

Notice of FEMA SID Beta Release

At 2:00 p.m. CDT September 4, 2012, the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) will disable the [CDP Training Administration System \(CTAS\)](#) for scheduled maintenance, to implement modifications in support of the beta release of FEMA's Student Identification (SID) number system, for approximately 12-24 hours. During this time, users will not be able to access CTAS to obtain a SID number or retrieve travel documents, so please plan accordingly.

The FEMA SID system is a web-based application being developed and implemented to support FEMA's effort to eliminate the unnecessary use of a Social Security Number (SSN) for identifying and tracking individuals applying for, enrolling in, and participating in FEMA-sponsored training. The system is designed to generate and assign a unique FEMA SID number to anyone who needs or is required to take training offered or sponsored by FEMA. Your assigned FEMA SID number will uniquely identify you throughout the FEMA training enterprise — including its agencies and training partners.

Beginning Wednesday, September 5, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. CDT, the beta version of the FEMA SID system will be available via the internet at <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>. Release of a beta version indicates the system is ready for use, but may contain minor glitches and errors that need resolution. The beta release will be used by the CDP, Emergency Management Institute (EMI), and National Fire Academy (NFA) through the end of September. This means all CDP, EMI, and NFA students will be required to obtain and use a FEMA SID number for enrollment purposes, beginning 2:00 p.m. CDT September 5, 2012. All accounts and information created during the beta period will be permanent and used for future live/production use when FEMA SID is publicly and fully released. If you already have a CDP SID number it will become your FEMA SID number by adding one additional leading "0" to the beginning of your CDP SID number (i.e., CDP SID = 000001234; FEMA SID = 0000001234). Even if you already have a CDP SID number, you will be prompted to access the FEMA SID system to obtain your login information and update your account information.

The FEMA SID system is projected to be operational on Monday, October 1, 2012. Additional information related to the FEMA SID project will be made available in the near future.

Help Desk support will be available for both the FEMA SID system (FEMASIDHELP@cdpemail.dhs.gov or 866-291-0696) and CTAS (support@cdpemail.dhs.gov or 866-213-9699) during normal business weekdays, Monday – Friday, 7:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT.