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THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON: All Eyes East

News on the Hill was quiet this week as we reach another district work week. Most eyes in our nation's capital have been focused on Ukraine, where Russia began to mobilize military operations early Thursday morning.

Here in D.C., appropriators are churning behind the scenes with little announcement or statements which tends to be a good sign, meaning there has been little divide among the leaderships. We are anticipating a few quiet weeks until we creep closer to the new deadline of March 11 for the omnibus spending bill, continuing the recent theme with this bill of running tight against the deadlines.

Hearings the Week of February 28, 2022

"FEMA: Building a Workforce Prepared and Ready to Respond Part 2."

House Committee on Homeland Security
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 10am ET

From Gray to Green: Advancing the Science of Nature-Based Infrastructure

House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 10am ET

More News from the Nation's Capital...

FEMA Hosts Stakeholder Discussion on Agency's Strategic Plan

FEMA will host a discussion to introduce the [2022-2026 FEMA Strategic Plan](#) to partners and stakeholders of the agency's Office of Disability Integration and Coordination and the Department of Homeland Security Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. The event will take place at 11 a.m. ET on February 24, 2022. The discussion will center around the process and intent of the plan, its overarching goals and the importance of partnerships to achieve the plans goals and objective. Presenters for the event include:

- FEMA Office for Disability Integration and Coordination Director Linda Mastandrea
- DHS Security Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Director Marcus Coleman

Register in advance for this meeting via [FEMA's Zoom webpage](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

FEMA to Host Nonprofit Security Grant Program Webinar

FEMA, in partnership with DHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and CISA is hosting a series of webinars for the Fiscal Year 2022 Nonprofit Security Grant Program. These webinars are for all nonprofit organizations interested in learning more about the program and its priorities, eligibility and application process. Through a competitive process, the program provides funding support for facility hardening and other security enhancements to nonprofit organizations at high risk of a terrorist attack. The program also promotes emergency preparedness coordination and collaboration between public and private community representatives, as well as state, local, tribal and territorial governments. Each webinar will present the same content, including:

- Physical Safety and Security: Vulnerability Self-Assessment Information and Tools
- Nonprofit Security Grant Program Overview and FY 2021 Program Recap
- Preparation for the FY 2022 Nonprofit Security Grant Program: What Nonprofit Organizations Should Do Now
- Open Forum: Moderated Question and Answer Session

The meetings will be held on February 22, March 4, March 10, March 16, March 25, and April 1. You can register for the webinar that best fits your schedule [here](#).

FEMA Hosts IPAWS Webinar

FEMA is hosting a webinar to highlight Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) use, trends in IPAWS adoption and major developments with the IPAWS program during 2021. The webinar will be held at 1 p.m. ET on March 9, 2022. FEMA will share statistics from the past year and discuss some new resources available to IPAWS users. This 30-minute discussion will be led by FEMA's IPAWS Stakeholder Engagement team and will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

To join the webinar, visit [FEMA's WebEx webpage](#). For questions, contact FEMA at fema-ipaws-stakeholder-engagement@fema.dhs.gov.

CISA Releases Updated K-12 School Security Guide And Assessment Tool

On Wednesday, CISA released their third issue on the K-12 School Security Guide and Assessment Tool, which include new products to support K-12 schools and communities in their efforts to strengthen security and protect against a range of targeted violence and other threats. The third edition of the K-12 School Security Guide is designed to help local schools and school districts adopt a systems-based approach to physical security planning and implementation. It demonstrates how taking a systems-based approach to layered physical security can help schools create safe and secure learning environments without burdening staff members or expecting them to become security experts. The guide specifically focuses on the most common incidents of crime and violence that K-12 schools in the United States face today.

To access the K-12 School Security Guide and SSAT, visit <https://www.cisa.gov/k-12-school-security-guide>.

GAO Find Congressional Action Needed to Ensure Network Continuity

On Tuesday, GAO released a report outlining authorities that FirstNet currently has and what actions Congress will need to take in order to maintain those operations should the program sunset. The statute creating FirstNet included provisions for its authority to terminate in 2027 and for GAO to report on what actions Congress should consider regarding this sunset. This report examines: (1) FirstNet's statutory requirements and contract responsibilities that Congress should consider before FirstNet's authority sunsets in 2027 and (2) options to oversee and manage the network when FirstNet's authority sunsets and the associated operational implications and potential costs. The report concludes with GAO recommending Congress should consider reauthorizing FirstNet and ensure that key statutory and contract responsibilities are addressed before the 2027 sunset.

For more information, the full report can be found [here](#) and a highlights page [here](#).

Other News from DC and Around the Country:

The New York Times: [Climate Scientists Warn of a 'Global Wildfire Crisis'](#)
The Hill (Opinion): [How Can States Build Resilience To Sea Level Rise? Look To Louisiana](#)

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