

Local Elected Officials Learning Resource Menu

FEMA Executive-Level Education, Training, Exercise, & Support for Local & Jurisdictional Officials

FEMA is committed to support Local and Jurisdictional officials and their staff through executive-level education, exercise and other support resources focused on key emergency management concepts. This menu highlights resources available for executive local and jurisdictional officials.

Executive Learning

FEMA Local Elected Officials Guide

FEMA offers a customized emergency management educational engagement for local and jurisdictional officials and their staff, tailored in duration and topics based on areas of interest. The FEMA Local Elected Officials Guide, provides information on a range of topics, including:

- Stafford Act Authorities
- Disaster Declaration Process
- Federal Partners, Programs, & Processes
- Consequence Management
- Crisis Management
- Continuity of Government



Executive Education Program

The CHDS [Executive Education Program](#), provides a wide-range of tailored homeland security educational opportunities designed to help strengthen U.S. capability to prevent, deter, prepare for, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and public safety threats and to build the intergovernmental, interagency, and civil-military cooperation that homeland security requires.

Executive Academy

In collaboration with academia, renowned practitioners and industry leaders, the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) operates the [National Emergency Management Executive Academy](#) to deliver a comprehensive and contemporary curriculum supporting the advancement of strategic and policy level executive leadership.

Vanguard

FEMA's Vanguard Executive Crisis Leadership Program builds a coalition of EM senior leaders from Federal, State, Local, Tribal, Territorial (SLTT), private sector, non-governmental, and academic backgrounds prepared to face the most challenging needs of our nation by creating purposeful connections, enhancing role awareness across all facets of EM, introducing new EM leadership frameworks focused on innovation, inclusion, and adaptability, and identifying and addressing pressing and emerging issues and solutions.

FEMA Training Courses

FEMA offers over 700 tuition-free training courses addressing a wide range of topics, designed for members of the emergency management and first responder communities, and others dedicated to building a resilient nation.



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Key training courses and programs include:

- *Cybersecurity Risk Awareness for Officials and Senior Management*: Develop awareness of cybersecurity risks so that leaders are better informed to properly respond during a cybersecurity incident.
- *Senior Officials Workshop for All Hazards Preparedness*: Discuss strategic and executive-level issues related to disaster preparedness, share proven strategies, and best practices, and enhance coordination among officials responsible for emergency response to a disaster.
- *Crisis Leadership*: Executive-level seminar to discuss strategic- and executive-level issues and challenges related to preparing for, responding to, and recovering from a catastrophic incident.
- The [Continuity Excellence Series](#) offers courses available to address the full spectrum of requirements to support a viable continuity capability, designed for continuity professionals including private-sector owners of critical infrastructure/key resources, and non-governmental organization disaster response entities.

Exercise Resources

- FEMA's National Exercise Division provides multiple resources for emergency management professionals to prepare for risks in their communities, including Exercise Starter Kits. States may also request exercise technical assistance as part of the [National Exercise Program | FEMA.gov](#) annual Exercise Support Request process.
- FEMA ONCP offers exercise and evaluation services which include assessments, and other continuity of government validation activities for leadership to support understanding and awareness of where threats and hazards present risk to operations and where mitigation strategies are effective or require attention. The [Continuity Resource Toolkit | FEMA.gov](#) itemizes resources and assistance available, including an Exercise Starter Kit for building continuity exercises.

Planning Guides

- Planning provides a methodical way to engage the whole community in thinking through the lifecycle of a potential crisis, determining required capabilities, and establishing a framework for roles and responsibilities. FEMA has [Planning Guides | FEMA.gov](#) to support, including a Local Elected and Appointed Officials Guide by the National Integration Center (NIC), comprehensive preparedness guides, and more. Specific links include:
 - [Local Elected and Appointed Officials Guide](#)
 - [Quick Reference Guide](#)
 - [Before, During, and After Disaster Checklist](#)
 - [Video Synopsis of Guide](#)
 - [Podcast \(episode 114\)](#)
- ONCP has planning guides and technical assistance offerings for state governments to discuss achieving Continuity of Government (COG) to ensure the resilience and preservation of government in the event of an emergency. Resources and assistance available can be found at [Continuity Resource Toolkit | FEMA.gov](#).

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To learn more details, please contact your FEMA Regional Administrator.



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