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THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON:

Happy Valentine's Day!

Happy Valentine's Day – this year we're so excited about celebrating our love for emergency management that we're even taking Monday off! (We've also heard that there is a president or two to be celebrated). But before we get to our extended celebrations, it's been a busy week in Washington.

The Administration budget was rolled out on Monday, and you can see the [NEMA summary here](#). The proposal calls for an \$835 million reduction to FEMA's state and local programs, changing the cost-share for the preparedness grants to 25 percent, and funding a new security and resilience grant. We here in the NEMA-DC office are continuing to work with our partners both on the Hill and in the emergency management ecosystem to make it clear how critical these monies are to ensuring that the states are the building blocks of a resilient nation.

There were also several emergency management-relevant hearings this week, both in the House and Senate. On Tuesday, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC) held a [hearing on steps for states and locals to take to improve their cybersecurity posture](#) and then on Wednesday hosted a [roundtable on protecting the U.S. from global pandemics](#). The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee also got in on the action, holding a [hearing on how animals in disasters are affected and protected](#).

No hearings are scheduled next week due to the House and Senate being in recess.

The FY2020 Homeland Security Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity is now [available online here](#). All states and territories are eligible to receive individual technical assistance from FEMA. Applications are due April 15, 2020 at 5:00pm EST.

More News from the Nation's Capital...

GAO Report on Modernizing Emergency Alerting Systems

GAO evaluated trends in IPAWS usage and ways that FEMA and the FCC have worked to modernize the system and further increase its adoption.

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Report: Flood Mapping for the Nation

ASFPM released a report detailing costs for completing and maintaining flood mapping nationwide. Only 1/3 of the nation's streams are currently mapped, limiting local officials' ability to plan and mitigate for flood hazards.

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IPAWS Webinar: A 2019 Recap

The webinar will capture some successful uses of IPAWS in 2019. The webinar will take place Wednesday, February 19 at 1:00pm EST.

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National Counterintelligence Strategy Released

The strategy focuses on five key priorities: critical infrastructure, key U.S. supply chains, the U.S. economy, American democratic institutions, and cyber and technical operations.

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Other News from DC and Around the Country:

GovTech: [Students' Well-Being in Focus After Texas University Shooting](#)

EurekaAlert!: [Adapting to Climate Change: We're Doing it Wrong](#)

CTV News: [How a Canadian Company Spotted the Coronavirus Outbreak Before Health Officials](#)

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