



Due to COVID-19, EMAP has transitioned the *EMAP US&R Standard 2-2019* to a virtual environment. The Virtual *EMAP US&R Standard 2-2019* Cohort Training is four (4) weeks in length, requiring the participation of attendees in one (1) afternoon session and small group work weekly. The Virtual *EMAP US&R Standard 2-2019* Cohort Training will occur on January 7, 21, 28, and February 4, 2021 from 12-5pm EST.

The Virtual *EMAP US&R Standard 2-2019* Cohort Training provides US&R Task Force personnel with valuable information regarding the *EMAP US&R Standard 2-2019* and its application. EMAP will be integrating participant documentation into the curriculum. Participants' documentation will be examined and assessed by participants during the training using the *EMAP US&R Standard 2-2019*. At the end of the training, participants will have a clear understanding of the compliance and/or non-compliance found within their submitted documentation as well as examples of compliance from other submitted plans and manuals. Documentation must be submitted to Ms. Lindsey Shafer, the EMAP Training Coordinator, at lshafer@emap.org by December 11th in order for it to be incorporated into the training curriculum.

At the end of the course, participants may choose to be certified as Assessment Managers and/or Assessors. Serving as an EMAP Assessment Manager and/or an EMAP Assessor is an excellent way to serve the public and enhance the national capabilities of US&R Task Forces. The primary purpose of this Virtual *EMAP National US&R Standard 2-2019* Cohort Training is to provide the necessary information, tools, and resources for personnel wishing to become an EMAP expert—whether to assist their US&R Task Force in achieving the EMAP Certification and/or becoming a member of the EMAP Assessor Cadre.

Specifically, participants will be oriented to the following key topics:

- Obtain a basic understanding of EMAP, including the steps involved in the EMAP Certification Process.
- Examine the *EMAP US&R Standard 2-2019* and explore the need and application of the standards.
- Understand the responsibilities, expectations, and tools for assessment managers and assessors.
- Provide a brief tutorial on how to use the online EMAP Program Assessment Tool.

This Virtual *EMAP US&R Standard 2-2019* Cohort Training will be instructor lead, focused on the current *EMAP US&R Standard 2-2019*. The training will encourage open participation and discussion regarding the standards and their application.

Assessment Manager Benefits

The Virtual *EMAP US&R Standard 2-2019* Cohort Training will provide assessment managers with a variety of tools that could be used to prepare a US&R Task Force for the EMAP Certification. These tools include standard specific materials and guides, standard breakout sessions, and networking opportunities with other assessment managers.

Assessor Benefits

The Virtual *EMAP US&R Standard 2-2019* Cohort Training will provide assessors with an opportunity to learn about the EMAP Certification Process, understand assessor roles, responsibilities, and expectations, examine documentation for compliance, and practice writing findings. Those attending this training may be eligible to participate on assessor teams for federal and state US&R Task Force assessments. EMAP seeks to develop a cadre of highly qualified US&R professionals to handle this function on a rotating basis. Please note that this is the first step to become a member of the Assessor Cadre.

Assessors must have the following qualifications, at a minimum:

- Five years of US&R experience.
- Experience in at least one actual emergency in which the US&R Resource was deployed.
- Participated in at least one emergency operation, training or exercise event in the last calendar year.
- Be knowledgeable and up-to-date about US&R principles and practice.
- Must abide by the EMAP Code of Conduct.
- Must be available for at least one assessment each year.
- Provide two references from US&R professionals that address the applicant's area of expertise.
- Have no conflict of interest as regards to any aspect of EMAP that might prevent objective review and assessment of a candidate resource.
- Must be able and willing to serve as a neutral observer.

For more information about the course, please contact Ms. Lindsey Shafer, the EMAP Training Coordinator, at lshafer@emap.org.

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