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Maine Receives Disaster Declaration

MEMA—March 25, 2013

Governor Paul LePage was informed today that President Obama has approved Maine's request for a Presidential disaster declaration to address the costs of the February 8-9 Blizzard in four Maine counties. A disaster declaration has been approved for Androscoggin, Cumberland, Knox and York Counties. A damage assessment identified over \$3.5 million in snow removal and response costs, as well as damages from coastal flooding.

"It is rare, and it should be, for a State like Maine to qualify for assistance for a snow storm," the Governor said. "But when we break snow records, it also breaks the budgets for a lot of communities." The Governor said a special FEMA policy allows states to apply for snow assistance when they break official records for snowfall and also meet financial thresholds both statewide, and county by county.

FEMA will reimburse municipalities and state agencies for 75% of their costs for at least 48 hours of snow removal, as well as for costs associated with emergency protective measures, and any infrastructure damage related to the storm. Public Officials Briefings will be scheduled in the 4 counties in the near future to inform communities how to apply for FEMA reimbursement.

Several other counties are assessing costs, and could potentially be added to the declaration.

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It's Flood Season: Spring Flood Potential Starting Out Normal Sequestration Potentially to Affect Stream Gage Network

AUGUSTA, MAINE — With stream flows and snowpack within typical ranges and somewhat less river ice than usual, spring flood potential is normal for the time of year as "flood season" begins. The Maine River Flow Advisory Commission, meeting today in Augusta, reviewed information on current hydrologic conditions across the state, as well as short-term weather forecasts. However, the Commission also learned of potential changes in the state's stream gage network because of budget cuts brought about by sequestration.

Robert Lent, Director of the Maine Office of the USGS New England Water Science Center and co-chair of the Commission, advised the group that federal budget cuts due to sequestration, could cause his office to discontinue a number of stream gages, between 7 and 12 sites (out of approximately 70 the agency currently maintains). Gage shutdowns would likely be in effect from April 1 until at least October 1, and possibly beyond. The data collected by the stream gage network is critical to accurate flood forecasting; however Lent said no gages necessary to flood forecasting will be discontinued during spring flood season.

Lent stressed that the stream gage network supplies critical data to a number of cooperating agencies, communities and industries. "All of these gages are important, for scientific or environmental reasons in addition to flood forecasting," he said. Lent and his staff, along with MEMA, will be working with cooperators in the next few weeks to

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Emergency Management

Emergency management is the managerial function charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters.

Tank Truck Rollover Training

This 8-hour training session is for first responders, the trucking industry, and others who have a need and desire to understand the correct response procedures needed for an accident involving hazardous materials on the roadway.

This class is being conducted by MeDEP with the support of the State Emergency Response Commission, HO Bouchard, Linde LLC, and a number of other chemical and petroleum carriers and transporters.

If you attend this workshop, you will have an understanding of:

- Design, construction, and safety features of various trucks such as 306/406, 307/407, 312/412, 331, and 338 and Natural Gas (CNG);
- Opportunities for hands on review with actual equipment;
- Product Removal;
- Site Safety and Site Assessment; and
- Damage Assessment and Product Removal.
- ICS 201 for Transportation Incidents, Exercise

These sessions will be offered at the following dates, times, and locations listed below. Please take advantage of this **FREE** training and register early or **at least 5 business days** prior to the scheduled date. Lunch will be provided.

Date: April 13, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Location: Bethel, Maine, Telstar High School

Date: May 18, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Location: Calais, Maine, Washington County Community College

Registration

Name, Agency, Phone, Email, Location to Attend

Email, fax, or mail registration information to:

Maine Emergency Management Agency
72 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0072
(207) 624-4400 or 800-452-8735
Fax: (207) 287-3178
Email: maine.semc@maine.gov

Contact:
Faith Mayer
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FEMA Student Identification Registration and Management System

What is a FEMA SID?

A FEMA Student Identification (SID) number is a unique number generated and assigned to anyone who needs or is required to take training provided by a FEMA organization. Your FEMA SID uniquely identifies you throughout the FEMA organization and all of its agencies. The goal is for your FEMA SID to serve as your personal identification number instead of your Social Security Number (SSN) in support of FEMA's effort to decrease/cease the use of SSN for identifying and tracking individuals.

Why do I need a FEMA SID?

A FEMA SID is required to register for and participate in any training provided by FEMA agencies. All FEMA training providers' registration systems and enrollment procedures require a valid FEMA SID. Your FEMA SID serves as your personal identification number and merges, links, connects and combines all of your FEMA training records under one account to simplify keeping track of all your FEMA training accomplishments.



How do I obtain my FEMA SID number?

Step 1: To register, go to <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

Step 2: Click on the "Need a FEMA SID" box on the right side of the screen.

Step 3: Follow the instructions and provide the necessary information to create your account.

Step 4: You will receive an email with your SID number. You should save this number in a secure location.

What do I do with this new SID number I have been assigned?

The SID number should be used in place of the SSN on your General Admissions Application (FEMA Form 119-25-1) for any courses that begin on or after October 1, 2012



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Formidable Footprints

Earthquake, Pandemic, Hurricane

Exercises Formidable Footprint - A National Community / Neighborhood Exercise Series

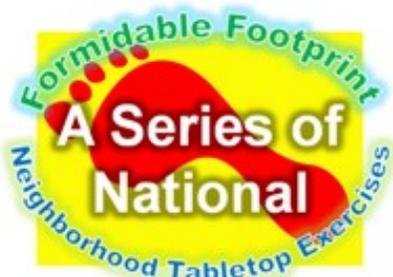
Formidable Footprint is a nationwide series of exercises designed specifically for neighborhood, community and faith based organizations to assess their disaster preparedness and response capabilities.

Exercise Overview

A team of national, regional, state and local agencies and organizations have undertaken an effort to develop, conduct and evaluate a recurring series of disaster exercises entitled "Formidable Footprint".

This series of exercises serves as an opportunity for community and faith based organizations along with governmental agencies to assess their capability to prepare for, respond to and recover from a variety of natural disasters which affect communities and neighborhoods across the United States.

There is **NO CHARGE** to participate in one or several of the neighborhood exercises.



Exercise Briefing

To ensure that teams and individual team members that will be participating in a Formidable Footprint exercise are ready to successfully partake in an exercise an Exercise Briefing video has been produced. This video provides valuable information regarding preparing for and participating in an exercise.

Exercise Basics

For agencies and organizations planning to participate in the Formidable Footprint exercise series it is recommended that a minimum of three individuals participate in the exercise working together as part of a disaster planning / response team. By working together as a team you will be able to enhance your disaster knowledge and strengthen your teams overall capabilities.

Access and print copies of the Formidable Footprint exercise flyer to be distributed to your fellow team members.

To ensure that all participants receive important situational awareness materials prior to the exercise as well as a Certificate of Participation at the conclusion of the exercise everyone participating in an exercise will need to register. If an

individual is not registered they will not receive important e-mailed materials designed to ensure their participation in the exercise is successful.

For more information about Formidable Footprints, and to obtain the Participant's Information, Registration and Materials, please visit the Formidable Footprints webpage at

www.drc-group.com/project/footprint.html

Disaster Resistant Communities Group

Essential disaster planning, training and exercising for America's communities

Exercise Date	Exercise Time	Scenario
March 30, 2013	9:00AM - 4:00PM ET	Earthquake
April 27, 2013	9:00AM - 4:00PM ET	Influenza Pandemic
May 25, 2013	9:00AM - 4:00PM ET	Hurricane
June 29, 2013	9:00AM - 4:00PM ET	Solar Storm
July 27, 2013	9:00AM - 4:00PM ET	Flood
August 31, 2013	9:00AM - 4:00PM ET	Wildfire
September 28, 2013	9:00AM - 4:00PM ET	Tornado

Exercise Schedule

- May 18, 2013, Saturday**
Portland International JetPort Full Scale Exercise
 Contact: Portland Fire Department
- November 5-8, 2013**
Vigilant Guard (VG14) Exercise
 Contact: LTC Colonel Diane Dunn, Maine National Guard (207) 620-2137 diane.l.dunn.mil@mail.mil
 Jeremy Damren—MEMA (207) 624-4410
Jeremy.damren@maine.gov
 – Mid-term Planning Conference, May 8-9, 2013
 Location: TBA

Sequestration Potentially to Affect Stream Gage Network

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determine a final plan if gage shutdown is necessary. The USGS will be posting online (by Monday, (March) 11th) a list of threatened gages.

With regard to this year's flood risk, Lent pointed out that "normal" does not mean "no risk". "Spring in Maine always brings an elevated risk of flooding. As long as there is significant snowpack in the headwaters of Maine's rivers, flood potential is much higher than it would be in the summer or fall. But at this point we don't have any unusually high risk factors for the time of year."

"Today's conditions are a snapshot for today. Everyone should stay aware of current forecasts," according to Rob McAleer, Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency, and co-chair of the Commission. "It looks like conditions will be stable for at least the next couple of weeks. But one rainstorm at the wrong time could cause major flooding."

The National Weather Service noted that for the next two weeks, temperatures are expected to be slightly below normal, and precipitation slightly above normal. This could add slightly to the snowpack already on the ground.

The most important factor influencing flooding is rainfall, but even a normal snowpack adds risk. When water in the snowpack is released suddenly, by rainfall accompanied by warm temperatures, runoff amounts are increased dramatically. The best case scenario is for days above freezing and cooler nights, to melt snow gradually.

Snowpack water contents ranged from 2 to 5 inches in southern and coastal sections to 7 to 9 inches in northern and western Maine, though some areas in the western mountains have 9-12 inches of water in the snow. Currently, the snowpack can absorb some amount of rainfall. These levels put water content in the middle range compared to historical averages across most of the state. Snow survey maps are available at the Commission's web site.

http://maine.gov/rfac/rfac_snow.shtml

River ice is below normal in most areas of the State. The US Coast Guard and the USGS measured ice in the lower Kennebec River this week and found ice to be thin or non-existent in many areas. As a result, the Coast Guard does not plan to break ice in the Kennebec this season.

Reservoir storages in the headwaters of Maine's large rivers are being drawn down to prepare for spring rains runoff. River basin managers report that they are on track to achieve their drawdown targets.

McAleer said it is most important to check your flood insurance coverage if you live or have a business in a flood-

prone area. "Most home and business owner's policies do not cover flood damages. And there is 30-day waiting period before a new policy goes into effect," he said. "The time to check your insurance is now."

Commission members will stay in close communication throughout the spring season, and will meet again if conditions warrant. Snow surveys will be conducted each week from now until the snow cover is gone.

The River Flow Advisory Commission meets annually in late winter to share information, examine potential for spring flooding and to renew operational protocols. The Commission is composed of state, federal and industry representatives with an interest in hydrologic issues. The full report of the March 7 meeting will be available on the Commission's website by close of business on Friday March 8).

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Meetings

- **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**
Date: April 3, 2013, 1:00 p.m.
Location: South Portland, ME, Portland Pipe Line
30 Hill Street, South Portland, Maine
Contact: Mike Shutts, (207) 892-6785
shutts@cumberlandcounty.org
- **FEMA-4108DR Applicant's Brief**
Date: April 8, 2013, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Location: Portland, ME—Portland Water District Nixon
Center, Douglass Street.
Contact: Cumberland County EMA (207) 892-6785
- **Local EMA Director's Meeting**
Date: April 10, 2013, 8:30 a.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- **Cumberland County ARES**
Date: April 16 2013, 6:30 p.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Ron Brown, WA1RB
- **County EMA Directors Meeting**
Date: April 17 2013, 8:30 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.
Location: Augusta, ME—MEMA
- **Cumberland County CART**
Date: April 24, 2013, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Ron Jones, CCEMA
- **Mid-Coast ARES/CERT**
Date: April 25, 2013
Location: Topsham, Maine
Mid-Coast Chapter ARC, Community Way
Contact: John Goran, Maine SEC
K1JJS@arrl.net (207) 865-0554

Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium

Training for First Responders

RDPC Overview

The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium is a DHS funded program providing training and resources to rural first responders. RDPC courses are offered both in-person and online, and are provided at no cost.

Training and Tools for First Responders

The nation's rural emergency responders face unique challenges when compared to their urban counterparts. In recognizing the need for consistent, quality training which addresses those challenges, Congress and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) established the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC or the Consortium) to develop and deliver relevant all-hazards training in support of rural homeland security requirements. See our course catalog for further details on each training program. All training delivered by the RDPC is certified by DHS and is offered tuition-free. <http://www.ruraltraining.org/>

A New Approach

Led by Eastern Kentucky University, the Consortium is comprised of academic partners that possess extensive experience and niche capabilities in developing and delivering homeland security curriculum to the rural emergency response community. The RDPC is composed of the following academic partners, as well as other strategic partners who support its mission:

- East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee
- Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky
- Iowa Central Community College in Ft. Dodge, Iowa
- NorthWest Arkansas Community College in Bentonville, Arkansas
- The University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio
- North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina

To ensure that training directly reflects the needs of rural emergency responders, the Consortium convenes a national rural preparedness summit and completes a bi-annual national survey of rural stakeholders. Data gathered from these activities is used to determine the type of training needs, the extent to which it is needed, and the best delivery methods.

The Consortium is guided by an Advisory Board comprised of public safety experts and officials appointed by the major national emergency response associations.

To schedule training delivery in your jurisdiction, please select the training from our course catalog and complete the form under the "[Request Training](#)" section.

For more information about the Consortium, contact Tom Lindquist, Director of the Consortium for RDPC, at 859-622-8106 or email Tom.Lindquist@eku.edu.

Online Training

Online courses from the RDPC are a perfect fit for those struggling to work training into their busy schedule. All online training is self-paced and offered at no cost. Browse our catalog of online course below and enroll today. (www.ruraltraining.org)

- AWR-144-W: Port and Vessel Security for Public Safety and Maritime Personnel
- AWR-148-W: Crisis Management for School-based Incidents: Partnering Rural Law Enforcement and Local School Systems
- AWR-187-W: Terrorism and WMD in the Workplace
- AWR-208-W: Crisis management in a Rural School: Webcast
- MGT-355-W: Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals
- PER-281-W: Homeland Security Terrorism Prevention Certificate for Law Enforcement

AWR-144-W: "Port and Vessel Security for Public Safety and Maritime Personnel" is an eight-hour awareness-level course and is designed to provide participants with the basic competencies associated with port and vessel security, as well as a working knowledge of maritime security appropriate to public safety responders in rural jurisdictions. A foundation for this working knowledge will be built by explaining the extend of the maritime transportation system followed by a discussion on the vulnerabilities of that system.

The participants will be given instruction concerning specific maritime security regulations affecting facilities and vessels (e.g., MARSEC levels, SSI, TWIC, etc.). Potential hazards in the dock and vessel environment will also be identified. Additional resources which participants can reference for more information, such as HOMEPORT and others, will be discussed.

AWR-148-W: "Crisis Management for School-based Incidents" is a self-paced, Web-based course to educate rural law enforcement personnel as well as school administrators, teachers and staff to effectively respond to an emergency in a K-12 environment. The training will provide representatives of rural law enforcement departments and school systems with a foundation of knowledge and skills that will enable them to progressively establish a school-based emergency response plan and crisis management team through information-sharing and training.

<http://www.ruraltraining.org>

Training Opportunities

- **Communications Training Conference**
Date: April 6, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Lovell, ME—Lovell Fire Station.
Contact: Geff Inman—Oxford County EMA
ginman@oxfordcounty.org (207) 743-9554 ext. 109
- **Intermediate Incident Command System (ICS300) for Hospital Personnel**
Date: April 8-9, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Lewiston, Maine—Central Maine Medical Ctr.
Contact: Kris Gammon, CMRRC (207) 795-2962
Registration: Kris Gammon, CMRCC
- **Intermediate Incident Command System (ICS300)**
Date: April 8-9, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Location: Bangor, ME—Bangor Fire Department
Contact: Michelle Tanguay—Penobscot County EMA
Registration: Michelle Tanguay FEMA 119-25-1 Form
- **Advanced Incident Command System (ICS400)**
Date: April 10-11, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Location: Bangor, ME—Bangor Fire Department
Contact: Michelle Tanguay—Penobscot County EMA
Registration: Michelle Tanguay FEMA 119-25-1 Form
- **NIMS Resource Management (G703) Part 1**
Date: April 11, 2013, 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
Location: Wiscasset, ME—Lincoln County Comms/EMA
Contact: Kris Draper, Lincoln County EMA 882-7559
emafinance_admin@lincolncountymaine.me
- **Tank Truck Rollover Training**
Date: April 13, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Bethel, ME—Telstar High School
Contact: Faith Meyer, MEMA
Registration: See article Page 2
- **NIMS Resource Management (G703) Part 2**
Date: April 18, 2013, 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
Location: Wiscasset, ME—Lincoln County Comms/EMA
Contact: Kris Draper, Lincoln County EMA 882-7559
emafinance_admin@lincolncountymaine.me
- **Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness 2013**
Date: April 23-24, 2013
Location: Augusta, Maine—Augusta Civic Center
Registration: www.maine.gov/mema/prepare
- **Principles of Handheld Gas Detection**
Date: April 25, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Location: Waterville, ME—Waterville Fire Department
Contact: Faith Meyer, MEMA
Registration: Send Name, Agency, Phone, Email to
MEMA/SERC maine.serc@maine.gov or by fax (207) 287-3178
- **Essentials of Community Cyber Security (AWR-136) (Pre-requisite of MGT-385)**
Date: May 1, 2013—8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Location: Portland, ME—University of Maine
Contact: Jeremy Damren—MEMA (207) 624-4400
Registration: On-line at Texas A&M Extension Services
- **Community Cyber Security Exercise Planning (MGT385)**
Date: May 1, 2013—1:00 p.m.—5:00 and
May 2, 2013—8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (1 1/2 Days)
Location: Portland, ME—University of Maine
Contact: Jeremy Damren—MEMA (207) 624-4400
Registration: On-line at Texas A&M Extension Services
- **Advanced Incident Command System (ICS400) for Hospital Personnel**
Date: May 6-7, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Lewiston, Maine—Central Maine Medical Ctr.
Contact: Kris Gammon, CMRRC (207) 795-2962
Registration: Kris Gammon, CMRCC
- **ICS/EOC Interface Course (G191)**
Date: May 7, 2013, 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Location: Bangor, ME—Bangor Police Department
Contact: Mike Grant—MEMA 800-485-2193
or Michelle Tanguay Penobscot EMA
mtanguay@penobscot-county.net
Registration: Submit FEMA 119-25-1 Form to MEMA
- **WMD Radiological/Nuclear Responder Operations Course (DHS PER 240)**
Date: May 7-9, 2013, (3-day course)
Location: South Portland, Maine—South Portland EOC
(Note: Location may change if enrollment exceeds the SP EOC seating capacity)
Contact: Deputy Chief Jim Wilson—SP Fire EMA
Registration: Email to: jwilson@southportland.org
FYI Course Description:
www.ctosnnsa.org/courseDescriptions/PER240.pdf
- **Reno Air Faces: Responding to a Plane in the Stands**
Date: May 15, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Location: Waterville, ME, Maine General Medical Center
Contact: Kris Gammon, CMRRC
(207) 795-2962 gammonkr@cmhr.org
- **Reno Air Faces: Responding to a Plane in the Stands**
Date: May 15, 2013, 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
Location: Portland, ME, Maine Medical—Dana Center
Contact: Kris Gammon, CMRRC
(207) 795-2962 gammonkr@cmhr.org

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ICS 300 and ICS 400 Hospital Personnel

Central Maine Regional Resource Center is providing ICS 300 and 400 training for our hospitals on the following dates in the Conference Classrooms at Central Maine Medical Center at 12 High Street, Lewiston.

ICS 300
April 8-9, 2013 8AM-4PM

ICS 400
May 6-7, 2013 8AM-4PM

This course will provide training on resources for hospital personnel who require an advanced application of ICS. These are individuals who may assume a supervisory role in expanding incidents. These incidents may extend into multiple operational periods. Course will include unified command, incident/event assessment and objective development; the ICS planning process; incident/event resource management, transfer of command and demobilization. ICS 400 will include ICS review for Command and General Staff; major and/or complex incidents/events management; area command and multi-agency coordination.

Target Audience:

We ask that senior members of your hospital who will have a leadership role in their facilities incident command system attend this training.

Selection Criteria:

The target audience for this course includes senior chief personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity at an incident or event. This includes individuals who may serve as Incident Commander or as members of the Command or General Staff, Area Command, or multi-agency coordination entity/Emergency Operations Center (EOC) management. This course expands upon information covered in the ICS-100 through ICS-300 courses. These earlier courses are prerequisites for ICS-400.

Prerequisites:

IS 100: Introduction to the Incident Command System
IS 200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
IS 700: Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
IS 800.b National Response Framework, An Introduction

Registration:

For further information or to register, please contact Kris Gammon from Central Maine Regional Resource Center.

Contact:
Kris Gammon
207-795-2962

Training Opportunities

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- **Tank Truck Rollover Training**
Date: May 18, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Calais, ME—Washington County Community College
Contact: Faith Meyer, MEMA (See Page 2 for Info)
- **Basic Information Officer Course (G290)**
Date: May 22 & 23, 2013, 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m..
Location: Brewer, ME, Jeff's Catering
Contact: Lynette Miller or Mike Grant—MEMA
Prerequisite: FEMA IS29 PIO Awareness Course
Registration: FEMA 119-25-1 & IS29 Certificate to MEMA Fax (207) 287-3178
- **Emergency Planning (G235) Part 1**
Date: June 13, 2013, 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
Location: Wiscasset, ME—Lincoln County Comms/EMA
Contact: Kris Draper, Lincoln County EMA 882-7559
emafinance_admin@lincolncountymaine.me
- **Emergency Planning (G235) Part 2**
Date: June 27, 2013, 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
Location: Wiscasset, ME—Lincoln County Comms/EMA
Contact: Kris Draper, Lincoln County EMA 882-7559
emafinance_admin@lincolncountymaine.me
- **Exercise Planning (G139) Part 1**
Date: October 17, 2013, 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
Location: Wiscasset, ME—Lincoln County Comms/EMA
Contact: Kris Draper, Lincoln County EMA 882-7559
emafinance_admin@lincolncountymaine.me
- **Exercise Planning (G139) Part 2**
Date: October 24, 2013, 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
Location: Wiscasset, ME—Lincoln County Comms/EMA
Contact: Kris Draper, Lincoln County EMA 882-7559
emafinance_admin@lincolncountymaine.me

Special Events

- **April 22, 2013**
Earth Day (www.earthday.org)
- **April 29—May 3, 2013**
Severe Weather Awareness Week
National Weather Service / NOAA www.nws.noaa.gov
- **May 26—June 1, 2013**
Hurricane Preparedness Week
National Weather Service / NOAA www.nws.noaa.gov
- **June 1, 2013**
Atlantic Hurricane Season Officially Begins
National Weather Service / NOAA www.nws.noaa.gov

School Security Funding

School Administrative Units

MEMA– March 18, 2013

The Maine Emergency Management Agency is announcing a funding opportunity for School Administrative Units (SAUs) to participate in a targeted, school preparedness facility security grant program. This is a short fused opportunity. Grant applications must be *received by April 12, 2013, and projects must be completed by July 31, 2013.*

Specifically this grant will allow SAUs to seek grants to purchase and install the following items (listed in order of priority, statewide):

1. **Remote Entry Control System:** a remotely-controlled entry access system allows for school personnel to identify individuals attempting to gain access to the school, either through a window or via a closed-circuit television camera. After the person's identity and purpose for being at the school has been established, school personnel can remotely unlock the doors to allow that person to enter the school. These systems are designed for installation solely at the primary entry point for visitors to the school facility; all other doors should remain secure from unauthorized entry at all times, using your school's emergency plans and procedures as guidance.
2. **Panic Button:** A Panic Button that is hard-wired to the primary and secondary law enforcement agencies for your facility provides a faster option to alert law enforcement about a problem at the school when using 911 or radios might be impractical. Note: the grant funds can be used for purchase and installation of the system; however, funds are not available for continuing costs or monitoring/telephone line fees, if any.
3. **Knox Box:** Knox Boxes provide access to keys to the facility in the absence of key-holders. During an emergency, key holders may be off-site or occupied performing other critical duties. Access to keys in a timely fashion from a Knox Box speeds up response by first responders.
4. **Exterior Door Numbering:** Having clearly visible and reflective door numbers affixed to the inside and outside of all exterior doors provides first responders with clear direction when responding to an on-site emergency. It aids in providing clearer situational awareness as to the location of the trouble, or where students/staff/visitors have sought safe haven.

Requirements and Due Dates:

In order to be eligible for consideration for grant funding, all applicants must meet National Incident Management

System (NIMS) training requirements for key school personnel. All applications must be submitted to the Maine Emergency Management Agency no later than Close of Business (5 p.m.) on Friday April 12, 2013. Applications should be emailed to HSGrants.Maine@maine.gov. If email is not an option, applications may be mailed to 45 Commerce Drive, Suite 2, Augusta, ME 04333, Attn: FY2010 HSGP School Applications c/o Deborah Sullivan-Alley.

However, all applications must arrive at MEMA no later than Friday, April 12, 2013.

MEMA encourages all applicants to work with their County EMA office) to ensure applications are consistent with the instructions in this application.

For those projects that receive approval and grant funding, **all grant funds must be expended by July 31, 2013.**

Three Documents identified below will guide SAU superintendents through the application process. Each are available for download from the MEMA website at

www.maine.gov/mema

1. Fiscal Year 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program: Summary and Narrative
2. Maine Emergency Management Agency: County Director Roster
3. NIMS Requirements: Key Personnel and NIMS Training for Schools and Higher Education Institution.

Maine Prepares Disaster Recovery

The road back from disaster is long, and it is never easy. By working together, we can come back even stronger. Whether you have faced the disaster yourself, or want to reach out to others, we hope these tips can help. Give cash donations at anytime or disaster relief goods when requested to help disaster survivors in Maine or beyond. Go to AIDMATRIX and click the map of Maine.

www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/fema

Maine Prepares is presented by the Maine Emergency Management Agency and our many partners. We add new information often, and hope to continue to make improvements to the site. If you have suggestions as to how we can make this site more useful, please contact us.

www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/contact.shtml

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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 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
NIMSCAST www.fema.gov/nimscast
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
www.erh.noaa.gov/gyx

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

2-1-1 Maine
Home: 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



Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference
April 23-24, 2013

Monthly Communications Test

April 11, 2013, Thursday

- Log onto WebEOC
- HAN Notification—12:45 p.m.
- Conference Call—1:00 p.m.
- Open Radio Check—1:10 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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