



# Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS)

## SCHOOL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: AN OVERVIEW

### *The Role of Chief State School Officers in Emergency Management*

January 29, 2013 2:00 pm EST

#### **Purpose of Webinar**

The Role of Chief State School Officers in Emergency Management, a 90-minute webinar, provides an overview the key elements involved in comprehensive, all-hazards school emergency management planning.

#### **Overview of Session**

The webinar will guide you through the development and implementation of school emergency management plans, and help you learn how State Educational Agencies (SEA) can support Local Educational Agencies (LEA) in this process. Immediately following the one-hour presentation, there is a 30-minute question and answer session, including instructions for accessing additional information and resources.

#### **Presenter**

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#### **Information and Resources**

The REMS TA Center has numerous resources for use by SEAs to help districts and schools build their school emergency management capacity. These include the following:

**Trainings:** The REMS TA Center has a broad portfolio of trainings for the field, including training presentation materials available for immediate download, or trainings available by request for delivery on-site. Topics range from basic level, such as the four phases of emergency management, to advanced training topics.

- View trainings available for immediate download at:  
[http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=trainings\\_emergency\\_management](http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=trainings_emergency_management)
- Trainings by Request are available for delivery on-site to host organizations. Topics include:
  - *Emergency Management 101*
  - *Threat Assessment in Schools: Basics and Benchmarks*
  - *Adult Sexual Misconduct*
  - *Resilience Strategies for Educators*

**Distance Learning Opportunities:** The REMS TA Center offers multiple distance learning opportunities, including a portfolio of online courses, as well as webinars featuring a web conference presentation from experts in the field of emergency management.

- **Webinars** are archived and made accessible anytime at  
[http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=training\\_webinars](http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=training_webinars)  
Recent topics have included: *The Role of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) in School Preparedness*. Email [info@remstacenter.org](mailto:info@remstacenter.org) to be notified about upcoming webinars.
- **Online courses** are currently being updated and a comprehensive curriculum will be rolled out in coming months, including a full range of basic and advanced topics in emergency management for schools. Email [info@remstacenter.org](mailto:info@remstacenter.org) to be updated on the launching of new online courses.



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**Publications:** A variety of publications to assist LEAs and SEAs with their emergency management efforts are developed by the REMS TA Center each year. Past publication series include:

- *Lessons Learned:* Real-world incidents and strategies for responding
- *Success Stories:* Proven practices from the field
- *REMSExpress:* Briefs on important topics in emergency management

Visit <http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=publications> to view these publications.

**Resources:** Please go to <http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=resources> to view additional resources developed to assist LEAs and SEAs with their emergency management efforts. This link includes key information and resources about the four phases of school emergency management, NIMS Implementation, resources from partner organizations, and profiles of emerging issues in emergency management.

**Resource Repository:** The Resource Repository is a virtual library of tools developed by school emergency managers containing relevant resources pertinent to the needs of local education agencies (LEAs) and institutions of higher education (IHEs) and their partners as they engage in the process of school emergency management planning. These resources include sample drills, tabletops or other exercises; job descriptions; memorandums of understanding (MOU) with community partners; organizational charts; planning guidelines or sample policies; or school emergency management plans and their component tools and templates, for use as examples.