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Public Safety, Emergency Management and allied organizations are invited to submit articles, events, training opportunities and news. David B. Feeney, feeney@cumberlandcounty.org

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Happy New Year

NEWS FROM DOWN UNDER

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Mitigation Planning Aids from FEMA

Three new publications about incorporating flood (and other hazard) mitigation into local planning have been released by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Local Mitigation Planning Handbook (2013. 162 pp.)

The Local Mitigation Planning Handbook is the official guide for localities that are developing, updating, and implementing local mitigation plans to meet requirements set out in 44 CFR 201.6 for FEMA approval and for eligibility for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants. It offers practical approaches, tools, worksheets and examples of how communities can plan to reduce long-term risk from natural hazards. The Handbook complements the 2011 Local Mitigation Plan Review Guide which is the official guide for federal and state officials responsible for reviewing local mitigation plans.

www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=7209

Integrating Hazard Mitigation into Local Planning (2013. 84 pp.)

Integrating Hazard Mitigation into Local Planning highlights case studies and tools to help local officials incorporate risk reduction into existing local plans, policies, codes, and programs that affect community development or redevelopment patterns. Besides recommended procedures and techniques for building risk reduction into ongoing efforts, it gives ideas for overcoming possible impediments, and has several case studies to

illustrate local successes.

www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=7130

Mitigation Ideas: A Resource for Reducing Risk to Natural Hazards (2013. 88 pp.)

Mitigation Ideas offers a range of potential mitigation actions for reducing risk from drought, earthquake, erosion, extreme temperatures, flood, hail, landslide, lightning, sea level risk, wind, winter weather, storm surge, subsidence, tornadoes, tsunamis, and wildfires.

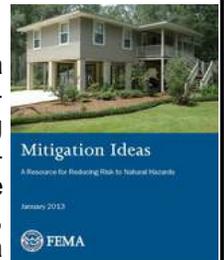
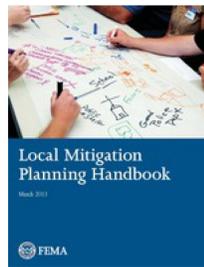
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FCC Works to Ensure 9-1-1 Reliability

As a direct result of the June 2012 derecho that seriously damaged emergency communications in several states, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted new rules to ensure the reliability of 9-1-1 and Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). Specifically, the commission is requiring carriers to adhere to the following best practices:

- Annually audit 9-1-1 circuits for physical diversity, to eliminate single points of failure;
- Maintain central-office backup power;
- Maintain reliable and resilient network-monitoring systems;
- Carriers must notify PSAPs when outages occur.

An FCC report maintains much of the disruption could have been avoided if these measures had already been in place, and that "a purely voluntary approach to 9-1-1 reliability has not been sufficient." (Source: FCC)



Neighborhood Preparedness and Response

Just In Time Disaster Training Video Library

A new subject has been added to the Just In Time Disaster Training Video Library.

Neighborhood Preparedness and Response

Featured videos include:

- Building a Neighborhood Disaster Plan
- How to Help Your Neighborhood Prepare for an Emergency
- Map Your Neighborhood
- Neighborhood Emergency Communications

Now with over 627 disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery training videos the library is the most comprehensive, easy to search, **FREE** internet based source for training curriculum for today's emergency responders.



The library can be accessed at the following web site:

www.JustInTimeDisasterTraining.org

Share access to this unique disaster training resource with others by linking your web site to the library today.

Join the Just In Time Disaster Training Library's Twitter.



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The Disaster Resistant Communities Group was established to provide a host of disaster planning and preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation services to local government agencies and departments as well as community and faith based organizations.

Our Philosophy is to:

- Develop innovative concepts to meet the needs of the emergency management community.
- Enhance a community's ability to plan and prepare for, respond to, recover from and mitigation the effects of future disasters. <http://www.drc-group.com/>

Source: DRC-Group

Winter Storms

Watch, Warning and Advisory Criteria

Types of Message

The National Weather Service issues **WATCHES, WARNINGS, and ADVISORIES** to alert the public to potentially dangerous winter weather events or situations.

- A **WATCH** is issued to alert the public that dangerous winter conditions are possible within the "WATCHED" area, generally within the next 12 to 36 hours.
- A **WARNING** is issued to alert the public that dangerous winter conditions are likely to occur in the "WARNED" area, generally within the next 12 to 36 hours, or are occurring.
- An **ADVISORY** is issued to alert the public that winter conditions are expected to cause a significant inconvenience and may be hazardous.

If caution is exercised, these situations should not be life threatening.

Criteria

The exact criteria used to trigger these watches, warnings, and advisories vary throughout the United States. The following criteria are used in Maine. Criteria are the same across the State except where there is a noted difference between our two forecast areas:

Blizzard Warning

Snow and/or blowing snow will combine with strong winds to produce near-zero visibility. Deep drifts and wind chill may accompany these conditions. The exact criteria used for these warnings include the following conditions which will persist for 3 hours or more.

- Sustained winds or frequent gusts to 35 mph or more, and falling and/or blowing snow which reduces visibility to 1/4 mile or less.

Winter Storm Warning

- In southern and western Maine (Gray forecast area), an average of more than 6 inches of snow/sleet is expected in 12 hours, or 9 inches in 24 hours or
- In northern and downeast Maine (Caribou forecast area), an average of more than 7 inches of snow/sleet is expected in 12 hours or 10 inches in 24 hours

Ice Storm Warning

- Freezing rain is expected to cause a glaze of ice 1/2 inch or thicker

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E-Plan Online Tier 2 Information

Tier II submitters:

The E-Plan online Tier 2 Submit for filing year 2013 will be available for use on December 27, 2013. You will see the new website -- its look, feel and ease of use are considerably improved. While you are creating your report, you may want to check your account information by selecting "Manage Submission" and update it.

Along with the new look, we are excited to offer you a brand new experience with easier navigation and functionality to help you validate and upload your data with simple steps. Some key features include:

1. Faster system performance that can handle up to 1,000+ connections at any given time
2. New navigation menu helps you quickly find the content you want and fix data errors
3. Documents upload is in one place and can be viewed at every document tab
4. The online submission receipt can be sent to the data submitter's email and up to three additional emails
5. E-Plan payment module

UT Dallas will institute an administrative charge which is used to cover the costs of 1) updating and implementing the online Tier 2 submit tool to ensure that it is fully compatible with the EPA's 2013 Tier 2 Submit software and 2) the E-Plan staff's effort to service and support the filers throughout the data submission process.

1. If your facility is located in Florida, Montana, North Carolina, or South Carolina, the E-Plan administrative charge will be waived. These states have covered the cost for all facilities in their state to use E-Plan.
2. For facilities in all other states, an administrative charge of \$25 per facility will be applied before you can upload data into E-Plan and/or export data to a Tier2 zip file. There are two methods of payment: credit card through PayPal and check/money order. Payment must be received by UT Dallas before you are able to upload data to E-Plan and/or export data. *Your check or money order must be postmarked by February 17, 2014.*

We appreciate your patience and look forward to providing the online Tier 2 Submit tool that meets your current and future needs.

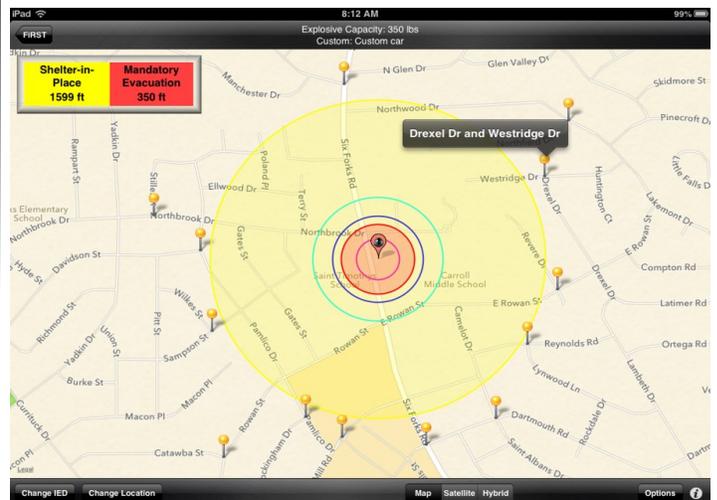
Source: E-Plan: <https://tier2.erplan.net>

FiRST Mobile App Updates

The Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) of the Department of Homeland Security released an updated version of the app FiRST, short for First Responder Support Tools. The updates include information sharing and alerting features.



First responders worked with S&T to develop a data-sharing option, which will allow information to be sent to and integrated with programs such as WebEOC and S&T's Virtual USA. In addition, incident data and photos can now be shared directly with user groups through automatic alerts. This will enhance unified response and ensure information gets to the proper people.



FiRST allows emergency responders to view information like standoff distances for hazmat incidents and a variety of IEDs or mapped shelter-in-place versus evacuation zones. It is currently available for Apple, Android, and Windows PC devices. www.firstsupporttools.com

(Sources: FirstSupportTools.com)

Save the Date

6th Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference

MEMA

Mark your calendar now for the **6th Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference**.

Partner with hundreds of public, private and non-profit leaders, officials, administrators, managers, responders and providers for a stimulating learning and networking experience.

Where and When:

Augusta Civic Center

Tuesday & Wednesday - April 22 - 23, 2014

Hosted by:

- Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)
- State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and
- Maine Association for Local Emergency Managers (MALEM)

Registration is open for Exhibitors on December 6, 2013, and for conference attendees on or about January 24th, 2014. Stay tuned for updates at MainePrepares.com.

Presenters and Topic Ideas Wanted!

The Conference Planning Committee is looking for your ideas. If you have an idea for a topic and/or speaker or if you would like to present at the conference, please let us know.

Don't miss this two day learning and networking experience with preparedness partners and exhibitors.

Contact:

Conference Planning Team
800-452-8735 (in-state) / 207-624-4400
maineprepares@maine.gov

Mark Your Calendars!



For the Sixth Annual

Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference

Augusta Civic Center

Tuesday & Wednesday • April 22 – 23, 2014

Visit www.maineprepares.com/conference for registration and call-for-topics information.

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Maine Prepares Tips

Have You Visited With Your Neighbors This Holiday Season?

December 29, 2013

The holidays are a great excuse to say hello to neighbors, or exchange a plate of cookies. At the same time, you might discover a neighbor who needs a little extra help getting through the winter. Or you might strengthen a connection that could help you in an emergency. It's not just a "feel-good" thing. Research shows that community ties help towns and neighborhoods bounce back from any emergency. And you thought you were just baking cookies.

www.maine.gov/mema/prepare

2014 Exercise Schedule

- **January 7, 2014, 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**
Cumberland County Regional Sheltering Exercise Workshop
Location: Scarborough Library
Contact: David B. Feeney, CCEMA (207) 892-6785
feeney@cumberlandcounty.org
- **March 9, 2014**
Lake Region Fire Department Tabletop Exercise
Contact: David B. Feeney, CCEMA (207) 892-6785
- **March 2014**
Cumberland County Regional Sheltering Exercise (Seminar/Tabletop)
Location: TBD
Contact: David B. Feeney, CCEMA (207) 892-6785
feeney@cumberlandcounty.org
- **April 2014**
Lake Region Fire Department Full-Scale Exercise
Contact: David B. Feeney, CCEMA (207) 892-6785
- **May 15, 2014**
Portland International Jet Port—Tabletop Exercise
Contact: Deputy Chief Robert Stewart
- **May 17, 2014**
Cumberland County Regional Sheltering Full Scale Exercise
Location: Scarborough, ME—Scarborough High School
Contact: David B. Feeney, CCEMA (207) 892-6785
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Meetings

- **Cumberland County Local EMA Directors Meeting**
Date: January 8, 2014, 8:30 a.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- **State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)**
Date: January 14, 2014.
Location: Augusta, Maine—MEMA
Contact: Faith E. Mayers
- **Cumberland County ARES**
Date: January 21, 2014 , 6:30 p.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Bryce Rumery, K1GAX
- **Mid-Coast ARES/CERT**
Date: January 23, 2014
Location: Topsham, Maine
Mid-Coast Chapter ARC, Community Way
Contact: John Goran, Maine SEC
K1JJS@arrl.net (207) 865-0554
- **ME-NH Traffic Incident Management Committee**
Date: January 24, 2014, 12:00 p.m.
Location: Alfred, ME—York County EMA
Contact: Tom Reinauer, SMPDC/Kittery Area MPO
treinauer@smrpc.org (207) 324-2952,ext 18
- **Cumberland County Animal Rescue Team (CART)**
Date: January 28, 2014 , 6:00 p.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Ron Jones, CCEMA
- **Traffic Incident Management Committee**
Date: February 26, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
Location: Portland, ME—GPCOG
Contact: Maddy Adams, GPCOG (207) 774-9891

FEMA Independent Study Distant Learning

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) offers self-paced courses designed for people who have emergency management responsibilities and the general public. All are offered free-of-charge to those who qualify for enrollment. To get a complete listing of courses, go to:

<http://training.fema.gov/IS>

New Courses launched:

- IS-20.14—Diversity Awareness
- IS-21.14—Civil Rights and FEMA Disaster Assistance
- IS-246.14—Implementing the Defense Priorities and Allocation System (DPAS)
- IS-184—Using the Substantial Damage Estimator 2.0

Crisis Leadership Training for Local Officials

Watching the aftermath of high-profile hurricanes like Sandy, Irene, and Katrina show that while some elected or appointed officials manage disasters and their aftermath well, others struggle. Finger-pointing after major disasters is unfortunately common. Fire Engineering's supplement article "Crisis Leadership for Local Officials" suggests this is due to a lack of training and misunderstanding of duties during disasters.

How one official operates as opposed to another can come down to individual strengths and experience, but training is also important and is available through a variety of sources. The National League of Cities (NLC) offers the 2-day course mentioned above. The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) offers a variety of courses regionally, on the Emmitsburg, MD, campus, and online.

Emergency Management Magazine recently published an article detailing how elected officials don't get enough training or instruction on how to handle disasters or work with their emergency management team.

The California and Florida state guides for elected officials – both linked to in the article – are good examples of ways to help elected officials understand their roles and duties during emergencies. While some information in these guides is state-specific, they can still serve and inform officials nationwide.

(Source: Fire Engineering/InfoGram 11/27/13)

Welcome to Travel Information



Call 511 or 1-866-282-7578
www.511maine.gov

511 Web site Hints *High Bandwidth Page*

WEB SITE HELP — The MaineDOT Traveler Information Web site is provided to help inform motorists so they can make better decisions about travel in Maine. The site is best viewed at a resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels. It has been developed for use on Microsoft Internet Explorer version 7 but performs well using other Internet browser applications.

Full Feature	Streamlined
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -High bandwidth for broadband internet -Real-time updates -Best on newer browsers -May be slow on busy days -Displays Winter Driving, Road Reports and Restrictions 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Good for broadband or dial-up -Works with any web browser -Good with new and older computers -Fastest loading site -Displays Winter Driving, Road Reports and Restrictions

Training Opportunities

- **Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Reporting Workshops**

3-hour workshop for EHS/HM facilities required to report under EPCRA/Maine Title 37-B

Date: January 8, 2014, 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Location: Portland, ME, Fireside Inn & Suites

Date: January 15, 2014, 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Location: Augusta, ME, Civic Center

Date: January 22, 2014, 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Location: Wiscasset, ME, Lincoln County EMA

Date: January 20, 2014, 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Location: Brewer, ME, Jeff's Catering

Contact: Faith Mayer, MEMA (207) 624-4400 or faith.e.mayer@maine.gov

Registration: Submit name, email address, contact information and specify which location attending to: MEMA, phone—(207) 624-4400, Fax: (207) 282-3178 or Email: maine.serc@maine.gov.

- **ICS 100/700—Introduction to ICS/Introduction to NIMS**

Date: January 14, 2014—6:00 p.m.

Location: Wiscasset, ME—Lincoln County EMA/911

Contact: Kris at Lincoln County EMA (207) 882-7559
emafinance_admin@lincolncountymaine.me

- **ICS 300—Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents**

Date: February 04, 2014—6:00 p.m. (4 Evenings)

February 11, 2014—6:00 p.m.

February 18, 2014—6:00 p.m.

February 25, 2014—6:00 p.m.

Location: Wiscasset, ME—Lincoln County EMA/911

Contact: Kris at Lincoln County EMA (207) 882-7559
emafinance_admin@lincolncountymaine.me

- **Rapid Needs Assessment, G557 (250.7)**

Date: February 12, 2014, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Location: Belfast, ME, Waldo County EOC

Contact: Dale Rowley, Director Waldo County EMA (207) 338-3870, emadirector@waldocountyme.gov

Registration: Submit name and contact information to CCEMA Director.

- **EOC's Roles in Community Cyber Security (MGT384)**

Date: February 12—13, 2014

Location: South Portland, ME, Coast Guard, SNNE

Contact: Andrew C. Germann, Port Security Specialist

Registration: andrew.c.germann@uscg.mil
(207) 741-5489

- **ICS 400—Advanced ICS**

Date: March 11, 2014—6:00 p.m. (3 Evenings)

March 18, 2014—6:00 p.m.

March 25, 2014—6:00 p.m.

Location: Wiscasset, ME—Lincoln County EMA/911

Contact: Kris at Lincoln County EMA (207) 882-7559
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- **6th Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference**

Date: April 22-23, 2014

Location: Augusta, Maine—Augusta Civic Center

Contact: Conference Planning Team

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Winter Storms

Watch, Warning and Advisory Criteria

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Winter Weather Advisory

- An average of 4 inches of snow/sleet, but less than the warning amount, is expected across the area. Winter weather advisories can also be issued for mixed precipitation events or for blowing snow.

Ice Storm Advisory

- Freezing rain is expected to cause a glaze of ice on roads and sidewalks, but less than 1/2 inch is expected.

The NWS does not issue warnings or advisories for storms that produce less than 4 inches of snowfall, but these storms can be deceptively dangerous. The majority of deaths linked to snow storms are as a result of traffic accidents, and many of those accidents occur with only small accumulations of snow. Slow down as soon as snow begins to accumulate.

For More Information

Maine Prepares: for Winter

http://www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/prepare_winter.shtml

Maine Road Conditions: 511 Maine

<http://www.511maine.gov>

Article Source: Maine Prepares

Preparedness

Visit [Maine Prepares](http://www.maine.gov/mema/prepare). You'll find fact sheets, tips and news to help your family, school, business, community or service organization prepare for any emergency or disaster.

<http://www.maine.gov/mema/prepare>





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
Home: www.maine.gov/mema
Library: www.maine.gov/mema/mema_library.shtml

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
Training: <http://training.fema.gov>
Grants: www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtml
Assistance: www.DisasterAssistance.gov

Domestic Preparedness Support
U. S. Department of Homeland Security www.dhs.gov
NIMS Resource Center <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims>
Lessons Learned Information Sharing System www.llis.gov
Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) <http://hseep.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

Ready America www.ready.gov

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

PROP
Home: www.wherepeoplecomefirst.org

Southern Maine EMS
Home: www.smems.org

Volunteer Maine
Home: www.volunteermaine.org

Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG)
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