



Building Whole Community Engagement



Community Engagement a Key to Success

Effective whole community planning requires a collaborative and engaging team of stakeholders representing local residents, non-profit, government, private sector, and emergency management officials. This level of engagement is crucial to enhancing community preparedness. The whole community engagement concept will promote Community Resilience through enhancing the recognition, understanding, communication of, and planning for hazardous material risks in the community and systematically aligning resources and preparedness activities to quickly recover from an incident.



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Course Overview

This course is designed to equip Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) and Tribal Emergency Planning Committees (TEPC) with the knowledge, tools and best practices needed to establish an engaging and productive team among the whole community of stakeholders to reduce hazardous material risks.

Course Description

The Building Whole Community Engagement course details responsibilities and interests of key stakeholders and collectively preparing for how hazardous material incidents impact them and the community. This course will facilitate collaboration and strengthen the whole community engagement by providing tools, resources and direction through the following core capabilities: Planning, Operational Coordination, Operational Communications, and Community Resiliency. Students will develop goals, performance indicators and plans during practical exercises to assist the LEPC/TEPC with reducing risk from fixed and mobile hazardous materials.

Delivery Method: Live Instructor Training: Six (6) hours

Course Objectives

- Understand the whole community planning approach and need for LEPCs
- Comprehend the purpose of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)
- Create goals, objectives and indicators for the LEPC/TEPC and determine measures of effectiveness
- Describe best practices for inviting and engaging whole community participation in hazardous materials preparedness
- Compose an effective LEPC agenda that focuses on hazardous material reduction and draws interest from the whole community stakeholders
- Understand how to manage source data as inputs for planning
- Assess how various tools, models and resources can be used to support preparedness and resiliency
- Identify financial resources and funded services that LEPCs can leverage to accomplish activities

Topics

- Case studies and practical exercises
- LEPC/TEPC responsibilities
- Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)
- Community stakeholder responsibilities, interests and needs
- Defining success
- Engaging the whole community
- Building LEPC/TEPC agendas
- LEPC/TEPC projects and activities
- LEPC/TEPC tools and resources
- Available financial resources
- Fertilizer Grade Ammonium Nitrate (FGAN)
- High Hazard Flammable Train (HHFT)

Evaluation Methods

- Course feedback
- Post-course test

Certification

- Certificate of Completion based on passing course test

Curriculum Development and Delivery

This course is being developed under the FY16 DHS/FEMA Hazmat Continuing Training Grant by Georgia Tech Research Institute and Alliance Solutions Group, Inc. It is anticipated that the course approval and availability through the firstresponder.gov website will occur during the Summer of 2017.

