



VEM Day of Learning Coming May 26—Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee

Vermont Emergency Management’s Day of Learning will be held May 26th at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee. The event is free and anyone is welcome to attend.

The event is a pared down version of the annual Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference, which will be held in-person in September this year. Details on that conference will be announced this summer.

The Day of Learning is an in-person event with virtual courses available for those who can’t be there. Course offerings vary from professional development, to technical, to reviews of existing programs.

Registration for the Day of Learning is required. A link to registration, an easier to read schedule, and more information can be found at:

<https://vem.vermont.gov/conference>

Presentations include those on school safety, resources for communities in preparing for hot weather, Homeland Security topics, cybersecurity, and more. A complete schedule is below.

VEM Day of Learning Schedule

	Edgewater - In Person	Theater - In Person	Lakeside - Virtual	Waterlot - In Person
9:00 - 9:45	Case Studies for Flood Resilient Communities Stephanie Smith	Recruitment & Retention through Leadership, Culture, and Resilience Greg Sheldon	School Safety: A Year in Review Sunni Eriksen & Rob Evans	American Red Cross Shelter Fundamentals
9:45 - 10:00	Break	Break	Break	
10:00 - 10:45	THIRA, SPR, and IPPW - What They Are and How You Can Get Involved Emily Harris & Matt Pritchard	Recovery Support for Individuals and Families impacted by Disaster Jason Gosselin	Everything You Need to Know About Training Hillarie Scott	
10:45 - 11:00	Break	Break	Break	
11:00 - 11:45	THIRA 101 Doug Babcock	The National Weather Service Tropical Program Expands into Vermont this Summer... What Does That Mean for You? Scott Whittier	National Priority Areas and Homeland Security Grant Funding Matt Pritchard	
11:45 - 1:00	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	
1:00 - 1:45	Vermont’s Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund: How to Best Meet the Needs of Our Communities Caroline Massa	Department of Homeland Security- Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships Robert Mahoney	The Fire Service and Emergency Management Working Together for Community Risk Reduction Michael Greenia	G0402 NIMS Overview For Senior Officials Goes until 5:00pm
1:45 - 2:00	Break	Break	Break	
2:00 - 2:45	Volunteer & Donations Management Katie Brayshaw & John Stewart	Preparing for Hot Weather in Vermont Jared Ulmer & Scott Whittier	Don’t Fear the Media Call Mark Bosma	
2:45 - 3:00	Break	Break	Break	
3:00 - 3:45	Exercise 101 Eric Forand	Weatherization and Reducing Climate Vulnerability Ann Lawless	Unmasking the Digital Violent Extremism Threat Dr. Ardian Shajkovci & Dr. Allison McDowell-Smith	

For a complete schedule (one that is easier to read) visit: <https://vem.vermont.gov/conference>

Updated Mitigation Planning Policy Guide

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has released updated State and Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guides (policies). The new policies will be effective for any plan that receives FEMA-approval on or after April 19, 2023. To ensure compliance prior to plan adoption and approval, VEM will be reviewing all Local Hazard Mitigation Plans against the new policy guidance starting January 1, 2023 .

Please register for the Updated Local Mitigation Planning Policy Review Webinar linked at <https://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter/links>. The FEMA webinar provides an overview of the updates to the Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide. It is intended for all stakeholders who are involved with the local mitigation planning process including local and state mitigation planners, emergency managers, floodplain administrators, local officials, and more. VEM will have other training opportunities to become familiar with any changes before policies are in effect next year.

Links to the Updated Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide, the Policy Review Webinar registration, and Mitigation Planning Policy Updates website can be found at:

<http://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter/links>

Updated Integrated Preparedness Plan Published

On April 29th, Vermont's 2022-2025 Integrated Preparedness Plan was published. This plan documents the enhanced planning, organizational adjustments, new equipment purchases, innovative training, and realistic exercises which will be used to strengthen Vermont's prevention, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation mission areas.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grants Programs Directorate requires that every State and Urban Area develop a multi-year Integrated Preparedness Plan each year. The Vermont Integrated Preparedness Plan is the roadmap for how the whole community in Vermont will accomplish the priorities described in the Vermont Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment & Stakeholder Preparedness Review.

You can find a link to download a copy of the Integrated Preparedness Guide at:

<http://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter/links>.

If you have questions please contact: Emily.Harris@vermont.gov

TRAINING HIGHLIGHT: Effective Facilitation

June 28th – 30th (half day on the 30th)

Waterbury, Agency of Human Services Central Office

Effective Facilitation is a class that will provide instruction and practice on facilitation techniques and meeting design, with a specific focus on facilitating Emergency Management meetings, trainings, and local emergency exercises in both physical and virtual environment.

Registration link: <https://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter/links>

VEM Training Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, registration for courses is required via State Learning Management System:

<https://vermont.csod.com/>

On-Going

K0419- Shelter Field Guide Training for State and Local Communities – Virtual

May 9-10, 2022 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

June 29-30, 2022 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

July 18-19, 2022 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

August 23-24, 2022 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

September 27-28, 2022 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Registration required via NETC online admissions system. A link can be found at: <https://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter/links>

May 2022

SEOC Orientation- In Person

DPS – Headquarters—Waterbury

May 17, 2022, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Prerequisite: IS-100

NOTE: Individuals must be on the SEOC Roster to participate in this training.

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June 2022

MGT-324 Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response, and Recovery- In Person

St. Michael's College- Colchester

June 15- 16, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day

Vermont Local Emergency Management Director Course- Virtual

June 21- 22, 2022, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. each day

Effective Facilitation- In Person

Agency of Human Services Central Office- Waterbury, VT

June 28-30, 2022, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

A laptop is required to take this training

September 2022

ICS 300- Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents – In Person

Hartford Fire Station—White River Jct, VT

September 27-29, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

Prerequisite: ICS-200

October 2022

MGT 417: Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents for Key Decision Makers

Londonderry Rescue Squad, Londonderry, VT

October 4, 2022 8:00am- 4:00pm & October 5, 2022, 8:00am- 3:30pm

G0191 – ICS/EOC Interface – In Person

Castleton Fire Station, Castleton, VT

October 11, 2022 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Prerequisite: IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800

ICS 400- Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff – In Person

Springfield Fire Station- Springfield, VT

October 25-26, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

Prerequisite: ICS-300

November 2022

G0191 – ICS/EOC Interface – In Person

St. Michael's College- Colchester, VT

November 5, 2022 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Prerequisite: IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800

Resilient Communities Fund Round Two Grants Awarded

The second round of Resilient Communities Fund grants will fund buyouts of flood-vulnerable homes, floodplain restoration, and other natural resource projects that will help protect life and property from future floods in Vermont. Governor Phil Scott recently announced more than \$2.1 million in grants to towns and non-profit organizations in round two of the program.

The Flood Resilient Community Fund program was approved by the legislature in 2021 to enhance community resilience to flooding and improve water quality in Vermont. The \$4.8 million program is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The first round awarded \$2.6 million to cities, towns, and non-profits in December of last year.

“The response to the program has been encouraging,” Governor Scott said. “I commend the communities and organizations taking on these projects for their vision and commitment.”

The twelve projects awarded funds in round two include bridge removals, tree planting, river and stream improvement projects, and voluntary home buyouts.

“When we started this process, we asked applicants to think creatively about how they can use the funding to mitigate the impacts from future flooding,” Vermont Emergency Management Director Erica Bornemann said. “They came back with sound ideas and strategies that will pay dividends for Vermonters for years to come.”

Funds will be awarded to:

Town of Huntington (\$1,055,628) – purchase and removal of flood-prone structures

Tri-Park Cooperative Housing Corporation (\$450,000) - purchase and removal of flood-prone structures (Brattleboro)

Tri-Park Cooperative Housing Corporation (\$75,075) – bridge project scoping (Brattleboro)

Town of Wolcott (\$238,323) – floodplain restoration to Wolcott recreation fields

Vermont River Conservancy (\$20,162) – floodplain restoration (Guilford)

Addison County Regional Planning Commission (\$81,900) – old bridge removal and restoration (Starksboro)

Addison County Regional Planning Commission (\$31,500) – project scoping – Lewis Creek Reaches (Starksboro)

Town of Putney (\$31,500) – project scoping, Sacketts Brook wetland

Town of Dover (\$66,914) – Snow Lake Dam removal project scoping

Bennington County Regional Commission (\$54,862) – project scoping – Bourn Brook from Vermont Route 7 downstream to the confluence of Batten Kill (Manchester)

Bennington County Regional Commission (\$39,900) – project scoping – Lye Brook from Vermont Route 7 downstream (Manchester)

The Newton School (Strafford) (\$4,560) – native tree planting along the West Branch of the Ompompanoosuc River.