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## Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division

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### **Michigan's Professional Emergency Manager (PEM) Program Modification Update**

On November 29, 2012, the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) outlined upcoming modifications to the Michigan PEM program in [Information Bulletin 12-01](#). The process for revising the PEM program is ongoing and evolving to better meet the needs of Michigan's emergency management professionals.

After carefully considering the proposed changes and collaborating with emergency management partners, the MSP/EMHSD has determined that certification by the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) **WILL NOT BE** a requirement in the state of Michigan to achieve the PEM designation. However, any professional achieving the Michigan PEM designation will fulfill many of the requirements for IAEM certification. The MSP/EMHSD recommends and encourages further credentials and education in the ever-changing field of emergency management.

#### **Michigan Core Emergency Management Knowledge Requirements (MI-CEMKR)**

The MI-CEMKR will be a set of mandatory modules needed for achieving the Michigan PEM designation, including coursework on Public Act 390 of 1976, the Michigan Emergency Management Plan, Michigan Hazard Analysis, and other Michigan emergency management essentials.

The MSP/EMHSD is currently developing the MI-CEMKR course and anticipates a pilot will be ready in September 2013. An announcement will be made when registration is available.

In accordance with Michigan Public Act 390 of 1976, as amended, the MSP/EMHSD is required to provide for the professionalization of emergency managers in Michigan by means of training. Accordingly, the PEM program will transition to focus on Michigan-specific information needed by emergency management personnel.

#### **Program Detail Release**

Details about the new Michigan PEM program and course schedules for fiscal year 2014 will be released by August 2013. In the meantime, continue to check [MI-TRAIN](#) for available courses. The best place to begin training is with FEMA's Emergency Management Institute, Independent Study Program. The [seven Professional Development Series \(PDS\) courses](#) will be required training for the PEM program.

#### **Further Information**

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