

April 07, 2015

Tue

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Opening Remarks

8:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Cybersecurity Awareness in Alaska

Pat Shier is the chief information officer and associate vice chancellor of the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). A lifelong Alaskan, he has more than 23 years of experience in leadership positions for the State of Alaska in several divisions, including Retirement and Benefits, Labor and Workforce Development, collective bargaining and a public employee labor union executive board. Shier was awarded the Governor's Denali Award for Individual Leadership in 2009.

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Cultivating Next Generation Emergency Managers

Ask almost any emergency manager where they received their training and they'll say, "On the job." This discussion will focus on the importance of cultivating and engaging the next generation of emergency managers.

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Emergency Management for Small Community Leaders

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1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Dealing with the Media: A Short Course for Rural First Responders

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NIMS 101 - Region X Update

Updates from FEMA Region X. What do these changes mean for you and your community? (Matt Bernard, FEMA Region X Regional NIMS Coordinator)

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Flood Mitigation for Rural Communities

This session will discuss flood mitigation opportunities for rural communities from planning and preparedness to implementing projects. (DHS&EM Mitigation)

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

Updating your Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)

This session will provide a practical approach for effective hazard mitigation planning. (DHS&EM Mitigation)

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

Shelter Operations: Planning, Set Up & Management

Emergency Shelters have lots of moving parts. Do you know how to plan, set up and manage a shelter in your community? (DHS&EM Individual Assistance)

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Social Media 101: the Basics of Twitter & Facebook

Do the words Tweet, Retweet, Like and Friend cause panic in your agency? Calm your social media fears by learning the major functions and features of common social media sites. (DHS&EM Public Information Officers)

April 08, 2015

Wed

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Culture of Preparedness

What tools can we use to motivate our communities to prepare for disasters? Our plenary speaker Mary Schoenfeldt is an expert in crisis management, helping communities assess response systems; writing crisis plans; conducting physical site safety audits; and designing school training exercises. She was a 2013 inductee into the International Network of Women in Emergency Management Hall of Fame and has written numerous books on school safety during her 30 years in the field.

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Grants 2015 Update

An overview of 2015 DHS&EM Non-Disaster Grant Guidance and Applications with open discussion to follow if time permits. This will include Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grants. (DHS&EM Grants, Adrian Avey)

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM

From Gales in Galena to Turkeys in Tuluksak: Using Volunteers Effectively

When there is a disaster, people want to help. Learn how to organize and utilize volunteers effectively before, during and after an incident. (DHS&EM Individual Assistance)

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Mitigation Grant Development for Rural Communities

This session will advise rural communities on mitigation grant sources, how to apply, and resources to assist in application development. (DHS&EM Mitigation)

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Alaska Intrastate Mutual Aid System (AIMAS) - What It Is & What It Isn't

Learn about progress in implementing Alaska's Mutual Aid legislation including proposed policies and procedures, credentialing, training requirements, and resources typing. (DHS&EM Operations, Mark Roberts)

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Deployable Resources Available from the State

Take a tour of the Department of Health and Social Service's warehouse in Anchorage, and learn more about what resources can be requested from the State. This course will be offered on Wednesday and Thursday - please only select one day. The tour will last approximately 30 minutes. (DHS&EM Operations - Amanda Loach)

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Oso Landslide Response Lessons Learned

Thomas Richardson is a battalion chief for the Seattle Fire Department and Washington Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue Task Force leader. He was deployed to the site of the massive mudslide near Oso, Wash., on a recovery mission where at least 42 people were killed. He has previously been deployed to missions during Hurricane Katrina, 9/11 and the Oklahoma City bombings.

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Hazard Mitigation Grant Application Development for Urban Communities

This session will advise communities on FEMA Mitigation grants, the application process, and provide general details on application development. (DHS&EM Mitigation)

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Disaster & Damage Assessment

An in-depth look at assessing a disaster or damage within your community. Learn when and how to seek assistance. (DHS&EM Operations & Assistance)

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Scheduled and Preventive Maintenance for Rural Utilities

A review of necessary, scheduled, and preventive utility maintenance. (DHS&EM Operations - Kerry Seifert)

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Social Media for Emergency Management

Have a social media account, but no followers? Are you unsure what to post during each phase of emergency management? Explore the opportunities and challenges, best practices, and how to build your emergency management social media accounts. (DHS&EM Public Information Officers)

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Training & Exercise Planning Workshop

Mandatory attendance for all EMPG and grant-funded communities.

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Fri

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LEPC Meeting

Mandatory attendance for LEPC members. Open to the public.

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

SERC Meeting

Mandatory attendance for SERC members. Open to the public.