

# Individual & Community Preparedness Newsletter



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## Prep Your Pets!

All dogs are good dogs, but even the best-trained pups can't pack their own emergency kit! When making an emergency plan for the whole family, don't forget to include your [pets](#). Follow the tips below to get started:

- Make sure your pet's ID tag is up to date.
- Don't forget your pet's needs in your emergency kit. Include items such as:
  - Pet food
  - Additional bottled water
  - Copies of important documents, like adoption papers and veterinary records.
  - Extra medication
  - Leashes or harnesses
  - Pet crate or carrier

- Towels or bedding supplies
- Veterinary contact information
- Your pet's comfort items or toys
- Identify pet-friendly hotels or shelters in case you evacuate. For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets. Most pet-friendly shelters will need your pet's medical records to make sure all vaccinations are current, so keep extra copies in your kit.
- If you have large animals like horses, cattle, sheep, goats, or pigs, make sure they all have a form of identification. Ensure vehicles and trailers are available for use for an evacuation. Research destinations ahead of time to ensure they have food, water, veterinary care, and proper equipment to handle large animals.
- Take a selfie with your pet! This can help prove ownership if you are separated.

## CERT & Communities



### 2019 California For All Conference Empowers Community Partners to Prepare for Disasters

Between May 29 and June 1, [California Volunteers](#) led the 2019 "California for All CERT and Listos Preparedness Conference." California Volunteers is a state organization. This conference is the first milestone of the [California For All Emergency Preparedness Campaign](#). It aims to create networks of people trained in preparedness. These networks will help secure the state's diverse populations.

The San Diego conference focused on two flagship programs—[Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#) and [Listos](#). [Read more...](#)



## Ready Your Business for Hurricanes

Hurricane season is here! In addition to preparing yourself and your family, make sure your business or organization is prepared. A disaster preparedness plan can help protect your employees and customers. After a disaster, it can also help your organization continue operations. Start by identifying your organization's risks and developing a plan with the [Ready Business Hurricane Toolkit](#). [Read more...](#)

## CERT Train-the-Trainer and Program Manager Course Dates Announced

Course dates for CERT [Program Manager \(E0427\)](#) and [Train-the-Trainer \(E0428\)](#) for Fiscal Year 2020 have been announced. Students are strongly encouraged to take both courses. The courses will take place at the [Emergency Management Institute](#) (EMI) in Emmitsburg, Maryland on the following dates:

### CERT Program Manager (E0427)

November 21-22, 2019

March 5-6, 2020

June 11-12, 2020

### CERT Train-the-Trainer (E0428)

November 18-20, 2019

March 2-4, 2020

June 8-10, 2020

Prerequisites for the courses include [IS-317: Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams](#) and a letter from your sponsoring agency/state training officer. You can apply through the [EMI application site](#).

## Invitation for Public Comment: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Until July 15, 2019, FEMA is inviting the public to comment on the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. BRIC is being developed and implemented as part of the National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Comments are welcome from all levels of government and key stakeholders to help implement BRIC to better serve the nation.

You can share comments on the [Ideascale](#) site or through email at [BUILDBRIC@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:BUILDBRIC@fema.dhs.gov).

FEMA will also host a webinar series in June. These webinars will provide a brief overview of the topic areas that are important for the development of the BRIC program followed by discussion. For more information and to join a webinar, click [here](#).

## Fireworks Safety Webinar

Join FEMA this Firework Safety Month to learn about the emergency planning and coordination that goes into large, public firework events. This webinar will feature Chief Joseph Meyers, head of the New York City Fire Department Explosives Unit, as he talks about his experiences overseeing the Macy's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Spectacular. This presentation will cover topics including firework safety, public-private partnerships, cross governmental collaboration, and ensuring public safety. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

## Share Your Stories

Do you have a story, event, or resource you would like to share about community preparedness or CERTs in action? Let us know at [FEMA-prepare@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-prepare@fema.dhs.gov).

## Children & Disasters



### Students and Teachers STEP towards Emergency Preparedness

Disasters impact children and youth across the United States. But when they prepare and practice for an emergency, it improves their ability to take immediate action. With training, they can actively take part in preparedness in their communities, from home to school. But students, teachers, and parents know that between classes, testing, and extracurriculars, making the time can be challenging. [Read more...](#)

## Financial Preparedness



### Protecting your Property from Floods

Floods are the most common and costly natural disaster. In the United States, they cost \$8.2 billion per year, on average.

However, even a small amount of water can be costly. Just one inch of water inside a building can cost around \$25,000. [Homeowners' and renters' insurance](#) usually do not cover

flood damage. A flood insurance policy can help protect your property and your peace of mind. [Read more...](#)

## Flood Insurance Webinar

Join FEMA Tuesday, June 25 from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EDT for the webinar “Flood Insurance: Its Importance, Upcoming Changes, and Controlling Cost while Promoting Safety.” For more information and to register, click [here](#).

## Share Your Stories

Do you have a story, event, or resource you would like to share about financial preparedness for disasters? Let us know at [FEMA-prepare@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-prepare@fema.dhs.gov).

## Important Dates

- **June:** [National Pet Preparedness Month](#)
- **June:** [National Safety Month](#)
- **June 1:** [Start of Atlantic Hurricane Season](#)
- **June 23-29:** [National Lightning Safety Awareness Week](#)
- **June 25:** [Flood Insurance Webinar](#) (12:00 PM– 1:00 PM EDT)
- **June 28:** [National Insurance Awareness Day](#)
- **July 4:** Independence Day
- **July 11:** [Enjoying the Rocket's Red Glare Safely](#): Crowd Safety and Logistics for New York City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Webinar (1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EDT)

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