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**COMMUNITY FORUM IN CHEMISTRY AT WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

*Nuclear Threat Preparedness*  
**with Vern Miyagi, HI-EMA**

**Tuesday, October 31, 2017, 2:00–4:00 p.m. at Hale Kuhina 115**

KANE'OHE– **Vern Miyagi**, Administrator for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA), will discuss what HI-EMA is doing to prepare our state from nuclear threat and steps it is taking to educate the public and our community. The Community Forum in Chemistry at Windward Community College will take place on Tuesday, October 31 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Hale Kuhina 115. The forum is free and open to the public. Parking is free.

**Vern T. Miyagi** has more than 40 years of service and has experience in domestic and international humanitarian assistance and disaster response (HADR) operations and exercises as a U.S. Army Major General and executive officer of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. During the 1992 Hurricane Iniki operation, Miyagi served as the operations officer for the deployed Hawai'i National Guard joint task force on the island of Kauai. At PACOM, he participated in a variety of disaster relief operations and exercises, including the 2004 Asian Tsunami, UN Peacekeeping/HADR exercises in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines and Mongolia, and trilateral disaster exercises involving the U. S., Korea, and Japan. Miyagi has served as the State Coordinating Officer (SCO) for three Presidentially Declared disasters (Tropical Storm Iselle, the Puna Lava Emergency, and the Maui Iao Valley Flood). Miyagi has a bachelor's degree in accounting and an MBA from the University of Hawai'i.

The Community Forum in Chemistry is co-sponsored by Windward Community College and the American Chemical Society-Hawaii Section. For more information, call Letty Colmenares, PhD, Professor of Chemistry at Windward Community College, 236-9120.

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