

# EMA News & Views



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## COUNTY OF LYCOMING EMA QUARTERLY TRAINING

(Emergency Management Coordinators serving the municipalities of Lycoming County)

The next County of Lycoming EMA Quarterly Training will be held on:

**THURSDAY - MARCH 23, 2023—6:30pm**

### APPRECIATION DINNER

*at*

**South Williamsport United Methodist Church  
409 Main Street, South Williamsport, PA**

## MEETING TOPIC DETAILS

### **PA Army Reserve National Guard 3<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team**

CPT James Joseph & SFC Matthew Kauffman

With approximately 15,000 members, the Pennsylvania Army National Guard (PAARNG), a reserve component of the United States Army, plays an important role in the nation's defense and supporting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in times of need. In times of catastrophic disaster involving hazardous materials in the Commonwealth, there is a highly trained group of National Guard airmen and soldiers ready to respond. These are the members of the PA National Guard's 3<sup>rd</sup> Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team, a 22-person joint Pennsylvania Army & Air National Guard unit that remains ready to react and conduct quick response missions throughout the Commonwealth for a multitude of incidents involving Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear high-yield Explosives (CBRNE). CPT Joseph & SFC Kauffman will provide a presentation at the banquet to review the capabilities of this group and how they can assist with any incidents that may occur in Lycoming County.

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## **NOTES FROM THE EMC**

I hope all of you have enjoyed the mild winter we experienced here in North Central Pennsylvania! (unless you are a winter person) Unfortunately, a warm winter can often cause issues for us in the Spring when it comes to wildfires/brush fires. Temperature, precipitation, and relative humidity affect the moisture content of fuels. Low relative humidity and high temperatures result in extremely dry fuels that are susceptible to ignition and signal the potential for rapid fire spread. And, when wind factors into it, it's a recipe for potential disaster. Stay vigilant and promote good outdoor fire habits in your municipalities!

Now is a good time to review your Municipal Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) and Notification & Resource Manuals (NARM). Many Lycoming County municipalities have newly elected supervisors & council members, and we have several new municipal EMCs. It is a requirement to review the plan every 2 years at the least, but when there is a change in the majority of a municipality's elected officials, it must also be promulgated again. Templates for the most current version of the Municipal Emergency Operations Plan can be found on our website ([www.lyco.org/Public-Safety/Emergency-Management-Agency](http://www.lyco.org/Public-Safety/Emergency-Management-Agency)). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

As always, I thank you for your continued dedication to the residents of your municipalities, and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>!



Kelle

FEMA Advisory

## FEMA Announces All COVID-19 Disaster Declaration Incident Periods Will Close May 11

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In recognition of FEMA's unprecedented response to the COVID-19 pandemic and following the Administration's determination regarding the end of the Public Health Emergency and National Emergency declarations, the agency announced today that all COVID-19 incident periods will close on May 11.

FEMA will publish a Federal Register Notice providing a 90-day advance notice to government partners and stakeholders that eligibility of work and reimbursable costs will end on May 11.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, FEMA has provided more than \$104 billion in assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as non-profits and survivors. Of those funds, almost \$60 billion in funding went to state, local, tribal and territorial governments and eligible private non-profits for more than 23,000 emergency projects. Another \$2.9 billion was awarded in funeral assistance for more than 400,000 individuals and families, \$37 billion in lost wages assistance, and \$386 million in crisis counseling services.

FEMA also supported an unprecedented vaccination effort, opening pilot community vaccination clinics to help advance equity and ensure that the most vulnerable communities were protected, resulting in 58% of the people served being people of color. Additionally, to ensure that the most vulnerable communities were protected, FEMA brought in language specialists and disability and civil rights advisors, and it worked with each community to identify its specific needs and to help it overcome barriers.

The COVID-19 disaster declarations are the longest in FEMA's history.

FEMA will arrange programmatic briefings and share webinars as well as make experts available for all stakeholders impacted by the closure. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

### Contact Us

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA's Office of External Affairs:

- Congressional Affairs at (202) 646-4500 or at [FEMA-Congressional-Affairs@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Congressional-Affairs@fema.dhs.gov)



# FEMA

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- Tribal Affairs at (202) 646-3444 or at [FEMA-Tribal@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Tribal@fema.dhs.gov)
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Also, follow Administrator Deanne Criswell on Twitter [@FEMA\\_Deanne](https://twitter.com/FEMA_Deanne).

## FEMA Mission

Helping people before, during, and after disasters.

# Eat Safe Food after a Power Outage

Refrigerated or frozen foods may not be safe to eat after the loss of power. Find out what you can do to keep food safe during a power outage, and when you need to throw away food that could make you sick.

## Before

Keep appliance thermometers in your refrigerator and freezer. The refrigerator should be at 40°F or below. The freezer should be at 0°F or below.

**REFRIGERATOR** 40°  
**FREEZER** 0°

Prepare for emergencies or natural disasters.

Freeze containers of water and gel packs to help keep your food at 40°F or below.

Have a cooler handy.

Buy dry ice or block ice to keep food cold in the refrigerator if the power might be out for a long time.

## During

**KEEP** Refrigerator & Freezer Doors

**4 Hours** in a Refrigerator

**48 Hours** in a **FULL**

**24 Hours** in a **HALF-FULL**



## YEARS OF SERVICE PINS RECEIVED

Tom Schafer was appointed as EMC of Plunketts Creek Township on March 21, 2012. Tom was presented his 10 years of service pin by our County EMA Manager, Kelle Robinson at the December Quarterly Training Meeting.

Irv Temple is the SARA Support Specialist for Lycoming County Department of Public Safety. Irv was presented his 30 years of service pin by our EMA Manager, Kelle Robinson at the December Quarterly Training Meeting.

Please join us in congratulating Tom and Irv on this great achievement!





## PEMA CERTIFICATION RECEIVED
































William Miller, LTS EMS Regional Training Coordinator, earned his County Advanced Level Certification in October of 2022. William was presented his plaque by our EMA Manager, Kelle Robinson at the December quarterly training.

Please join us in congratulating William on this great accomplishment!

# READY, SET, CHECK!

**Get Started with these first steps.** As you complete each step, check the box for that step. Share your progress on  or  and you'll be entered for another chance to win a preparedness starter kit! Be sure to include [#PreparedPA](#)



Be Informed <a href="http://ready.pa.gov/BeInformed">ready.pa.gov/BeInformed</a>		Be Involved <a href="http://ready.pa.gov/BeInvolved">ready.pa.gov/BeInvolved</a>		Be Prepared <a href="http://ready.pa.gov/BePrepared">ready.pa.gov/BePrepared</a>	
 <b>Know what to prepare for</b> Flooding, tornadoes, landslides, sink holes. <u>Learn about risks in your community.</u>	 <b>Talk with those who know</b> Contact your local or <u>county emergency management agency</u> for guides, tips and help. 	 <b>Help at home</b> <u>Find organizations</u> in your community that are active during disasters and get involved! 	 <b>Start with the basics...</b> Create a <u>home fire escape plan</u> and test your smoke alarms. Visit your local fire department for guides and tips. 	 <b>then the "Not-As Basics"</b> Prepare for risks that can threaten your safety. <u>Download the ReadyPA Emergency Preparedness Guide</u> to get started. 	
 <b>Be informed when skies are blue...</b> <u>Signup</u> for the Ready PA Monthly Newsletter. 	 <b>and when they're gray.</b> <u>Signup</u> for weather alerts in your area. 	 <b>Help your neighbors</b> Local volunteer fire departments need help with ALL skills including newsletters and fund raising. Contact your local fire department to find out. 	 <b>Safe at home...</b> Pick 3 items from the <u>emergency or "go kit" list</u> to have handy. Update the location of your kit on the back of this card. 	 <b>and on the road.</b> Pick three items from the <u>PennDOT travel emergency kit list</u> to have in your car. 	
 <b>Get Social!</b> Follow PA Emergency Management on social media. 	 <b>You don't have to live in a flood zone to be at risk</b> <u>Learn your risk of flooding.</u> 	 <b>Be the <u>help</u> until help arrives</b> 	 <b>Protect your loved ones...</b> Everyone's needs are unique. Consider <u>additional preparations</u> needed for older adults, younger kids, those who have a disability and pets! 	 <b>and your belongings</b> Homeowners and renters insurance does not cover damage from flood. Talk with an <u>insurance agent</u> to learn about possible lower cost options. 	

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Classes listed below with an (\*) are required for one or more of the certification levels for municipal Emergency Management Coordinators. Attendees must register on-line or through the County EMA office.

### **Ladder Company Review**

March 13, 2023 1830-2130

Classes held at Muncy Area VFC

Registration deadline: March 3, 2023

### **Hazardous Materials Operations Refresher**

March 13, 2023 2030-2230

March 14, 2023 1830-2230

Classes held at Woodward Twp VFC

Registration deadline: March 3, 2023

### **Hazardous Materials Awareness Refresher**

March 13, 2023 1830-2030

Class held at Woodward Twp VFC

Registration deadline: March 3, 2023

### **MAMA Emergency Services Trg Weekend**

March 17-19, 2023

Registration deadline: March 1, 2023

### **Hazardous Materials Operations Refresher**

March 18, 2023 1000-1600

Class held at Trout Run VFC

Registration deadline: March 8, 2023

### **Hazardous Materials Awareness Refresher**

March 18, 2023 0800-1000

Class held at Trout Run VFC

Registration deadline: March 8, 2023

### **Vehicle Rescue Awareness**

March 21, 23, 28, 30, 2023 1830-2230

March 26, 2023 0800-1600

Classes held at Duboistown Fire Dept

Registration deadline: March 11, 2023

### **Electric Vehicle Safety for Emergency Responders**

March 25, 2023 0800-1400

Class held at Woodward Twp VFC

Registration deadline: March 15, 2023

### **Hazardous Materials Awareness Refresher**

March 2, 2023 1830-2030

Class held at Independent Fire Co, South Williamsport

Registration deadline: March 18, 2023

### **Legal Aspects for Fire Service**

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023 and May 5, 2023 1830-2230

Classes held at Independent Fire Co, South Williamsport

Registration deadline: March 25, 2023

### **North Central Task Force Symposium**

April 28, 2023 0800-1600

Held at Pine Barn Inn, Danville, PA

Registration: [www.nctfpa.org/event/nctf-symposium](http://www.nctfpa.org/event/nctf-symposium)

#### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

[FEMA IS Training](#)

[NERRTC Online Training](#)

[CDP Online Courses](#)

[Train PA](#)

[PEMA Training Calendar](#)

[PEMA Student Training Manuals](#)

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

### **Trench Rescue Operations I**

April 15, 16, 2023 0800-1700  
Classes held at Williamsport Bureau of Fire

### **Vehicle Technical Rescuer NFPA 1006**

April 17, 19, 2023 1800-2200  
April 22, 23, 29, 30, 2023 0800-1600  
Classes held at Muncy Area VFC  
Registration deadline: April 7, 2023

### **Vehicle Rescue Awareness**

April 17, 19, 2023 1800-2200  
April 22, 23, 2023 0800-1600  
Classes held at Muncy Area VFC  
Registration deadline: April 7, 2023

### **Skywarn Spotter Course**

April 19, 2023 1800-2000  
Class held at Department of Public Safety  
Registration deadline: April 9, 2023

### **Skywarn Spotter Course**

April 19, 2023 1400-1600  
Class held at Third Street Plaza Backup EOC  
Registration deadline: April 9, 2023

### **Trench Rescue Operations I**

April 21, 22, 2023 0800-1700  
Classes held at Williamsport Bureau of Fire

### **Grant Writing**

April 21, 2023 0900-1500  
Class held at Department of Public Safety  
Registration deadline: April 11, 2023

### **Foam Ethanol Technician Training**

April 22, 2023  
Class held at Hughesville Fire Dept  
Registration deadline: April 7, 2023

### **Vehicle Rescue Operations**

April 25, 2023 1800-2200  
April 29, 30, 2023 0800-1600  
Classes held at Muncy Area VFC  
Registration deadline: April 15, 2023

### **Rural Fire Ground Water Movement**

May 1, 3, 2023 1830-2230  
May 7, 2023 0800-1600  
Classes held at Clinton Twp VFC  
Registration deadline: April 21, 2023

### **Vehicle Rescue Operations**

May 2, 4, 9, 2023 1830-2230  
May 6, 2023 0800-1600  
Classes held at Duboistown Fire Dept  
Registration deadline: April 22, 2023

EMA training questions can be directed to Paula Young.

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Lycoming County Department of Public Safety  
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## **2023 QUARTERLY TRAINING**

March 23	6:30 pm	Thursday	EMA Banquet
June 22	7:00 pm	Thursday	County EMA Office
September 28	7:00 pm	Thursday	County EMA Office
December 14	7:00 pm	Thursday	County EMA Office

## **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU**

Please tell us what you would like to see in the next EMA News & Views. We want to print your stories and issues important to you.

## **COUNTY EMA STAFF**

Your County EMA staff is proud to serve you and will always welcome your comments and suggestions to promote a better EMA community. Please contact us any time.

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