

NEMA 2024 Mid-Year Forum

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Legal Counsel Committee

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM
FEDERAL MEETING ROOM

Agenda

- Roundtable Discussion with FEMA Chief Counsel
- Working Through Grant Compliance
- Legal Requirements in Establishing State Credentialing
- Utilizing the DHS Civil Rights Tool

Presenters & Guests

Adrian Sevier, Federal Emergency Management Agency | Rebekah Tosado, Department of Homeland Security | Amy Vance, Department of Homeland Security

Committee Members

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All interested state legal counsels may participate.

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EMAC Committee

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024 | 1:15 – 2:15 PM
PRESIDENTIAL BALLROOM

Agenda

- The Role of Mutual Aid/EMAC in Cyber Response
- Executive Task Force Business Session

Presenters & Guests

John Ford, Federal Emergency Management Agency | Major Heather Kindred, National Guard Bureau | Jay Hallam, National Guard Bureau | Terry O’Leary, New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

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Homeland Security Committee

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 | 8:30 – 10:00 AM
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Agenda

- Overview of Current and Emerging Homeland Security Threats
- Homeland Defense Policy Guidance: Actions for Local & State EMs
- Election Security: Threat Identification and Mitigation
- FEMA Homeland Security and Preparedness Grants

Presenters & Guests

Rob Barocas, Department of Homeland Security | Department of Defense | Lindsey Forson, National Association of Secretaries of State | Pamela Williams, Federal Emergency Management Agency

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Legislative Committee

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 | 1:15 – 2:45 PM
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Agenda

- Congressional Priorities with Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA)
- NEMA Legislative Update
- EMPG Position Paper As Approved by the Committee
- Congressional Priorities with Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA)

Presenters & Guests

Representative Garret Graves, U.S. House of Representatives | Representative Rick Larsen, U.S. House of Representatives

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**NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
POSITION PAPER**

DATE: March 2024

SUBJECT: Securing a \$100 million increase in federal commitment to the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

DISCUSSION:

The resources and capabilities built through EMPG serve as the foundation for officials setting out plans for the future of emergency management as communities continue responding to and recovering from more frequent and devastating disasters.

With a 50-50 matching requirement, the true investment in this program is more than twice the Federal expenditure (\$355 million in FY23). While the emergency management community remains thankful for recent increases, we must continue working to close the funding gap on this program. On average over the past decade, the President of the United States annually approves 85 (including those for COVID-19) federal major or emergency declarations through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through authorities in the Robert T. Stafford Act (PL 100—707). Concurrently, state and local emergency management programs manage an additional 34,545 incidents. EMPG allows these events to be managed without Federal expenditures.

The increasing frequency, severity, and complexity of disasters requires a greater level of engagement by emergency management agencies than at any previous point in time. Many provide support to a growing number of challenges not related to natural hazards such as cyber-attacks, school safety, homelessness, the opioid crisis, and humanitarian support for migrants. These types of events, and others, are placing tremendous strain on the current emergency management system.

For example, nearly 30 state emergency management agencies are currently involved in the border/migrant issue right now. In addition to the border states working the physical border, other, non-border states are dealing with migrant/asylum issues such as providing situational awareness, interagency coordination, resource deployment, mutual aid, shelters, mass feeding

operations, public messaging, assisting locals, data collection and analysis, and relocation planning. As you can imagine, this creates an incredible drain on agencies already stretched thin.

Furthermore, we are more reliant on our nation and states' emergency preparedness given the pacing nation-state threat to our critical infrastructure. Congressional testimony by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and other in the intelligence community outline the current and growing threat by China and other adversaries that negatively affects our critical infrastructure causing widespread impacts to our public. Our nation is no longer a sanctuary and the preparedness activities supported by the EMPG directly prepares our localities, states, and nation against these threats.

EMPG is the culmination of all levels of emergency management through every facet of government coordination. No emergency management responsibility goes untouched by this federal-state-local partnership. Outside of the apparent disaster response aspect, EMPG supports communications systems, emergency operation centers, mutual aid agreements, and public outreach campaigns. Only when properly resourced, can emergency managers build the foundational structure to respond to, recover from, and rebuild stronger after an event.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The President should request, and Congress enact, a \$100 million increase in EMGP funding through FEMA's Federal Assistance appropriation.

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DISPOSITION:

Authenticated: _____

NEMA Secretary

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Resilience Committee

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 | 3:00 – 4:30 PM
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- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program Showcase; Managing Building Code Requirements
- Report Outs:
 - FEMA Resilience Brief
 - NEMA State Hazard Mitigation Officers Report
 - Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP)
- Discussion: Earthquakes Impact 75% of the United States (USGS)

Presenters & Guests

Jeff Smitherman, Alabama | Chris DeMaise, New Jersey | Ryan Janda, Federal Emergency Management Agency | Victoria Salinas, Federal Emergency Management Agency | Tom Hughes, Pennsylvania | Angee Morgan, Kansas | Nicole Livingston, Emergency Management Accreditation Program | Scott Gauvin, Illinois/National Earthquake Program Managers

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Diversity and Equity Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 | 8:00 – 9:30 AM
PRESIDENTIAL BALLROOM

Agenda

- Nevada's Access & Functional Needs (AFN) Focus
- Protect D.C.
- Committee Strategic Planning Updates

Presenters & Guests

Sharon Luce, Nevada | Clint Osborn, District of Columbia | Dawn Brantley, Massachusetts

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Response and Recovery Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 | 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM
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Agenda

- Briefing: FEMA Office of Response and Recovery
- Extreme Cold Response – Community Impacts
- Florida Recovery Obligation Calculations (F-ROC)
- Maryland Case Study: Collaboration with the Bureau of Justice

Presenters & Guests

Anne Bink, Federal Emergency Management Agency | Lynn Budd, Wyoming | Erv Portis, Nebraska | A.J. Gary, Arkansas | Kevin Guthrie, Florida | Samantha Sicard, KPMG | Russ Strickland, Maryland | Sara Sullivan, Maryland Bureau of Justice | Bob Fletcher, CNA

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Private Sector Committee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 | 1:30 – 2:30 PM
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- Group Discussion on Cyber Response and Resilience

Presenters & Guests

Bob Nadeau, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency

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