About the National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP)

Since 2016, the National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP), Columbia Climate School, at Columbia University has been awarded U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) training grants. These programs have focused on post-disaster economic and housing recovery, mass care community sheltering and relocation assistance, pandemic preparedness and response, climate resilience and equitable disaster response. These training programs have highlighted best practices and lessons learned for emergency managers, first responders, community groups, and the whole community.

Tribal Nations have historically been disproportionately affected by disasters but without access to vital resources before, during, and afterward. In 2023, NCDP was awarded an additional three-year training grant to create a curriculum on Tribal Nations’ Readiness and Resilience to address this need. Trainings will address preparedness gaps consistent with cultures, values, governance structures, and doctrine to improve readiness and resilience. These trainings will help close the gap in preparedness in Tribal Nations and deliver on the priorities of FEMA’s National Tribal Strategy to foster innovative training capabilities.

Enhancing Tribal Nations’ Readiness and Resilience (Coming Soon)

These trainings are designed to support Tribal resilience.

**AWR-XXX-W: Climate Literacy in Tribal Nations**

This one-and-a-half-hour, awareness-level, web-based training will include information on climate literacy for Tribal Nations.

**Learning objective:**

Identify how climate science can support climate change adaptation within Tribal Nations.

**AWR-XXX-V: Identifying Community Preparedness Resources for Tribal Nations**

This four-hour, awareness-level, live virtual training will provide information on federal resources and programs to assist Tribal Nations recovering from a disaster.

**Learning objectives:**

- Describe the role of community preparedness in Tribal Nations.
- Identify various federal resources available for Tribal Nations.
- Identify success stories from implementing community preparedness initiatives in Tribal Nations.
PER-XXX: Using Community Engagement to Enhance Emergency Preparedness
This seven-hour, instructor-led training will provide Tribal Nations emergency preparedness individuals with techniques to incorporate into community engagement activities.

Learning objectives:
Analyze how preparing community members for hazards can enhance community resilience. Discuss how appropriate communication, messaging, and partnerships can promote awareness and encourage community participation in the preparedness process.

PER-XXX-V: Risk Communication Techniques within Tribal Nations
This four-hour, performance-level, live virtual training will provide participants with various communication methods during all emergency management phases.

Learning objectives:
- Identify the impact of community engagement in risk reduction within Tribal Nations.
- Compare the various methods available to communicate during all emergency management phases.

MGT-XXX: Developing Emergency Management Programs within Tribal Nations
This seven-hour, instructor-led training will synthesize the components of effective emergency management programs for Tribal Nations.

Learning objectives:
- Synthesize the components for building a solid and effective emergency management program within Tribal Nations.
- Analyze the needs for emergency response within Tribal Nations.

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