

Training for Emergency Managers

The hurricane readiness training curriculum brings the essential components of the National Hurricane Program (NHP) together to promote their application in hurricane planning and operational decision-making.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Hurricane Center (NHC), and FEMA collaborate on hurricane preparedness training for emergency managers. Significant contributions include the development of training curriculum and access to subject matter experts to instruct training delivery.

Hurricane Readiness Training

NHP provides a series of classroom training courses on hurricane preparedness in partnership with the FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI). The most frequently offered course, L0311, Hurricane Readiness for Coastal Communities, provides an overview of tropical cyclone basics, hurricane hazards, NHC forecast and storm surge products, hurricane evacuation planning, and dealing with forecast uncertainty for decision makers. In addition, L0310, Hurricane Readiness for Inland Communities, follows a similar story line but focuses on the inland impacts of hurricane hazards, such as rain and inland flood events. These courses are offered at conferences and delivered in the field upon request.

The flagship course of the NHP is the week-long L0324, Hurricane Preparedness for Decision Makers. Conducted at NHC for state and local emergency managers, this course expands on topics discussed in L0311. It includes basic use and application of the HURREVAC decision support tool, an exercise on building a hurricane evacuation zone, and concludes with a tabletop exercise focused on making an evacuation decision in response to a simulated hurricane threat.

For more information on hurricane readiness training, contact NHP@fema.dhs.gov.

HURREVAC Training

There are several training resources available for HURREVAC.

Customized HURREVAC Training

Facilitated HURREVAC trainings are offered at national conferences and delivered in the field upon request. Facilitated HURREVAC trainings can be tailored to participants needs, ranging from a basic overview and demo of HURREVAC to applied usages and exercises within the tool. Facilitated HURREVAC trainings may be conducted in-person or via a virtual platform. Interested emergency managers can solicit facilitated HURREVAC training by contacting support@HURREVAC.com.



Other HURREVAC Training Resources

The HURREVAC team also offers a yearly, week-long webinar series, covering the many different functionalities within the tool. Asynchronous HURREVAC training resources include self-paced training modules within HURREVAC, the HURREVAC User's Guide, and informative videos on the [HURREVAC YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/@hurrevac) (<https://www.youtube.com/@hurrevac>), which include recordings of past HURREVAC Webinars.

More information is available at the [HURREVAC Support Site](https://www.hurrevac.com/learning-resources/user-guides-and-tutorials/) (<https://www.hurrevac.com/learning-resources/user-guides-and-tutorials/>).

Training for Emergency Managers combines all the different components of the NHP together to build capacity in the program's stakeholders. It is one of the seven components of the NHP: Storm Surge Risk Products; Hurricane Evacuation Studies and Evacuation Planning; HURREVAC; Training for Emergency Managers; Hurricane Liaison Team Operational Decision Support; Stakeholder Engagement; and Post-Storm Assessments.

For more information about the National Hurricane Program, visit [Hurricane Planning and Response | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-planning-and-response) or email NHP@fema.dhs.gov.