



2022-2023 FEMA Emergency Management Advanced Academy

Overview: The National Emergency Management Advanced Academy (NEMAA) reinforces the qualities needed to lead emergency management programs, provides relevant management theories and concepts, and utilizes appropriate case studies. NEMAA participants work within a collaborative environment on projects and establish a network of peers.

Who Should Apply: NEMAA is designed for emergency management professionals with a background and experience serving in an Emergency Management (EM) organization or in a significant role directly connected to the Profession of Emergency Management or a recognized EM organization, such as: Public Health, Higher Education, Medical, and Private Sector organizations or companies with a role in Emergencies and Disasters. This could include professionals employed or directly connected (ex. Volunteer) with Emergency Management (EM) (Examples: Federal, Military, State, Local, Tribal, Territorial and Consortium EM Agencies) and/or professionals directly Connected with the Profession of Emergency Management (EM) or a Recognized EM Organization (Examples: Public Health, Higher Education, School Systems, NGOs, Private Sector Business Continuity/EM)

Students learn skills critical to performing emergency management responsibilities, such as: program management and oversight, effective communication at all levels, integrated collaboration, and strategic thinking, along with completing a NEMAA Paper prior to attending the third course.

Classroom Course Requirements: The NEMAA program series consists of four (4) courses that are each five (5) days in duration and completed during the current Federal fiscal year, as well as completing a comprehensive paper prior to graduation. Attendance at each course is required and must be attended in sequential order listed below.

L0451 Advanced I – Application of Advanced Individual Concepts in EM

August 15th – August 19th, 2022 from 8:30am – 4:30pm

Lake County Emergency Management Agency – Emergency Operations Center
1303 N. Milwaukee Ave
Libertyville, Illinois 60048



L0452 Advanced II – Assessment of Teams in Professional Emergency Management

February 27th – March 3rd, 2023 from 8:30am – 4:30pm

Will County Emergency Agency – Emergency Operations Center
302 N. Chicago Street
Joliet, Illinois 60432



L0453 Advanced III – Contemporary Issues in the Emergency Management Organization

May 22nd – May 26th, 2023 from 8:30am – 4:30pm

DuPage County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (OHSEM)
418 N. County Farm Road
Wheaton, Illinois 60187



L0454 Advanced IV – Advanced Concepts and Policy in EM Profession

September 11th – 15th, 2023 from 8:30am – 4:30pm

Cook County Emergency Management & Regional Security –
EOC Training Room
15900 S. Cicero
Oak Forest, Illinois 60452



The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Emergency Management Professional Program Branch will start accepting applications for the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy (NEMAA) from **May 4 – June 30, 2022** for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Illinois Cohort. A formal selection board will convene to review the application packages with an announcement of the results made to applicants in **August**.

There are a limited number of spaces for the Illinois Cohort and applications are expected to be very competitive. Applicants should first look at the entire [Emergency Management Professional Program \(EMPP\)](#) website to gauge for which Academy they are best suited. NEMAA Applicants are encouraged to review all selection and application requirements before submitting their application package.

The Application is the only acceptable document to complete when applying to NEMAA. Incomplete applications and additional attachments will not be considered.

Application Package Documents (list below) must be submitted to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to: kevin.sur@illinois.gov before June 30, 2022.

Candidate Information

- A **cover letter** requesting consideration for admission to the program and specifying the applicant's qualifications and expectations of the program.
- **Resume**
- **Advanced Academy Commitment Statement**. This indicates commitment to complete the entire program, which consists of the four courses in Illinois and the NEMAA Paper.
- **Academy Questionnaire*****
- A **Recommendation** letter from your Supervisor.
- **Signatures**. This page has a location for the electronic signatures of both the applicant and the applicant's supervisor.



*****Academy questionnaire**

(reviewed by the selection committee to determine the most qualified candidates)

*1. What led you to apply to this Academy? (Max 2000 characters; about 350 words)

*2. What do you know about our program and how does it align with your goals? (Max 2000 characters; about 350 words) Current word count: 3. If selected, how will you use what you learn to serve your community and the profession? (Max 1700 characters; about 300 words)

*3. If selected, how will you use what you learn to serve your community and the profession? (Max 1700 characters; about 300 words)

*4. How will your professional and leadership experience help you contribute to the Academy? (Max 1700 characters; about 300 words)

*5. Describe your most challenging issue and how it affects reaching your organization's goals. (Max 1700 characters; about 300 words)

Once the Application Package is complete with signatures, save the document as a PDF file with the following file naming convention:

LastnameFirstname.AA.Illinois-FY23 (Example: JonesRobert.AA.Illinois-FY23)

If you have any questions in submission, please email kevin.sur@illinois.gov

Application Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on recommended prerequisites to include:

- Depth and Breadth of direct experience in an EM position;
- Project and working group leadership;
- Substantial continuing service commitment;
- Contribution to the field; and
- Whole community representation.

