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Enjoy an Irish filled Happy St. Patrick's Day!

**The last day to register for the March 25th virtual MRSE exercise is Friday, March 7th
[Register Now!](#)**

Trainings

AWR – 232: Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities

March 12-13, 2025 - Virtual - [Flyer](#)

March 25, 2025 – Dunbar, WV - [Flyer](#) and [Instructions](#)

March 27, 2025 – Morgantown, WV - [Flyer](#) and [Instructions](#)

AWR 232 is an 8-hour, DHS/FEMA-certified, tuition-free, awareness-level course. The goal of this course is to teach participants the basics of mass fatality response while providing opportunities to exchange rural perceptions and brainstorm solutions to simulated emergencies. Responding to a mass fatality incident, which includes the recovery, identifications, and reunification of the deceased, is one of the most difficult aspects of disaster response. In times of crisis, small, rural, and tribal communities are often ill-equipped with facilities to manage large numbers of casualties.

CISAs Introduction to Conflict Prevention Techniques and Resources

March 12, 2025

Virtual

During this 30-minute webinar attendees will receive a brief introduction to CISA's Conflict Prevention techniques and resources which can be used to enhance the safety and security of people, facilities, and communities by empowering users to prevent incidents of targeted violence.

[Register](#)

CISAs Conflict Prevention Strategies to Deter Acts of Targeted Violence

March 26, 2025

Virtual

During this 60-minute webinar attendees will become familiar with the principles of conflict prevention and gain a more in-depth understanding of effective de-escalation approaches which can be used to help diffuse a volatile situation. This webinar is intended for staff members and others interested in receiving foundational training on de-escalation topics. [Register](#)

Cyber Resilience Workshop

March 20, 2025

Virtual

West Virginia Healthcare Coalitions partnered with the Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Agency (CISA) to provide a series of cybersecurity training courses. Cyber Resilience was originally scheduled for Dec. 5th but had to be postponed to March 20, 2025. It is part of a complete package of cybersecurity training for WV. Mark your calendars for this great educational workshop. [The WV Cybersecurity Approach](#)

Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness – MGT-439

March 20-21, 2025

Charleston, WV

Sponsored by the WV Center for Threat Preparedness. This course is a tuition-free training opportunity presented by Texas A & M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). A 2010 report by the National Commission on Children and Disasters identified a training gap for emergency responders, first receivers, and emergency management personnel that reduced their effectiveness in responding to pediatric patients and their unique needs/considerations. This course addresses pediatric emergency planning and medical response considerations through a combination of lectures, small group exercises, and a table-top exercise.

[Flyer and Registration](#)

Identification of Human Remains for First Responders

March 22, 2025

Minden, WV

The Comparative Osteology for First Responders Workshop is an invaluable resource designed for search and rescue teams, law enforcement, fire/rescue personnel, and park rangers. It equips participants with the skills to distinguish between human and non-human remains, crucial for effective identification of human remains. [Flyer](#)

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National Emergency Management Basic Academy (NEMBA)

April 14-18, 2025 – Foundations of EM Mgmt.

June 9-11, 2025 – Science of Disaster

August 18-19, 2025 – Planning: Emergency Operations

August 20-22, 2025 – Public Information Basics

Bridgeport, WV

The National Emergency Management Basic Academy is for individuals pursuing a career in emergency management and provides a foundational education in emergency management knowledge, skills, and abilities. Twelve online independent study courses are required as prerequisites.

To Register for the Course: Email Kyle Pajarito at kyle.c.pajarito@wv.gov If interested in attending any of these courses [Flyer](#)

The Standard Reunification Method

April 15-16, 2025

Morgantown

The Standard Reunification Method - Reunification Exercise (SRM-REx) brings our team to your community where we will work with all stakeholders who have a role in reunification, ensuring a common understanding of the process, establishing the use of common language, and strengthening the relationships that you have built with your stakeholders. [Flyer](#)

Disaster Preparedness for Healthcare Organizations within the Community

Infrastructure – MGT-341

April 21-22, 2025 – Morgantown – [Register](#)

April 24-25, 2025 Summersville - [Register](#)

Disaster Preparedness for Healthcare Organizations within the Community Infrastructure brings together individuals from the healthcare community who are responsible for ensuring the resiliency of healthcare services during high consequences or catastrophic events in a jurisdiction. Through a focus of preparedness processes and activities, this course provides an opportunity for participants to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to help them ensure the sustainability of their resources, facilities, and organizations during all types of disasters

SAVE THE DATES for these great opportunities

PER-220 - Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents

September 17-18, 2025

Winfield, WV

Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents is a performance level course designed to help participants safely and effectively respond to a biological incident by using an integrated approach. The course provides detailed information about various biological agents and possible methods of dissemination—whether naturally occurring or intentionally. Participants will identify appropriate assessment and response actions and will review responder health and safety practices, containment measures, and tools that may be accessed during a biological incident. [More Info Here](#)

Team Approach to Foodborne Outbreak Response Class – PER-298

September 10-11, 2025

Sutton, WV

This course addresses the training needs of staff who have a role in foodborne outbreak response. Participants include individuals from state and local government agencies with experience in foodborne disease outbreak response and knowledge of their agency's outbreak investigation capabilities. Partners from federal agencies and the food industry will also benefit from participation in this course, since it identifies how the skills, resources, and expertise of all levels of government can be coordinated within an integrated national food system. [More Info Here](#)

Pediatric Symposium 2025

October 5-8, 2025

Glen Jean, WV

Emergency Medical Services for Children has released the date and location of the 2025 Pediatric Symposium and are asking you to [Save The Date](#). More details will be released in 2025. There is also a call for instructors for the 2025 symposium. More information is available [Here](#).

Self-Paced Courses and Resources

Resolve to be Ready Toolkit

Resolve to be ready for 2025! Get ready knowing you and your loved ones are prepared and safe if a disaster strikes with ready.gov. [More info Here](#)

The First 30 Minutes: Critical Actions for Chemical Spill Response

The actions taken during the first 30 minutes of a chemical emergency determine the success of the overall response. Knowing what a local health department's (LHD) role is when responding to a chemical incident during those first 30 minutes is critical. While an LHD may not always take the

lead role in a response, it is still important for them to know how to contribute to the overall emergency response effort. [Learn More](#)

Portable Generator Tips

During power outages, portable generators can be used to help temporarily restore power to a few key appliances such as refrigerators, lights and fans. Most portable generators are powered by fuels such as gasoline, natural gas or kerosene. If they are not used correctly, these generators can be hazardous because they give off toxic fumes. [Learn More](#)

FEMAs Emergency Management Institute

For all individuals who are new to their emergency management role or for those who want to refresh their knowledge in the Incident Command System. These courses are Independent Study so you can work on them at your own pace, but they are highly recommended for anyone in an Emergency Management position.

[ICS 100](#) – Introduction to the Incident Command System

[ICS 200](#) – Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response

[ICS 700](#) – An Introduction to the National Incident Management System

[ICS 800](#) – National Response Framework, An Introduction

Other Coalition Activities

Contact your Regional Coordinator for meeting links and passwords.

Regional Meetings:

Region 1 – March 13, 2025 @ Raleigh County Health Department with a virtual option

Region 2 – March 6, 2025 – Virtual

Region 3|4 – May 30, 2025 - TBD

Region 5 – April 1, 2025 -TBD

Region 6|7 – May 16, 2025 – United Hospital Center

Region 8|9 – March 20, 2025 – Mineral County Health Department

Region 10|11 – May 23, 2025 – Wheeling Courthouse

Exercises and Drills:

- March 25, 2025 [Registration is open!](#) Medical Surge and Response Statewide Exercise (MRSE)
LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS MARCH 7TH
- APRIL 3, 2025 – WebEOC Facility Status Update Drill

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