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News From Down Under

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HazMat and the LEPC

By Mike Shutts, CCEMA

On May 27, 2015, at approximately 11:36 am, an incompatible chemical was mixed with bleach in a 200 gallon container at the Maine Medical Center laundry facility at 53 Scott Drive in Westbrook, Maine. It was noticed immediately, as there was a vapor release and the mixture's temperature began to rise.

The alarm was sounded, and the Westbrook Fire Department was called to the scene. The first responders met with facility representatives to get a situation report. The exothermic reaction from the mixing of incompatible chemicals triggered the call-out for the Presumpscot Valley Hazmat Team (PVHMT). Team members from the Westbrook, Gorham, Scarborough, Windham, Standish and Gray fire departments responded.

Bruce Lewis, Fairchild Semiconductor in South Portland, was called for assistance and was able to provide a specific meter that was needed to safely monitor the hazmat situation.

Vital factors in the successful outcome of this incident were the inclusion of key stakeholders, and the cooperative approach to setting incident objectives.

Alternative approaches to handling the situation were identified and discussed. Important concerns that were respected by all parties were: 1) personnel safety; 2) protecting the environment, and 3) the cost of clean-up. The chosen strategy and tactics were supported by input and information from multiple sources

A post-incident review highlighted the positives:



- The PVHMT equipment was appropriate and helpful. The team's chemical analyzer was used, and a remote camera worked well to provide a picture of the scene to Incident Command.

- The hazmat operations went well. The incident was handled safely and efficiently.

- The Incident Command System (ICS) was used for command and control of the incident.

A Unified Command was established, and comprised of representatives from Westbrook Fire Department, the PVHMT, Maine Medical Center, and Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Incident objectives were determined, and the incident organizational chart was developed to meet the objectives.

Jean Wheat, the Safety and Industrial Hygiene Manager at SAPPI's Cumberland Street, Westbrook facility was called to the scene to be a technical advisor.

- The importance of a good partnership between emergency responders and industry was proven.

- The hazmat team was called early. Chief Turcotte commented: "So often, departments wait, thinking they can mitigate the situation or they want to get more intelligence before calling the team in. ...It takes time to mobilize a response. Best case scenario is the team gets there and it's minor or they get canceled and that's okay."

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Cumberland County EMA Finance

By: Donna Somma, CCEMA Finance Assistant

Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) in addition to the eight full-time EMA staff positions, is comprised of many volunteers and special teams.

In late 2011, a part-time Finance Assistant position was added to CCEMA to oversee the financial support of maintaining the Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT), Cumberland County Animal Response Team (CCART), Medical Reserves Corp (MRC), Cumberland County Amateur Radio Emergency Service and the Mid-Coast Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). The Finance Assistant also oversees the various funding groups and department budgets which are within different fiscal years (state versus county) and conditions.

Working approximately 20-hours per week (some more than others depending on need) the position provides:

- Processing of weekly staff payroll and bi weekly time off reports
- Weekly processing of invoices and purchase orders
- Purchasing supplies for the bunker, meetings, office, equipment, and teams
- Accounting and reconciliations of all fund balances in the various grants and department budgets, which include HazMat Team funds, and Capital Improvement Programs relative to CCEMA
- Overseeing maintenance of equipment
- Resolving fiscal issues, which can include research and processing of journals, as needed
- Quarterly requests to MEMA for CCEMA, LEPC and HazMat Team budgets as well as awarded grants – seeking reimbursement for relative expenditures with appropriate documentation provided.
- Prepare Monthly Financial Reports to each of the Teams and well as CCEMA operations – noting and following up on discrepancies and resolving them
- Verify the department's financial status with the county's overall financial reporting
- Keep track of CCEMA and Team meetings/activities for In-Kind Match submission
- As needed, provide assistance on programs/projects for best practices and outcomes
- Daily/Weekly briefings of finances to Director
- Prepare for submission of grant requests

- Issuance of Grant Award MOU's and letters to Teams, Towns/Municipalities
- Usual daily tasks, phones, radio checks, mail, etc.

Each day may bring new challenges to resolve and learn from with respect to fiscal resources and actions working within two different fiscal years and accounting formats.

This position is very fortunate to have a professional and knowledgeable resource at both the state and county levels to call upon when needed.

I love the work and being challenged!

HazMat and the LEPC

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- Since the incident, MMC has reviewed the process that led to the incident, and implemented changes to prevent a recurrence of a similar accidental mixing of incompatible chemicals.

Perhaps, unnoticed by many was the direct involvement of Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) members in the incident. Jean Wheat and Bruce Lewis, representatives from industry, offered technical expertise and equipment to the emergency responders. Westbrook Fire Chief Andrew Turcotte, the newest member of the LEPC, was the Incident Commander.

Certainly, they were not acting in their capacity as LEPC board members, but as members of a network of people ready to prepare for and respond to hazmat incidents. That network includes stakeholders with an interest in ensuring that our first responders have the equipment and training to safely handle hazmat incidents in our County.

From the US Environmental Protection Agency web site:

www2.epa.gov/epcra/local-emergency-planning-committees

The LEPC membership must include (at a minimum):

- Elected state and local officials
- Police, fire, civil defense, and public health professionals
- Environment, transportation, and hospital officials
- Facility representatives
- Representatives from community groups and the media

Contact me if you are interested in learning more about the Cumberland County LEPC.

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The National Emergency Child Locator Center

Overview

The National Emergency Child Locator Center (NECLC) is operated by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and activated during Presidentially-declared disasters. Its mission is to assist in reunifying children separated from their parents or legal guardians in the aftermath of a disaster. The Center was established in conjunction with the National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System to reunite adults who may have evacuated and become separated due to a major disaster or emergency.

In the event of a natural disaster, the National Emergency Child Locator Center will:

- establish a toll-free hotline to receive reports of displaced children;
- create a website to provide information about displaced children;
- deploy staff to the location of a declared disaster area to gather information about displaced children;
- provide information to the public about additional resources;
- partner with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies; and
- refer reports of displaced adults to the Attorney General's designated authority and the National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System.

Authority

Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act (PKEMRA), Public Law 109-295, Section 689c

In February 2007, FEMA signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the American Red Cross, the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to enhance information sharing concerning people displaced by disasters.

Eligibility

Parents or legal guardians of minor children who have become separated from their parents or guardians as a result of a Presidentially declared disaster.



Post-Disaster Reunification of
Children: A Nationwide Approach

November 2013



Implementation

During a major event with large numbers of displaced people, the Center will:

- deploy staff to shelters;
- operate a telephone bank and manage calls concerning missing children;
- assist local authorities to reunite children with their parents/caregivers;
- coordinate reunification efforts with local law enforcement/human services; and
- help shelters ensure the safety of dislocated children.

For more information, contact Suzie Cowie, FEMA Recovery Directorate, Individual Assistance Division, Acting Mass Care Section Chief, at Suzann.Cowie@fema.dhs.gov

(Article Source: www.fema.gov/individual-assistance-program-tools)

Training Opportunities

Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) Behavioral Screening Briefing

Date: July 15, 2015, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Location: Portsmouth, NH—Department of Environmental Services—Pease International Tradeport

Contact: Andrew C. Germann, Port Security Specialist
Sector Northern New England Coast Guard
andrew.c.germann@uscg.mil (207) 741-5489

University of Maine Cyber Security Training

Date: July 22, 2015, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (Class Full)

Location: Portland, Maine—University of Southern Maine

Contact: Andrew C. Germann, Port Security Specialist
Sector Northern New England Coast Guard
andrew.c.germann@uscg.mil (207) 741-5489

Disaster Response Interpreter (DRI) Training

Date: July 31, 2015, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Location: Augusta, ME—MEMA Classroom

Contact: Richard Higgins, MEMA (207) 624-4425
Richard.higgins@maine.gov

Introduction to Ionizing Radiation

Date: August 6, 2015, 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Location: South Portland, Maine—SNNE Coast Guard

Contact: Andrew C. Germann, Port Security Specialist
Sector Northern New England Coast Guard
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8th Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference

Date: April 19-20, 2016

Location: Augusta, ME—Augusta Civic Center

FEMA 119-25-1 Training Form available at:
www.maine.gov/mema/training

Volunteer Recruitment Program to Target Shortages

Volunteer fire departments account for 69 percent of the nation's fire departments. The number of volunteer firefighters has been dropping slowly but steadily since 1984 while the call volume increases. The average age of volunteers is increasing, and departments are finding it difficult to recruit those ages 18-34 (the "millennials"). Being short staffed spreads volunteers too thin, a very dangerous problem.

To help address the problem, the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) launched the "[Make Me a Firefighter](#)" recruitment campaign. The project is rolling out in parts. Right now, departments can sign up through the "Department Portal" to join the campaign and post volunteer opportunities. People will be able to search those listings on the public-facing site when it is made available in August. Department Portal at: portal.nvfc.org

Throughout the summer and fall, the NVFC plans to release recruitment ads and materials for departments to "customize and localize" with the online materials generator. There will be tools to assist departments wanting to reach target audiences, and training on successful recruitment program development. Research by the NVFC shows "millennials," racial minorities, and women are audiences that have a strong interest in volunteering. The project materials help target these groups.



The NVFC's short video describes how the program works, shows samples of the marketing materials, and provides examples of how other departments are addressing this problem. (Source: [NVFC](#), www.nvfc.org)

Operational Lessons Learned in Disaster Response

Unless lessons learned cause a change in a department's behaviors or procedures, they are not really lessons learned. Identifying lessons learned after an event should be seen as more than the final step in the review of that event. Perhaps it should be seen as the first step in making a change to address a problem or shortfall.

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) recently completed and published "[Operational Lessons Learned in Disaster Response](#)" a review of fire department after action reports from major weather-related disasters that "required responding firefighters to assume duties for which they were unprepared or for situations they never anticipated."

The report "Operational Lessons Learned in Disaster Response" is available for download at:

www.usfa.fema.gov/operations/ops_emergencies.html

Fire departments that have never been through a large-scale local or regional disaster should note their part in it doesn't end with the response to a disaster, but lasts through the recovery process as well. The report identified three tasks all urban and rural fire departments were faced with and a fourth that rural departments alone faced:

- Opening roadway access;
- Search, rescue, treatment, and transport of people;
- Self-protection and survival; and
- Providing food, water, housing, and sanitary needs for the community.

The review discusses the need to redirect toward a more all-hazards fire service, and provides real-life examples of what that might look like to unprepared departments (i.e., fire stations becoming ad hoc shelters). Doing so will require training, evaluating staffing requirements, understanding large event incident command, and more, also discussed in USFA's review. (Source: [USFA](#))

Maine Prepares FAQ

Question:

Are there any signs that a lightning strike is imminent?

Sometimes, but not always. In either case, there is little, if any, time to take action to protect yourself. Some of the signs include:

1. Your hair stands on end (as charges from the ground surge to the top of your head)
2. You hear a distinctive snapping or crackling sound (small discharges of static electricity may occur in an area where lightning is about to strike)
3. You experience a tingling sensation (electrical charges may be moving through your body)
4. There is a sudden increase in the static on portable electronic devices (electrical charges may be moving through the devices, and
5. An abnormal burning smell in the air (static discharges within the air give off an unusual odor)

If you see any of these signs, lightning is about to strike you or somewhere very near you. It is extremely important that you plan ahead to avoid this situation. You could be killed at any instant.



Maine Prepares
www.maine.gov/mema/prepare

CodeRED

What is CodeRED?

The Public Safety Agencies of Cumberland County are using CodeRED, a high-speed mass notification system to keep you safe in the event of an emergency. The system allows us to deliver emergency messages to you via phone call to your landline or mobile device and through text and email. You will know you have received a CodeRED alert when the number 866-419-5000 (Emergency Notification) or 855-969-4636 (General Notification) appears on your caller ID. If you missed any messages details, you can dial the toll-free number back, as many times as needed.

CodeRED Quick Facts

- The system is geographically based, altering only residents in the affected area.
- Citizens may select how they would like to receive alerts: phone call, text, and/or email.
- Emergency alerts are issued by Cumberland County and other authorized Emergency Alerting Authorities
- Registering for CodeRED is free and simple
- There is an app called CodeRED Mobile Alert that you can download onto your smartphone for free from iTunes or Google Play.

Sign-up for CodeRED

Did you know that it's free to sign up for CodeRED? The secure sign up page will allow you to enter your home and/or business address to ensure it will be included when a message is sent.

Follow these simple steps to register for CodeRED:

- Visit
- www.cumberlandcounty.org, or www.cumberlandcounty.org/130/Regional-Communications-Center
- Click the CodeRED icon located near the bottom of the page



If you do not have internet access, you can sign up for CodeRED by contacting the Cumberland County Regional Communications Center at:

22 High Street
Suite 2
Windham, Maine 04062
(207) 893-2810

Examples of CodeRED Messages



SEVERE WEATHER



FIRES



CRIMINAL ACTIVITY



EVACUATIONS



ROAD CLOSURES



MISSING PERSON CASES

CodeRed may be used for emergency situations and to keep you informed of important notifications. These are just a few examples of why we may use CodeRed.

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Cumberland County, Maine



For more information
Call (207) 893-2810 or Email
holmes@cumberlandcounty.org

FEMA Reminds Residents to be Ready for the 2015 Hurricane Season

Release: June 1, 2015

WASHINGTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) urges residents across the nation to prepare for the 2015 Atlantic Hurricane season, which begins today and runs through November 30.

Hurricanes and tropical systems can cause serious damage on both coastal and inland areas. Their hazards can come in many forms including: storm surge, heavy rainfall, inland flooding, high winds, and tornadoes. To prepare for these powerful storms, FEMA is encouraging families, businesses, and individuals to be aware of their risks; know your sources of reliable information; prepare your home and workplace; and be familiar with evacuation routes.

“One hurricane hitting where you live is enough to significantly disrupt your life and make for a very bad hurricane season,” said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. “Every person has a role to play in being prepared – you should know if you live or work in an evacuation zone and take time now to learn that route so you’re prepared to protect yourself and your family from disaster.”

This year, FEMA is placing an emphasis on preparing communities to understand the importance of evacuations, which are more common than many people realize. When community evacuations become necessary, local officials provide information to the public through the media. In some circumstances, other warning methods, such as, text alerts, emails, or telephone calls are used. Information on evacuation routes and places to stay is available at www.ready.gov/evacuating-yourself-and-your-family.

Additionally, knowing and practicing what to do in an emergency, in advance of the event, can make a difference in the ability to take immediate and informed action, and enable you to recover more quickly. To help communities prepare and enhance preparedness efforts nationwide, FEMA is offering two new products.

- FEMA launched a new feature to its App, available for free in the App Store for Apple devices and Google Play for Android devices. The new feature enables users to receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations anywhere in the United States, including U.S. territories, even if the mobile device is not located in the weather alert area. The app also provides information on what to do before, during, and after a disaster in both English and Spanish.

- The Ready campaign and America’s PrepareAthon! developed a social media toolkit that you can download and share with others at www.ready.gov/ready2015. The kit contains information on actions communities can take to practice getting ready for disasters.

While much attention is often given to the Atlantic Hurricane Season, there are tropical systems that can affect other U.S. interests as well. The Eastern Pacific Hurricane Season runs from May 15 through November 30. The Central Pacific Hurricane Season runs from May 15 to November 30. To learn more about each hurricane season and the geographical areas they may affect, visit www.noaa.gov.

Additional tips and resources:

- Learn how to prepare for hurricane season at www.ready.gov/hurricanes
- Talk with your family today about how you will communicate with each other during a significant weather event when you may not be together or during an evacuation order. Download the family communications at www.ready.gov/family-communications.
- For information on how to create an emergency supply kit, visit www.ready.gov/build-a-kit
- Consider how you will care for pets during an evacuation by visiting www.ready.gov/caring-animals
- Use the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK) to identify your important documents, medical records, and household contracts. When completing the kit, be sure to include pictures or a video of your home and your belongings and keep all of your documents in a safe space. The EFFAK is a joint publication from Operation Hope and FEMA. Download a copy at www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness.
- If you own or manage a business, visit www.ready.gov/business for specific resources on response and continuity planning.
- The National Weather Service proactively sends free Wireless Emergency Alerts, or WEAs, to most cell phones for hurricanes, tornadoes, flash flooding and other weather-related warnings. State and local public safety officials may also send WEAs for severe or extreme emergency conditions. If you receive a Wireless Emergency Alert on your cell phone, follow the instructions, take protective action and seek additional information from local media. To determine if your wireless device can receive WEA alerts contact your wireless carrier for more information or visit www.ctia.org/WEA

Article Source: www.fema.gov/news-release

Hazard Mitigation Grant Application Period Open Update

MEMA, June 1, 2015

As part of the disaster declaration for the 26–28 January 2015 blizzard, Maine will be receiving mitigation grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for eligible mitigation projects.

Approximately **\$600,000** will be available in hazard mitigation grant program (HMGP) funds for eligible projects that will help the communities avoid future damages from natural disasters.

Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on September 30, 2015. The State Review Council will evaluate applications during October 2015.

Eligibility

Communities seeking HMGP funds must be:

- Participating in a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation plan
- Compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and
- Their project must be cost beneficial using the FEMA software. (That is, the cost of the project must be roughly equal to or less than the historical costs of repairing previous damages at the site.)

Communities must provide a 25% cost-share of the total project costs. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds can be used as cost share. Cost share can also be provided by in-kind resources such as town owned and operated equipment.

Technical assistance is available to help applicants prepare competitive applications. MEMA will be conducting workshops to guide applicants through the process and can also provide one-on-one assistance.

Visit MEMA's Mitigation Grants page for all grant guidance and forms. In particular, please review the YES/NO (HMGP Eligibility Requirements) page to determine if your project meets grant criteria.

Watch the MEMA calendar or contact your County EMA Director for information regarding workshops in your area.

Contact:
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Maine Emergency Management Agency
800-452-8735 / 207-642-4400

Exercise Schedule

Date: July 4, 2015

L. L. Bean 10K Race—Amateur Radio Comms Drill

Location: Freeport, ME

Date: August 1, 2015, 5:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

2015 Beach to Beacon Amateur Radio Medical Communications Exercise

Location: Cape Elizabeth, ME

Contact: Bryce Rumery, K1GAX

(207) 415-0498 k1gax@juno.com

Date: August 10-13, 2015

Portland Police—488th Military Police, Maine Army National Guard

Location: Portland, ME

Contact: Stephen Soucy—MEMA

stephen.soucy@maine.gov

Date: September 12, 2015

Cumberland County Sheltering Functional Exercise

Location: Naples, ME Lake Region High School

Contact: David B. Feeney, CCEMA (207) 892-6785

feeney@cumberlandcounty.org

Date: September 14, 2015

York County Community College Tabletop

Aftermath of Hurricane, focus on vulnerable populations and disaster behavioral health

Date: September 2015

Ocean View Retirement Community—Falmouth Fire Department Tabletop Exercise

Location: Falmouth Fire Department

Contact: Captain David Cuttler, EMA Coordinator

(207) 781-2610 dcuttler@falmouthme.org

Date: October 18, 2015

Lake Region SAD 61, MCI Full-scale Exercise

Location: Naples, ME Lake Region High School

Contact: Todd Perreault, Bridgton EMA

Date: November 7, 2015

Southern Maine COAD—Volunteer Reception Center Functional Exercise

Location: Portland, ME—MMC Training Facility

Contact: Margaret Cushing (207) 892-6785

cushing@cumberlandcounty.org

FEMA Independent Study

On **April 1st, 2015** the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) began to use the FEMA Student Identification (SID) number when submitting your Independent Study (IS) final exam. To obtain your SID go to:

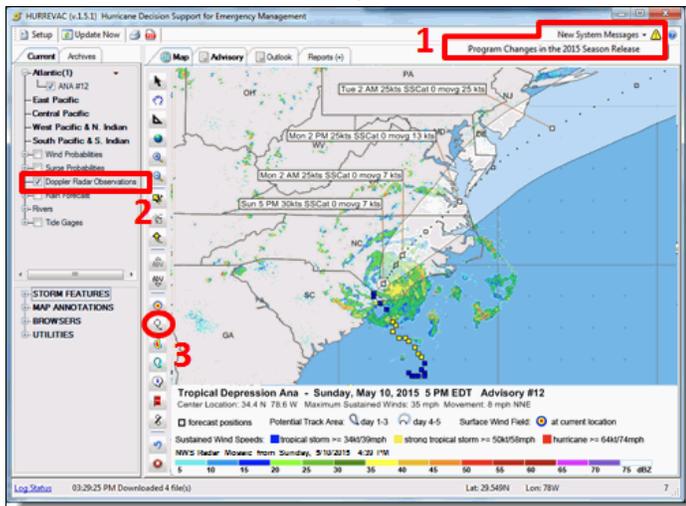
<https://cpd.dhs.gov/femasid>



What's New for the 2015 Season

The 2015 Season Version of HURREVAC is 1.5.1 (as noted in the title bar of the main program window). This release of HURREVAC marks a significant expansion of analysis capabilities for user-defined Points of Interest. Points of Interest were first introduced last year as a basis for reporting on storm surge. Now all of HURREVAC's reports can be either county (polygon) or point-based.

Other notable additions to the program for this year include (1) system messaging, (2) radar imagery, and (3) a new Potential Location tool for estimating wind timing with a measure of forecast uncertainty.



Specific new features and improvements to the program are as follows:

1. **Points of Interest operations have been expanded to all report types** where formerly only county-wide analysis was possible. It's now possible to keep track of and report on many point locations within a single county or across large regions.
2. **System Messaging** capabilities have been added in order to broadcast information from HURREVAC's technical support staff or the National Hurricane Program when special situations arise having to do with operation of the software.
3. **A Weather Radar Layer** is now included on the Current map with live updates every 10 minutes
4. A new **Potential Location Tool** has been added and combined with certain STORM FEATURES within the Toolbox under checkboxes for 'Hourly Forecast' and

5. On the Outlook tab, **Graphical Tropical Weather Outlooks** are now included with the text discussion about each basin.
6. New **Timeline Groups are user-defined collections of timeline action items** that can be activated as needed. Only one timeline group will be in active use at any one time, but individual items can be assigned to any number of groups.
7. Map graphics are much speedier to draw and require significantly less computer memory.

Other changes of note in HURREVAC Version 1.5.1:

1. Tide gages have been added for 20 island locations in Guam, American Samoa, Marshall Islands, Bermuda, US Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.
2. The New York/Northern New Jersey Risk Profile and Metro NYC Facilities Tools have been revised and significantly expanded.
3. The 120-hour error cone for the Atlantic is further narrowed as a result of NHC's improving accuracy in forecasting storm tracks. East/Central Pacific error rates have been combined and reduced as well.
4. A larger font size option has been added to Advisory Label Setup. The storm information box has also been modified to make its details more readable.
5. Right-click map menu options have been expanded and keyboard shortcuts added for frequently used actions such as 'Zoom to Working Storm' - CTRL-Z
6. For hurricane exercises and classroom training purposes, an option for 'Exercise Display Mode' was added following import of a stm plot. This causes the working storm to initially load only the first advisory and hides that Actual Track Ahead of later advisories.
7. Delineations of JTWC | CPHC | NHC Forecast Center Areas of Responsibility have been added to the map.
8. The frequent 'bleep...bleep...bleep' of forecast data download sounds can now be muted from within SET-UP.
9. Modifications were made to HURREVAC's basemaps to improve label placement for Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. <http://www.hurrevac.com/>

If you dial 9-1-1 accidentally

DO NOT HANG UP

Please stay on the line and speak with the emergency communications officer.

WISER For Android

National Library of Medicine at NIH Medical

Description

WISER (Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders) is a mobile application designed to assist first responders in hazardous material incidents. First responders in general, and HAZMAT units in particular, must make many decisions quickly in handling hazardous-materials incidents. They need accurate information about the hazardous substances, the emergency resources available, and the surrounding environmental conditions to save lives and minimize the impact on the environment and physical property. The WISER application extracts content from TOXNET's Hazardous Substances Data Bank (HSDB), an authoritative, peer-reviewed information resource maintained by the National Library of Medicine, and places that information into the hands of those who need it most.

Features of WISER

- Rapid access to the most important information about a hazardous substance by an intelligent synopsis engine and display called "Key Info"
- Intuitive, simple, logical user interface developed by working with experienced first responders
- Comprehensive decision support, including assistance in identification of an unknown chemical or chemical syndrome and guidance on the immediate actions necessary to save lives and protect the environment
- GIS support provides for isolation/protective distance overlays on a map of the incident
- Access to NLM's Hazardous Substances Data Bank (HSDB), which contains detailed peer-reviewed information on hazardous substances
- Interactive chemical reactivity data based on NOAA's CRW 3.0, allowing WISER to predict hazards caused by a user prescribed mix of chemicals.
- User Profiles enable users to specify the role they are currently playing at the scene of an incident: first responder, HAZMAT specialist, EMS specialist, hospital provider, or preparedness planner. The key information presented to the user about a substance varies depending on this role, so that the information most relevant to the respective job can be quickly accessed.
- Radiological and biological substance support.
- ERG 2012 data; the Android version of WISER includes the full ERG 2012 tool.
- Mobile support, providing first responders critical information where they need it, when they need it

TSA Behavioral Screening Briefing

Coast Guard Sector Northern New England's Area Maritime Security Committee, Transportation Security Administration, and New Hampshire Division of Ports and Harbors will be sponsoring a TSA Behavioral Screening Briefing.

Date and Time:

15 July 2015 from 9:00am to 4:00pm

There is no cost for this training.

Training Description: A briefing on basic behavior detection which includes potential surveillance and suicide bomber indicators, basic behavior patterns that may indicate an individual is under stress, fear and/or anxiety that may want to do harm to personnel or structures, and the proper way to react to these situations.

Location:

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Pease International Tradeport
222 International Drive, Suite 175
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Target Audience: Law Enforcement, Passenger Service, Emergency Medical, Fire Departments, and Security Personnel (Please feel free to forward to any identified target audience in your area.)

Registration: E-mail Andrew Germann (Andrew.c.germann@uscg.mil) with the following information:

Name, Organization, and Phone Number..

Seats are limited so this is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Questions: Please call Andrew Germann at [207-741-5489](tel:207-741-5489) or [207-338-4006](tel:207-338-4006).

AMSC Subcommittee co-chairs please forward to your members. CG POC please forward as needed.

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Increased Vigilance for Independence Day Holiday

While enjoying the festivities of the country's most popular and historic national holiday, please be sure to remain aware of and report any suspicious activity. There are no specific, credible threats at this time, but the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and al-Qa'ida both continue to encourage "lone wolf" attacks in the West.

Foreign and domestic extremists have an interest in targeting symbolic holidays or dates and well-attended events, as seen at the Boston Marathon Bombing. Certain activities can be indicators of a future or imminent threat and should be reported:

- False or diversionary emergency calls;
- Stolen explosives, fireworks, chemicals, uniforms, access cards, or keys;
- Someone dressed in clothing not appropriate to the weather;
- Unattended packages, bags, or boxes;
- Extended or repeated surveillance of an area or building;
- Someone asking questions about security, shift changes, or operations.

The Nationwide SAR Initiative (NSI) offers free online Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) training targeting audiences such as Fire/EMS, emergency management, and PSAP/9-1-1 dispatchers. They also provide resources on SAR reporting needs. (Source: Nationwide SAR Initiative)

Facilities and Communications Continuity

The next offering in the Emergency Services Sector-Resilience Development Webinar Series will focus on "Facilities and Communications Continuity." Susan Flint, an intelligence research specialist with the Office of Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis, will discuss how natural hazards can impact the Emergency Services Sector.

The webinar is scheduled for 1-2 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, July 16th. Registration is recommended. For the audio portion, the dial-in number is 800-369-3364; the pin is 6481041. For more information or questions, contact ESSTEAM@hq.dhs.gov.

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis (DHS/OCIA) produces Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience (CISR) Notes in response to changes in the infrastructure protection community's risk environment from terrorist attacks, natural hazards, and other events. (Source: DHS OCIA)

1st Responder Guidance for Active Shooter, IEDs

Active shooter events in recent years and the Boston Bombing in 2013 shed light on changing practices needed to improve the survivability of victims. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Health Affairs has released "The First Responder Guidance for Improving Survivability in Improvised Explosive Device and/or Active Shooter Incidents" to assist with this.

This first responder guidance provides evidence-based response strategies based on best practices and lessons learned from civilian and military improvised explosive device (IED) and/or active shooter incidents. Recommendations include: • Early, aggressive hemorrhage control, to include tourniquet use; • Personal protective equipment (which includes ballistic vests, helmets, and eyewear); • Greater first responder interoperability and incident management. The recommendations presented will help to save lives by mitigating first responder risk and improving the emergent and immediate medical management of casualties encountered during IED and/or active shooter incidents. (Source: DHS Office of Health Affairs)

Meetings

Cumberland County Local EMA Directors Meeting

Date: July 8, 2015, 8:30 a.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine

Cumberland County ARES

Date: July 21, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Bryce Rumery, K1GAX
(207) 415-0498 k1gax@juno.com

Greater Portland Area Traffic Incident Management

Date: August 26, 2015, 9 a.m.
Location: Portland, ME—GPCOG
Contact: Maddy Adams, (207) 774-9891

Maine—New Hampshire Traffic Incident Management

Date: September 11, 2015, 12:00 p.m.
Location: York Village Fire Station
Contact: Tom Reinauer, Transportation Director
Southern Maine PDC and Kittery Area MPO
(207) 324-2952, ext 18, treinauer@smpdc.org

Mid-Coast ARES/CERT

Date: July 23, 2015
Location: Topsham, Maine
Mid-Coast Chapter ARC, Community Way
Contact: John Goran, K1JJS
arsk1jjs@gmail.com (207) 865-0554

Important Links

Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency
Home: www.cumberlandcounty.org/EMA

Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Home: www.cumberlandcounty.org/EMA/lepc.htm

Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)
Home: www.maine.gov/mema

Maine Information and Analysis Center (MIAC)
Phone: (207) 624-7280
Email: miac@nespin.riss.net

Boston FBI
Phone: (617) 742-5533
Home: <http://boston.fbi.gov>



Maine Prepares
Home: www.maine.gov/mema/prepare

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Home: www.fema.gov

Domestic Preparedness Support
U. S. Department of Homeland Security www.dhs.gov

Center Disease Control
Maine CDC: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh>
U. S. CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov>
FLU.gov <http://www.pandemicflu.gov>

Southern Maine Regional Resource Center (SMRRC)
Home: www.smrrc.org

National Weather Service—Gray, Maine
Home Page: www.erh.noaa.gov/gyx

Central Maine Power—Power Outages
www.cmpco.com/outages

Maine ARES <http://www.maineares.org>

2-1-1 Maine www.211maine.org



5-1-1 Maine (Maine DOT Travel Information)
Home: www.511maine.gov

American Red Cross of Southern Maine
Home: www.maineredcross.org

Southern Maine COAD
P.O.Box 7192, Scarborough, ME (207) 228-4777
Home: www.southernmainecoad.org



Volunteer Maine
Home: www.volunteermaine.org

Northern New England Poison Center—Portland, ME
<http://www.nnepc.org> 1-800-222-1222



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