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Training, Weather Awareness, and Cyber Readiness

As June progresses, it is important for every organization to take a moment to review three areas that directly impact readiness: training, weather awareness, and cyber defense.

We have several training opportunities coming up. Next week, the Emergency Operations Center course, G 191 ICS/EOC Interface, will allow participants to enhance their understanding of the roles, coordination, information sharing, and support functions of the EOC in incident operations. For many agencies and partner organizations, the EOC is the hub where decisions, resources, and situational awareness converge. Participating in training before an incident occurs helps minimize confusion during actual events.

The GOHSEP Academy schedule also continues to build momentum this summer. [See the Schedule Below](#). Additional summer offerings are being considered for August 5 and 6, and August 20 and 21.

Looking further ahead, we are also excited to host all five courses of the FEMA Basic Academy. The FEMA Basic Academy and the ICS courses complement each other. ICS courses such as ICS 300 and ICS 400 focus on how incidents are organized, managed, and supported using the Incident Command System. The Basic Academy builds on that foundation by placing those concepts into the larger emergency management profession. It helps participants understand how preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery, public information, planning, and leadership work together across the full disaster cycle.

In practical terms, the Incident Command System (ICS) helps professionals learn how to effectively manage incidents, while the Basic Academy teaches them how these incidents fit into the larger emergency management framework. Together, these courses work to create a more capable and interconnected emergency management workforce. They also provide public-sector, private-sector, nonprofit, and volunteer partners with a common operating language to use before the next disaster strikes. To find available courses and dates, please log in to the GOHSEP STEMS portal. [operating language before the next disaster occurs](#). Log in to the [GOHSEP STEMS](#) portal for courses and dates.

Second, we need to keep an eye on the weather. Forecasts are showing the potential for several rounds of heavy rain across Louisiana over the next few days. In some areas, repeated downpours could cause localized flooding, especially in low-lying areas, locations with poor drainage, and places that have already received recent rainfall. Business owners and facility managers should take time now to clear drains, secure outdoor equipment, review employee communication procedures, and think through how flooded roads could affect staffing, deliveries, or customer access.

This is also a good reminder that preparedness does not always require a major project. Sometimes it is as simple as reviewing a contact list, checking backup power, confirming who has access to key systems, or making sure employees know where to find current information. Small actions taken before a disruption can prevent bigger problems later.

Finally, do not let your cyber defenses slip while watching the weather. Severe weather and hurricane season often create opportunities for phishing, fake donation links, fraudulent invoices, and urgent messages that are designed to make people click before they think. Keep software updated, use multifactor authentication, back up critical files, and remind employees to verify unusual requests, especially those involving money, passwords, or account access.

Preparedness is not one thing. It is training, awareness, communication, and discipline. Whether the threat is weather, cyber, or a busy operations tempo, the goal is the same: stay ready, stay connected, and take action before the emergency forces the issue.

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STEMS

State Training & Exercise Management System

The NIMSAT Institute offers state emergency management training through the GOHSEP Training Academy and certified FEMA courses. The following classes will be offered at the NIMSAT Institute at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Abdalla Hall, but check the website for training near you!

ICS/EOC Interface

June 24

Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions

June 25

COOP: Writing Continuity of Government and Continuity of Operation Plans

July 8-9

ICS-300 - Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents

July 14 - 15

Closing the gap: Planning for Natural Disaster Recovery

July 16-17

Evacuation, Sheltering, and Re-entry

July 22-23

ICS-400 - Advanced Incident Command System

August 18 - 19

ICS-300 - Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents

September 1 - 2

Foundations of Emergency Management

September 21-25

ICS-400 - Advanced Incident Command System

October 6 - 7

Fundamentals of Threats and Hazards

October 26 - 28

Planning; Emergency Operations

October 29 - 30

Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Training

November 12 - 13

ICS/EOC Interface

November 18

Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions
November 19

Public Information Basics
December 8 - 10

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