



Upcoming Events this Month

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2023 Volunteer Appreciation Day

On behalf of the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism and their partners the Maryland State Fair, we are pleased to share that 2023 Volunteer Appreciation Day is happening on **Sunday, August 27, 2023!**

Every year, Maryland volunteers are recognized with discounted admission, ride, and food tickets. Volunteer tickets will be available for sale between the hours of 10am to 4pm, and are good for use until 5pm.

If you are a volunteer coordinator or work with volunteers at your organization, you can complete [this registration form](#). After completing the form, you will be given a password-protected web link to share with volunteers directly.

Please note: Volunteers will need to print the ticket and bring it with them to the fair, along with \$1 for admission. Discounted food and ride information is included on the ticket and can be purchased at the fair once admitted.

We are immensely grateful for the time, effort, and passion you have poured into our State throughout the year. Your commitment has been nothing short of inspiring, and it has made a profound impact on the lives of those we serve. Thank you for being part of the NPEP Community and being the heart and soul of our volunteer community. We'll see YOU at the fair !

The National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB)

The National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB) is a federal advisory committee that provides advice and guidance to assistant secretaries for preparedness and response within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and to the HHS secretary on preventing, preparing for, and responding to adverse health effects of emergencies, and it wants your feedback!

The NBSB is asking organizations, like yours, to provide comments about things like dangerous chemicals, germs, radiation, and other types of biological threats. They are especially interested in hearing from people who work in schools, professional groups, groups that support causes, or government representatives from different areas in the U.S.

Share your insights at the [Public Meeting on August 28, 2023](#) from 1-3 ET. You can [register here](#) to save your spot!

Traveling This Summer? Be Aware of the Signs of Human Trafficking

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Human trafficking can happen anywhere, but transportation hubs such as airports, bus stations, truck stops, and travel centers are particularly vulnerable. Though the crime doesn't always require a border crossing or act of movement, traffickers often take advantage of America's transportation infrastructure to exploit their victims and hide them in plain sight. Members of the traveling public are in a unique position to recognize and report potential human trafficking situations. If you plan on traveling this summer, be sure to check out the resources offered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Blue Campaign. Your awareness *could* save a life.

[Indicators of Human Trafficking](#)

[Human Trafficking Myths and Misconceptions](#)

[Human Trafficking Truck Stop Animated Video](#)

["Changes" Interactive Course](#)

Responding to the End of Title 42

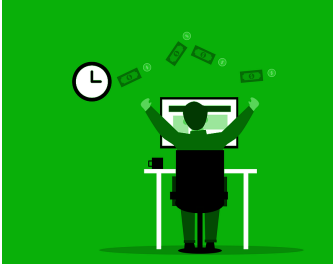
May 11 was the final day for the Trump and Biden administrations' "Title 42" policy, which overturned the basic right to seek asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border for 38 months. Now, the U.S. government is reverting to immigration law, Title 8. Since December, Abbott's office said Texas had transported over 15,000 people to Washington, New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia. There is anticipation of a new wave of migration at the border, with headlines proclaiming that officials are "bracing for an influx."

In Maryland, we have not witnessed this influx but there is an increased possibility of asylum seekers coming to Maryland seeking shelter and additional services. Please email us at npep.mdem@maryland.gov if your organization is on the receiving end of this possible influx, or have additional information about migrants coming to Maryland.

Maryland Cannabis Reform

Effective July 1, 2023, the Maryland General Assembly enacted [HB 556](#) and [SB 516](#) which established a regulatory framework for individuals 21+ years old to purchase and possess regulated cannabis and cannabis products in Maryland (*Use this [resource](#) to learn more about the newly passed law*). The Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA), formerly the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC), has been providing this important information to law enforcement for situational awareness and planning purposes. The MCA has notified law enforcement in anticipation of large volumes of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in and around cannabis dispensaries throughout the State. Law enforcement is on alert for these potential issues and will plan accordingly. The MCA has personnel deployed throughout the State conducting random regulatory compliance checks at dispensaries throughout the first week of adult-use sales; however, dispensary licensees are advised to contact law enforcement with concerns relating to vehicular or pedestrian traffic, disorderly individuals, and any other concern outside of MCA's regulatory authority. Additional information can be obtained from the MCA

webpage located at <https://mmcc.maryland.gov/Pages/home.aspx>. Any specific questions can be directed to: enforcement.mmcc@maryland.gov



Funding Opportunities

The Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP)

This program provides funding for direct loans and grants to fund projects that improve energy or water efficiency, enhance indoor air quality or sustainability, implement the use of zero-emission electricity generation, low-emission building materials or processes, energy storage, or building electrification strategies, or address climate resilience, of eligible HUD-assisted multifamily properties.

The Elements NOFO provides funding for owners to include proven and meaningful climate resilience and utility efficiency measures in projects that are already in the process of a recapitalization transaction.

- Examples of eligible Elements investments include, but are not limited to, installation of electric HVAC heat pumps, Energy Star windows, fire resistant roofs and clean energy generation systems. HUD expects to make approximately 200 awards with \$140 million in funding

The Leading Edge NOFO offers funding to building owners who want to quickly achieve ambitious goals for reducing carbon emissions, using renewable energy, and making their buildings more resilient to climate change. *They don't need much help from HUD (a government agency) for technical assistance.*

The Comprehensive NOFO provides funding to start renovation projects from the beginning, focusing on energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, creating green and healthy housing, using renewable energy, and making the buildings more resilient to climate impacts. *These awards are for a wide range of properties, including those without existing renovation plans.*

Check out the [Fact sheet](#) for additional information and check out the [NOFO](#) to learn more about the grant or loan opportunity

The Homelessness Solutions Program (HSP)

The Homelessness Solutions Program (HSP) is a Maryland program that helps address homelessness. It provides funding and support to organizations called Continuums of Care (CoCs) and Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs), which coordinate resources and funding for service providers across the state.

The program has a Policy Guide that gives directions to organizations that receive funding (grantees) on what they can do with the money. It also provides a Quick Reference Guide that shows the activities they can use the money for. The program

also has a checklist to make sure organizations are spending the money properly and providing the right documentation.

Lead agencies of the 16 CoCs and LHCs can apply for HSP funding on behalf of homeless service providers in their community. The funding can be used for various services and activities to help the homeless, like street outreach, emergency shelter, helping people find housing quickly (rapid rehousing), preventing homelessness, case management, and administrative costs.

If your organization is interested in learning more about this funding opportunity, [click this link](#) for additional details.



Webinars, Trainings, & In- Person Events

CISA Incident Response Training

This free training series includes 100-level webinars for a general audience which are cybersecurity topic overviews that provide core guidance and best practices to make your network more resilient to attacks. It also includes 200-level Cyber Range Training courses for government employees and contractors across federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial government, educational partners, and critical infrastructure partners. These Cyber Range Trainings provide guided step-action labs to learn and practice

investigation, remediation, and incident response skills.

IR Training Events through September 2023				
Date	Course Code	Registration Begins	Course	Hours
08/17/2023	IR106	07/27/2023	Preventing DNS Infrastructure Tampering	1
08/22/2023	IR109	08/01/2023	Defending Against Ransomware Attacks	1
08/24/2023	IR104	07/24/2023	Defending Internet Accessible Systems	1
09/06/2023	IR105	08/07/2023	Preventing Web and Email Server Attacks	1
09/12/2023	IR209	08/14/2023	Defending Against Ransomware Attacks	4
09/21/2023	IR206	08/21/2023	Preventing DNS Infrastructure Tampering	4

To learn more or register visit: [Incident Response Training | CISA](#)

Local Donations and Volunteer Management Training

We cordially invite you and your nonprofit organization to join us for an exclusive Donations & Volunteer Management Training Course designed to reinforce planning

considerations and operational requirements for an effective donations management system at the local level. A special emphasis is put on the importance of collaborative partnerships between local government, voluntary agencies, and community organizations as the key to success in volunteer and donations management.

During this course you will...

- **Discover the Secrets of Success:** Identify key organizations and individuals who have a role in managing unaffiliated volunteers, unsolicited goods, and undesignated cash donations in disasters
- **Learn from the best in the field:** Unlock the hidden gems of successful donations and volunteer management strategies and Identify how to effectively manage the surge of unsolicited goods
- **Ignite Creativity & Innovation:** Fuel your nonprofit with fresh ideas and creative approaches to receiving in- time donations and listing the planning considerations for cash donations
- **Forge Powerful Connections:** Network with like-minded nonprofit leaders, state and federal partners, and industry experts. Build a supportive community that fosters collaboration, growth, and lifelong partnerships
- **Maximize Your Impact:** Facilitate the matching of unaffiliated volunteers with appropriate organizations or agencies during program implementation and get all the information on the best donation management practices to help your community faster!

Space is limited. Please email npep.mdem@maryland.gov to secure your spot today.

Course Dates: September 26th & 27th, 2023

Time: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Location: Carroll County Public Safety Training Center

📞 Questions? Contact: npep.mdem@maryland.gov

Lifelines, Logistics, and Supply Chain Awareness program

Free through September 2023

Are you interested in learning about supply chain resilience? If so, please consider enrolling in the 2023 [Lifelines, Logistics, and Supply Chain Awareness](#) program.

This course will discuss causes behind the loss of core services within our community at times when we are most vulnerable, and how to source the necessary talent and resources to restore services and alleviate suffering right within your community during critical times.

The Workshops are now available in Virtual format! This means you can complete the entire program (Intro + Workshop) from the convenience of your own location.

- a. Register for Virtual Workshop, whose schedule is found here: www.frederick.edu/communitylifelines
 - i. Note that completion of the prerequisite intro course, AWR392, is a requirement, so be sure to register and complete it prior to taking this course (*we can help navigate if you encounter issues*).
- b. If you prefer an in-person Workshop, email npep.mdem@maryland.gov for information on select locations & dates where they are being held in the US this year.

E0490 Voluntary Agency Coordination in Disasters

The purpose of this course is to prepare students to coordinate community and voluntary disaster resources, develop and maintain partnerships, establish and maintain communications with partners, the public, and the media, and share information and resources to maximize services to disaster survivors.

Course Dates:

December 4–7, 2023

June 24–27, 2024

Read more about this Training Opportunity [HERE](#).



Partnership and Program Opportunities

If your organization would like to promote its work, post partnership opportunities or, invite NPEP members to your nonprofit event, please email npep.mdem@maryland.gov to have your ad included in this section!

Want to join a NEW response team ?

We believe that the expertise and resources of our NPEP Community Partners could

make a significant impact during times of a state emergency and many NPEP Community Partners have reached out to our programs hoping to lend a helping hand during serious emergency events. Therefore, our team is considering something NEW to help build new support teams during times of disaster! Please email npep.mdem@maryland.gov if your esteemed organization is interested in being part of a response team that is *willing* to provide organizational resources and/or expertise to the State of Maryland in response to an ongoing disaster (*if/when needed*).

We greatly appreciate your organization's NPEP membership and are interested in collaborating in the future. We look forward to the feedback.

Could your project use AmeriCorps NCCC's help?

Do you have a future project that will require more volunteers than you can source? If yes, AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a federal, no funds match, national service program that deploys teams of 8 to 10 people aged 18-26 years old across the United States for short-term and high-impact service projects that are critical to the community. NCCC is looking for nonprofits, faith based organizations, government entities, public schools and Native American Tribal Councils interested in hosting a team between August 2023 through May 2024. To learn more, please contact Victoria Lanier at vlanier@cns.gov and 202-355-2014.

Carroll County COAD

Is your organization located in Carroll County and interested in being more engaged during community response efforts? If YES, join the Carroll County COAD!

A COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) is a local group of community organizations that coordinates emergency human services, while working in concert with partner agencies, including the local emergency management agency and social service agencies, during all stages of a disaster.

Currently, Carroll COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) is looking for organizations in or around Carroll County, MD who wish to respond to localized disasters. These can be religious, governmental, nongovernmental, or corporate entities. Your organization does not need to be first responders but willing to serve your community. Interested parties may contact Myron Horn at 410-549-0558 or pmpjhorn@gmail.com for additional information.



Donation Opportunities

If your organization is supporting an event in your community and would like to share a donation opportunity please email npep.mdem@maryland.gov.

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)

Our partners at Maryland VOAD respond to disaster events that take place in the State of Maryland and respond to unmet needs that have been reported during the emergency, relief, and long term recovery stages. Over the past months, MDVOAD has responded to, and now completed, support for the COVID-19 response, vaccination centers, and the welcoming of Afghan guests. They are currently engaged in support of the Eastern Shore Long Term Recovery Committee's long term recovery response in Somerset and Dorchester Counties following the severe Tidal Flooding Event of October 29, 2021. If you know of any person or group who would like to donate to MDVOAD, please refer them to their [website](#) to submit an in-kind or monetary donation. Please contact the Maryland VOAD Treasurer at treasurer@marylandvoad.org to submit a donation via check.



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