



Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS)

School Emergency Management: An Overview Webinar

February 27, 2013 4:00 p.m. EST

Purpose of Webinar

The *School Emergency Management: An Overview* Webinar is designed to provide a 90-minute review of the key elements involved in comprehensive, all-hazards school emergency management planning.

Overview of Session

This one-hour webinar explains the components and process of school emergency management planning, and provides basic information to help individual schools and school districts learn more about how comprehensive, all-hazards plans are developed, implemented, and maintained. In addition, this webinar places special emphasis on both the Recovery Phase and the Threat Assessment process. Immediately following the webinar is a brief question and answer session, along with information on how to access more information and resources.

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Information and Resources

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

U.S. Department of Education & REMS TA Center Publications:

Helpful Hints is a series of short publications that are designed to offer a quick *overview* of school emergency preparedness topics that are frequently the subject of inquiries from the field. Please go to <http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=publications> **Helpful Hints** to see publications dealing with Emergency Management 101 issues, such as the following:

Vol. 2, Issue 1 (2007) **[“Steps for Developing a School Emergency Management Plan”](#)**

Vol. 2, Issue 2 (2007) **[“Components of Comprehensive School and School District Emergency Management” Plans](#)**

Vol. 2, Issue 4 (2007) **[“Planning and Conducting a Functional Exercise”](#)**

Vol. 3, Issue 1 (2008) **[“Engaging Students In Emergency Management”](#)**

The *REMSExpress* newsletter was developed by the REMS TA Center to provide a forum to the field on comprehensive information and key issues in school emergency management. Please go to <http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=publications> **REMS Express** to view these past issues, including the following relevant to basic emergency management planning:

Vol. 2, Issue 8 (2006) **[“Creating Emergency Management Plans”](#)**

Vol. 2, Issue 5 (2006) **[“Food Safety and Food Defense for Schools”](#)**

Vol. 2, Issue 3 (2006) **[“Emergency Exercises: An Effective Way to Validate School Safety Plans”](#)**

Vol. 2, Issue 1 (2006) **[“Integrating Students with Special Needs and Disabilities Into Emergency Response and Crisis Planning”](#)**



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The *Practical Information on Crisis Planning Guide* was developed by the U.S. Department of Education to provide schools and their communities with a general introduction to school emergency management as it applies to schools and basic guidelines for developing school emergency management plans. It outlines the four phases of school emergency management and provides checklists of the critical issues encountered in each phase. The *Guide* also provides information on specific elements of emergency management, including leadership, communication and the Incident Command System (ICS).

This is available at: <http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan/crisisplanning.pdf>

Additional publications on emergency management created by the U.S. Department of Education and the REMS TA Center can be found here: http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=publications_General.

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

Recent relevant topics include:

- [The Role of School Nurses in School Emergency Management Planning](http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=training_webinars_past&w_id=2#webinar_02)
(http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=training_webinars_past&w_id=2#webinar_02)
- [The Role of the National Incident Management System \(NIMS\) and the Incident Command System \(ICS\) in School Preparedness](http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=training_webinars_past&w_id=4#webinar_04)
(http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=training_webinars_past&w_id=4#webinar_04)
- [Emergency Planning for Students with Disabilities and Special Needs](http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=training_webinars_past&w_id=1#webinar_01)
(http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=training_webinars_past&w_id=1#webinar_01)
- [Final Report and Findings: Implications for Prevention of School Attacks in the United States](http://rems.ed.gov/docs/FinalReportandFindingsofSafeSchoolInitiative.pdf)
(<http://rems.ed.gov/docs/FinalReportandFindingsofSafeSchoolInitiative.pdf>)
- [Threat Assessment in Schools: A Guide to Managing Threatening Situations and to Creating Safe School Climates](http://rems.ed.gov/docs/ThreatAssessmentinSchools.pdf)
(<http://rems.ed.gov/docs/ThreatAssessmentinSchools.pdf>)
- [Prior Knowledge of Potential School-Based Violence: Information Students Learn May Prevent a Targeted Attack \(Bystander Study\)](http://rems.ed.gov/docs/DOE_BystanderStudy.pdf)
(http://rems.ed.gov/docs/DOE_BystanderStudy.pdf)

Email info@remstacenter.org to be notified about upcoming webinars.

- **REMS TA Center 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 to be updated on the launching of new online courses.



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- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute (EMI)**
FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) offers a series of online Independent Study Courses, including “Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools” and the required NIMS courses. These are accessible at: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/>

Resource Repository: The Resource Repository is the REMS TA Center’s 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. The Resource Repository is available online at http://rems.ed.gov/display.aspx?page=resources_Repository_Browse