Chair-Executive Director Joe Wainscott

NLE 2011 Not Over: improvement process just beginning

A lot of us have breathed a sigh of relief as the response portion of the National Level Exercise 2011 was completed.

But, overall, the NLE is not over.

In fact, if worked correctly, through the after action review process, the NLE will be with us actively for some time to come. After action reviews are a method to discuss and document, in a deliberate way, the:

- Original goals and objectives.
- Determine if the goals and objectives were met.
- Identify gaps between goals and objectives and the end result.
- Ascertain what was learned.

- Plan action to solve gaps.

It may seem daunting, and it can be a large task, but it’s one that is worth the time invested.

If you have conducted your after action report process, congratulations; if you haven’t yet, set a goal to schedule yours within the next 30 days. For the After Action Conference (AAC) itself, make sure to:

- Set a climate of openness. In order to receive valuable information, there must be an atmosphere of cooperation and an approach that all comments need to be heard.
- Everyone should participate, and be

equal.

- Designate a facilitator, to make sure the rules are being observed.



We at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security are actively involved in our review process, and are formulating a plan to fill gaps. Within the next few months, we will be conducting an NLE I recovery workshop to further test our capabilities.

Throughout this initial and longer-term process, momentum must continue as

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DIVE RESCUE TRAINING BENEFITS OFFICERS FROM MULTIPLE AGENCIES

On June 17th, a dive training class graduated 18 new divers from multiple agencies for their completion of the Dive Rescue International (DRI) Training Program. The graduation ceremony was held at the Indianapolis War Memorial for the graduates from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indianapolis Fire Department, Pike Township (Marion County) Fire Department, and the City of Lawrence Fire Department.

Indiana Conservation Officer Colonel Scotty Wilson, a veteran diver with many years of experience, stated, "This is a fine class of graduates and I welcome them into our ranks of divers with confidence that they are highly trained

and skilled. I look forward to the continued work with these other agencies to develop skilled divers who will rise to the tasks placed before them with professionalism and unmatched ability."

Graduates from DNR: Mike Lamar, Levi Knach and Jet Quillen were honored for their accomplishment by Wilson, director of Law Enforcement (DNR); Lt. Kent Hutchins, ICO Dive Team Administrator; Corporal Trent Stenson, Dive School Instructor; and ICO Max Winchell, Dive School Instructor.



Graduates from Indianapolis Fire Department: Kenneth Boone, Luke Brunson, Stephen Green, Peter Horvath, Kevin Jones, Timothy Lavin, Casey Sweeney, and Eric Wiseman.

Graduates from Pike Township Fire Dept: Jeremie Bell, David Schubert and Wendy Utzig.

Graduates from City Of Lawrence Fire Department were: Russell Bible, Richard Delgado and Dustin Rapp. ■

CDC OFFERS PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

Do you know what to do if a pack of flesh-eating zombies is attacking your neighborhood? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has launched its "Preparedness 101: Zombie Apocalypse" webpage as an alternative method to educate the public on ways to prepare yourself for disaster. While entirely fictional, the popularity of zombies in horror movies and television shows made them a great way to help draw attention to the website and other informational materials. The website, available at http://www.bt.cdc.gov/socialmedia/zombies_blog.asp, offers many tips on how to prepare for a zombie apocalypse, but the information can be used to prepare for all types of disasters; natural, man-made, or un-dead.

The idea for a zombie apocalypse came from Dr. Ali S. Khan of the CDC when he noticed a large spike in traffic during an online chat about the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant in Japan after a question was asked about zombies coming from radiation leaks. After seeing how much interest there was in the topic of zombies, Kahn decided to develop an alternative method to get the public interested in preparedness. From this came the "Preparedness 101: Zombie Apocalypse" webpage.



To be clear, the CDC does not believe zombies are going to rise from their graves and attack the public. However, using the popularity of zombies has proven to be an effective way to reach audiences that may not be interested in preparedness materials otherwise. The popularity of the campaign caused a temporary crash of the webpage on the day it was published. According to the zombie apocalypse site "You may laugh now, but when it happens you'll be happy you read this, and hey, maybe you'll even learn a thing or two about how to prepare for a real emergency." ■

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE APPROVED FOR 32 COUNTIES

Thirty-two counties were approved by President Barack Obama for federal public assistance for damage sustained from severe weather beginning April 19 for the following counties: Benton, Clark, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Dubois, Floyd, Franklin, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Knox, Martin, Monroe, Ohio, Orange, Parke, Perry, Pike, Posey, Putnam, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Starke, Sullivan, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Warrick and Washington. Public assistance means state and local governments and certain non-profit

organizations in the designated counties are eligible to apply for federal assistance to pay 75 percent of the approved cost of debris removal, emergency services related to the disaster and repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, buildings and utilities.

All counties in the State of Indiana are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). HMGP provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a

major disaster declaration to reduce the loss of life and property and shorten the time necessary for communities and individuals to recover from disasters large and small.

Individuals interested in pursuing HMGP projects in their community should contact their county emergency management agency, county commissioners or city board members. ■

REMEMBER SAFETY TIPS AT STATE AND LOCAL FAIRS THIS SUMMER

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security will take part in the 2011 Indiana State Fair from August 5-14. Each year, IDHS hosts a booth at the fair to provide information on public safety and preparedness to fair visitors. This year will be no different, with numerous hands-on activities to provide helpful information to children and adults alike.

“The Indiana State Fair brings together Hoosiers from across the state to enjoy the festivities each year. We look forward to the opportunity to interact with the public in a relaxed setting while providing educational and informative activities for fair visitors of all ages,” said IDHS Executive Director Joe Wainscott. “We encourage all Hoosiers to take the time to visit the state fair, and in doing so, stop by the IDHS booth for valuable safety information to help keep you and your loved ones safe.”

IDHS would like to offer a few basic safety tips when visiting the state fair, or the many other county fairs and festivals throughout the state.

General safety tips

- Pay attention to weather forecasts and prepare appropriately.
- Be sure to use sunscreen and sunglasses to protect you from harmful UV rays. Remember, even on overcast days UV rays are still powerful enough to burn skin so remember to use sunscreen.
- On hot days make sure you drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- Wear closed toe shoes like tennis shoes, not flip-flops or sandals, to

protect your feet.

- Be aware of your surroundings and know where you will go if you need to seek shelter from an unexpected thunderstorm.
- Remember "If you see something, say something." If you see people or activities that seem



The IDHS booth at the 2010 Indiana State Fair

suspicious, report your observations to the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center at 877-226-1026. If you believe danger is imminent, contact local security or call 911.

Safety tips for kids and caregivers

- Teach kids to stay calm and stay put if they are separated from parents or other caregivers. Knowing what to do in this scary situation will help prevent a lost child from panicking, and help safety officials locate them faster.
- Keep a watchful eye on children. It's easy for children and caregivers to become separated in large crowds.
- Have an established family plan of a location where you will meet if separated.
- Check with county fair organizers and ask for 'missing parent' contact tags your children can wear with your name and cell phone number in case your child becomes separated.
- If you do become separated from your child, notify local security immediately.

Amusement Ride Safety Tips

- Don't board a ride if you see broken parts, signs of improper maintenance, or an inattentive operator. Report your observations to the ride operator or call the

IDHS amusement ride hotline at 1-888-203-5020.

- Every ride should have a prominently displayed, current permit issued by IDHS. If the ride has no such permit, call the amusement ride hotline at 1-888-203-5020.
- Read all posted rules and listen to instructions given by ride operators.
- Watch the ride with your child before boarding. Point out the operator and the entrance and exit locations prior to riding. Make sure they understand the instructions and warnings fully.
- Keep all body parts (hands, arms, legs, long hair, etc.) inside the ride at all times. If you have long hair, keep it pulled up with a hat or hair tie.
- If you can't count on your child to stay seated with hands and feet inside, don't let them ride.
- Always use the safety equipment provided (seat belt, shoulder harness, lap bar, etc.).
- Obey minimum height, age, and weight restrictions. Never sneak children onto rides if they are too small or too young. A smaller/younger child may not be physically or developmentally able to stay safely seated.
- Remain in the ride until it comes to a complete stop at the unloading point. If a ride stops temporarily due to mechanical failure or other reasons, stay seated and wait for an operator to give you further instructions.
- Know your physical conditions and limitations. If you suspect that your health could be at risk for any reason, or you could aggravate a pre-existing condition of any kind, do not ride.

Additional ride safety tips are available at GetPrepared.in.gov. ■

ON-DUTY FIREFIGHTER DEATHS AT ALL-TIME LOW

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recently released its annual Firefighter Fatality Report at the 2011 NFPA Conference & Expo. The report shows a total of 72 firefighter deaths occurring while on-duty in the United States in 2010, representing the fewest number of deaths since the NFPA began collecting these statistics in 1977.

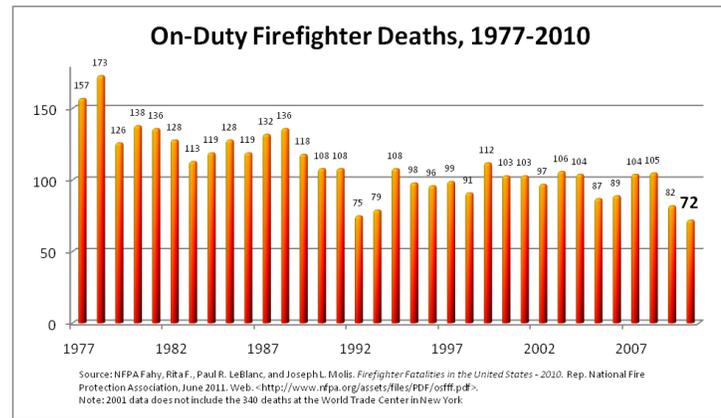
“Even one firefighter death is too many, but the decreasing trend is definitely good news,” said Indiana State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson. “Education, training, building codes and

improvements in technology have greatly improved the safety of our firefighters, and we will do whatever is necessary to continue this downward trend in on-duty firefighter fatalities.”

The report shows a sharp drop in on-duty firefighter deaths this year compared to 2008 and 2009 with 105 and 82 deaths respectively. However, the number of firefighter deaths as a result of cardiac arrest has remained steady. The 72 deaths in 2010 represent the fifth time in the past 10 years in which the number has been below the century mark.

related medical issues. Of the 39 deaths in this category, 34 were classified as sudden cardiac deaths five were due to strokes or brain aneurysm.

“We are very pleased to see that the number of on-duty firefighter deaths is at an historic low and continues to decline each year,” said James Shannon the president & CEO of the NFPA. “We strongly believe that the advances in training, equipment and fire codes are a major factor in reducing the deaths of these brave men and women that make up the ranks of volunteer and career firefighters.”



Stress, exertion, and other medical issues accounted for the largest number of fatalities. More than half of the deaths resulted from overexertion, stress and

The report also found only nine deaths were a result of crashed of road vehicles in 2010, which is the lowest since 1983. Additionally, there were 44 volunteer firefighter deaths in the year, which continues a downward trend. The ages of firefighters who died while on-duty ranged from 20 to 86, with the median age at 52.5 years.

The full report can be found on the NFPA website at www.nfpa.org.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS LINEBACKER ANGERER VISITS IDHS SEARCH AND RESCUE FACILITY

Indianapolis Colts linebacker, Pat Angerer recently visited the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Mari Hulman-George Search and Rescue Training Center at Camp Atterbury with his wife, Mary. During this visit, Angerer took the time to meet the troops at the camp, sign autographs, observe K-9 search and rescue training, learn about military weapons and equipment, and tour the base.

“I had people take time out of their day to show me and my wife Camp Atterbury,”



said Angerer. “They have treated me so well. I was able to meet so many good people. It’s been a very, very positive trip and I look forward to coming back.”

IDHS Search & Rescue Training Manager, Lillian Hardy demonstrated K-9 search and rescue capabilities to Angerer by having her dog, Kailey, located a victim on the facility during a simulation. Angerer and his wife also signed up as volunteers with the United Service Organizations (USO) to help provide morale and recreational services to members of the United States military.



DISASTER BEHAVIOR HEALTH WEBINAR AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Disaster Technical Assistance Center (DTAC) is offering a new webinar titled *Introduction to Disaster Behavioral Health*. The webinar will be available on July 14, at 2:00 p.m. (EDT).

The goals of this webinar are to educate participants about the mental health, substance abuse, and stress management needs of people who have been exposed to human-caused, natural, or technological disasters. This 60-minute webinar will help build awareness about preparedness and response efforts in this area by providing:

- An overview of core disaster behavioral health concepts
- Guidance on basic actions disaster response personnel can incorporate in their interactions with disaster survivors without the need for extensive training
- Guidance on recognizing severe reactions to disasters and need for a referral for a behavioral health assessment

Featured speakers include Anthony Barone of ICF International, Curt Drennen of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Emergency Preparedness and Response

Division, and April Naturale of the Mental Health Association of New York City.

Non-mental health professionals who are involved in emergency management/ disaster response and interested in learning more about mental health and substance abuse issues are encouraged to participate in this webinar.

To register for this webinar, visit <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/dc0xxykw6akl>. After you complete registration, you will receive a confirmation email with all of the information and instructions needed to access the webinar. ■

IDHS DISTRICT ONE COORDINATOR DIES

Jennifer Payne died on May 27 at the University of Chicago Hospital to complications of a bone marrow transplant. Payne was the District 1 Coordinator for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, member of her local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and member of the LaPorte County Emergency Management Agency.



“During the flooding events of 2008 Jennifer was commended for the job that

she did in support of the City of Munster and Lake County during disaster response. It was not uncommon for Jen to go above and beyond the call of duty,” said Gerri Husband, IDHS Director of Field Services. “Jennifer was dedicated to IDHS and the emergency management community; she loved her job and her friends in public safety across the state. She will truly be missed.”

Payne was a graduate of Indiana State University and spent several years as a social worker for the State of Indiana before transition into the emergency management field. As coordinator for the IDHS District 1, Payne helped to

bring together multiple jurisdictions, disciplines, and agencies into a formal organizational structure to focus on common strategic goals and objectives for Northeastern Indiana and the state as a whole.

“Jennifer Payne was an asset to our success as well as a friend to all,” said Laporte County EMA Director Fran Tibbot. “With her knowledge, she had the ability to guide us to make sure that each department was capable of reaching its full ability. We, as a whole, believe that her experience in social work is what allowed the District to come together.” ■

DIRECTOR’S COLUMN (continued)

issues are evaluated, interpreted and solutions are strategically approached.

As you work through solutions, plan not only how they relate to your agency, but also look at your community as a whole, including local public safety partners. Make sure to include your state and federal compatriots. In the course of an exercise or real world event, front line responders acquire a lot of knowledge, and your input is valuable.

And, as we become increasingly integrated with the district system, we need to cooperate more closely than

ever before. Let me leave you with a few points.

First, if you have some best practices that you’ve learned, share them with others. Second, complete the improvement plan as soon as possible, ideally within 30 days after the after action conference.

Third, after completion of these steps, the long haul of the improvement plan implementation can seem daunting, especially when coupled with the energy it takes to complete day to day duties and emergency and disaster operations, but keep after it.

Success requires continual monitoring of progress. Follow through and implement solutions. The objective should be complementary actions to prevent further issues.

If we are steady in our focus, organized, and continue to chip away at the solutions one bit at a time, before you know it, significant progress will be made. Issues will become far less substantial for your community, the State of Indiana and the nation. ■

NEW PUBLIC SAFETY LAWS IN EFFECT JULY 1

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- "Watch" means that conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. During a "watch" local travel advisory, only essential travel, such as to and from work or in emergency situations, is recommended and emergency action plans should be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies, and other organizations.
- "Warning", the highest level of local travel advisory, means that travel may be restricted to emergency management workers only. During a "warning" local travel advisory, individuals are directed to refrain from all travel, comply with necessary emergency measures, cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers. Further and more specific restrictions, including parking restrictions, may be included in a "warning" local travel advisory.

House Enrolled Act 1129, authored by Representative Eric Koch, makes using a telecommunications device (wireless telephones, PDAs, pagers, or "text messaging devices") to type, transmit, or read a text message or an electronic mail message while operating a motor vehicle a Class C infraction. The use of a hands-free or voice operated device to transmit a text message or electronic mail message is not prohibited by the new law. The use of amateur radio equipment by a Federal Communications

Commission (FCC) licensed operator is exempted from the law, as well as communication systems installed in commercial motor vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds. Violation of this law can result in a fine of up to \$500. There are no exceptions in the law for any emergency responders.

House Enrolled Act 1406, authored by Representative Randy Truitt, allows a police officer employed by a college or university to exercise their police powers in any part of Indiana. In order to have statewide jurisdiction for a college or university police officer, the school must adopt a resolution specifically describing the territorial jurisdiction of an officer employed by the school, and the board of trustees must send a notice to the superintendent of state police and the sheriff (or chief of police in a consolidated city) of the county where the institution is located. Additionally, officers must meet certain training requirements in order to exercise their police powers, and must notify the local sheriff (or chief of police) when exercising these powers outside of the county in which the institution is located as soon as practicable.

Senate Enrolled Act 6, introduced by Senator Joseph Zakas, allows for mutual aid agreements across state lines. Although mutual aid across state lines is not uncommon, the legal framework supporting this type of mutual aid is often inadequate. Any such mutual aid agreements need to comply with the laws of both states, but they generally do not. Under Indiana law, such a mutual aid

agreement requires the written approval of the Indiana Attorney General, which seldom is requested, much less obtained. In addition, mutual aid across state lines involving EMS providers presents a particular problem. An Indiana EMS certification holder normally lacks a grant of an EMS certification from another state. Acting as an EMT in another state without the required EMS certification is a violation of that state's laws, subjecting the individual to a disciplinary proceeding, an infraction or a criminal offense, depending on the other state's chosen enforcement method. Moreover, the lack of the required certification can lead to liability problems for the EMT, if the accident victim or his family is unhappy with the outcome.

Senate Enrolled Act 6 adds a new chapter to the Indiana Code, to be found at IC 10-14-6.5. Additions to the code will allow local units of government to enter mutual aid agreements with neighboring states, recognize certain out-of-state professional licenses and certifications, provide immunity from civil liability when acting under mutual aid agreements, provide emergency responders from outside Indiana rendering mutual aid remain employees of their respective employers and do not become an employee of the requesting Indiana jurisdiction, and require mutual aid agreements to be approved in the same manner as interlocal cooperation agreements are approved.

For more information about these new laws, including the full text of the laws, visit www.in.gov/legislative. ■

EMS SURVEYS AVAILABLE ON IDHS WEBSITE

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security, on behalf of the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission, with the assistance of Purdue University's Healthcare Technical Assistance Program, is conducting an evaluation of Indiana's Emergency Medical Services system to identify strengths, and areas for improvement, with the intent to develop a long term

strategic plan for improving EMS in Indiana.

The survey is geared toward EMS personnel and is intended to reflect the thoughts and opinions of the EMS system from a personal perspective. In other words, how do you believe your organization compares to these 14 attributes? The results of this survey are

totally confidential and will be used only as a congregate of all responses.

Your input and help in establishing a baseline for the current status of EMS in the state is essential and very much appreciated.

To participate in the survey, visit <http://www.in.gov/dhs/3525.htm>. ■

IERC OFFERS MANY PUBLIC SAFETY COURSES

The 2011 Indiana Emergency Response Conference will be held on August 17-20 at the Indianapolis Convention Center. The conference will offer courses in firefighting, emergency medical services, and law enforcement.

Some of the courses conference in the EMS field include: "Totally Vented: Post Intubation Care of the Intubated Patient", "Everything You Wanted to Know about Diabetic Ketoacidosis", "Helicopter 101", "Pediatric Trauma", "Blurring the ALS/BLS Line", "Teaching Disaster Preparedness Education Concepts" and many more.

The 2011 IERC will also offer many different firefighting courses including: "Heart Disease in the Fire Service - The Past, The Present", "Residential Fire Sprinklers History, Fire Service in the Making", "The TOTALLY NEW Fire Suppression Rating Schedule from ISO", "Mutual Aid Initiatives in Indiana", and many others.

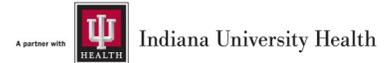
For the first time, the IERC will offer courses in the law enforcement field. Some of the courses offered for law enforcement are: "Reacting to the Active Shooter, for Emergency Service

Personnel", "Computer Aided Management for Emergency Operations (CAMEO)", "Responding to Critical Incidents", "Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP)", "Roadway Safety, Are you Prepared? IN-TIME, Indiana's Traffic Management Effort", and others.

Additional courses will be offered in adult education, special operations, and



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For more information about the 2011 Indiana Emergency Response Conference, a full course listing, and registration, visit www.indianaerc.com.

POSEY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BUILD NEW "GREEN" FIREHOUSE

The Posey Township Volunteer Fire Department recently broke ground on a new \$1.5 million fire house. Funded by Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, the new building will incorporate various "green" elements to reduce the impact on the environment



The new Posey Township Volunteer Fire Department firehouse will replace the current aging building

and save on energy costs. In addition to the grant funding, private donations were collected to cover a quarter-million dollars of the costs.

The new fire house will be located at 503

East Columbus Street in Staunton, a small town of just more than 500 residents in northwestern Clay County. The new building will allow for more space for fire trucks as well as living quarters for volunteer firefighters and

is expected to be completed by January of 2012.

According to Posey Township Volunteer Fire Chief Larry Tempel, the new building will have "thick insulated walls,

it's going to have solar panels to generate some electricity. It's going to have solar panels to heat some of the water. We're going to catch all the rain water and use it for geothermal heating and cooling." Other environmentally friendly features of the building include natural cross ventilation, radiant floors, and LED or CFL lighting.

Other Indiana fire departments also received federal funding from the grant program. The Volunteer Fire and Rescue of Harrison Township (Morgan County) received \$799,490, New Whiteland Fire Department received \$510,248, and Valparaiso Fire Department received \$461,368 in FEMA grants.

FEMA OFFERS FREE WEBINARS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is offering a free webinar for local, state, tribal, and emergency management personnel and their staff titled "Awareness Campaigns-Promoting Preparedness." The webinar will be on July 6 from 1:00-1:14PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

The webinar will provide an overview of a public awareness campaign, along with explaining how to work with the news media to "sell" a story. Additionally, the

webinar will describe how public awareness campaigns relate to emergency management and the process to develop/execute an awareness campaign.

The webinar will be available at <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r18507574/>. The call-in number for the webinar is 1-800-320-4330, and the pin number is 885312.

Future webinars will be presented on the

first Wednesday of each month at 1:00PM. Topics for upcoming FEMA webinars include: "Master the Classroom: Skills for a Successful Presentation" (August 3), "Resource Typing" (September 7), and "The Value of Planning for Commodity Distribution" (October 5).

For course information, contact the EMI course manager, Doug Kuhn, at (301) 447-1287, 1-800-238-3358 (ext. 1287) or email: doug.kuhn@dhs.gov.

EMS COMMISSION APPROVES USE OF HEMOSTATIC AGENTS

The Indiana Emergency Medical Service Commission has recently approved the use of hemostatic agents, such as QuickClot or Celox, for Basic Life Support (BLS) and First Responder units. Available at most drug stores, hemostatic agents are useful in reducing or stopping bleeding in emergency situations.

While effective, these products are just one of the many tools of the trade. Users of hemostatic agents should be trained to their indications, contraindications, and proper use. Additionally, hemostatic agents should not be expected to replace traditional methods to control bleeding such as direct pressure, pressure points, and elevation. Instead, they should be used in combination with traditional methods to control bleeding.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES LISTED ON IDHS ONLINE TRAINING CALENDAR

Providing training opportunities to emergency responders throughout Indiana is a priority for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). These courses are listed on the IDHS Consolidated Training Calendar which is continuously updated as new courses become available.

To access this calendar visit the IDHS Training Division webpage and click the Consolidated Training Calendar link at www.in.gov/dhs/tngbranch.htm or click [here](#).

Contact information for each course is listed on the calendar. Any general training questions about the Consolidated Training Calendar may be directed to Ashlee Grisel at agrisel@dhs.in.gov.



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