

FINAL RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Action Plan Team: Advocacy, Partnerships and Marketing

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The USFA has not aggressively pursued opportunities for partnership in data collection, curriculum development and delivery, technology applications, public safety education, and research and development.

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Summary: Expand pursuit of joint planning and ventures with EMI in areas such as IEMC, ICS, hazmat, terrorism, and simulation so as to expand learning opportunities, maintain consistency of programs, and reduce duplication of efforts. P43

Recommendations: A. Continue to discuss opportunities and plans with EMI staff to coordinate joint training activities.
B. Increase the number of training exercises and expand programs for those who may be unable to attend resident training exercises.

Background: Over a period of time, the NFA and EMI training organizations have conducted simulation training exercises as a joint effort. These courses include incidents of hazmat, terrorism, large disaster scenarios, etc. The ICS is the operational mode for all incidents simulated. This type of joint training has been limited due to the significantly high costs to conduct training exercises of this magnitude. Knowing how valuable this type of training exercise is for NFA and EMI students, both organizations have conducted exercises with limited financial and human resources.

Timeframe: Ongoing

Conclusion: Financial and human resources have been limited to support these training programs. To date, the classrooms used for these joint exercises have become too small and unfeasible to conduct more effective simulated exercises of the magnitude requested. With the plans to renovate an existing building on site to rectify the space requirements for joint training

exercises, the NFA and EMI staff are currently discussing and reviewing the renovation requirements for the new training area.

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