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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



NEWS FROM DOWN UNDER

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Public Health Response West, Texas Explosion

The explosion in West, TX, (April 17, 2013) has garnered quite a bit of attention regarding the regulation of chemical facilities this year. Less attention has been given to the disaster from the point of view of it being a rural public health emergency. This week (19 Nov), the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice (NWCPHP) hosted a 1-hour webinar, which is now available as a recording on their website. www.nwcphep.org

Bruce Clements from the Texas Department of State Health Services conducts this briefing, first discussing the explosion itself and the damage done to the town. He then goes into triage, mutual aid response, managing the aggressive media, walking wounded, field hospitals, and portable morgue units. Some actions were inevitably taken on the fly, though he credits state and local training as being especially helpful.

Similar to the shooting in Aurora, CO, the first patients arrived at hospitals in police cars, not ambulances. The three hospitals that took the most patients had 29%-36% surge. Short-term aftermath needs included a large number of tetanus shots given during cleanup and reentry into damaged areas and sanitation workers to monitor restaurants as the town was overwhelmed with media and responders needing to be fed.

The lessons learned in this webinar are invaluable not only for public health offices but to anyone who would be responding to this type of incident regardless of agency or level of government.

(Source: NWCPHP, EMR-ISAC 21 Nov).

2013 Tier 2 Software Released

SERC—November 26, 2013

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) announces that the 2013 Tier 2 Submit software has now been released by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. This software allows facilities with reportable quantities of hazardous materials to document and submit their reports electronically, through e-mail or on a CD, as required by the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA).

This law requires facilities with 10,000 pounds of a hazardous material or 500 pounds or less of an Extremely Hazardous Substance based on the chemicals' Threshold Planning Quantity. This information is used by local first responders to assist them in identifying where there are chemical risks in their community and LEPC's in developing regional response plans. To access this free software please go to the following link:

<http://www2.epa.gov/epcra-tier-i-and-tier-ii-reporting/tier2-submit-software>

For more information on reporting or assistance in completing your reporting please contact you county EMA office or call the Maine Emergency Management Agency at 1-800-452-8735 or e-mail maine.serc@maine.gov.

Contact:
Faith Mayer
207-624-4441
faith.e.mayer@maine.gov

*Also see Maine EPCRA Reporting
Facilities by County Table—Page 5*

Chemical Facility Safety Listening Session

The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and several other federal agencies including the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, are collectively hosting a series of listening sessions on Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security, part of Executive Order (EO) 13650.

The Working Group is interested in hearing from stakeholders such as chemical producers or storage companies, agricultural supply companies, state and local regulators, first responders, and environmental or community groups. Attendees will have an opportunity to provide input on the process and specific EO areas.

A teleconference bridge is available for those who cannot attend in person. All participants can submit comments via eo.chemical@hq.dhs.gov

Details on additional listening sessions (below) will be posted to the Federal Register. Please feel free to contact eo.chemical@hq.dhs.gov with questions.

- December 4, 2013 – Hamilton, NJ
- December 11, 2013 – Orlando, FL
- December 16, 2013 – Webinar
- January 7, 2014 – California
- Week of January 20, 2014 – Houston, TX

(Source: DHS)

Fire Grants Application Period Opens

The application period for 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) opened Monday, November 4 and closes December 6, 2013. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

New this year is the Micro Grant, which has a funding limitation of \$25,000. This voluntary option is only open to fire and EMS departments, and can be used for equipment, facility modification, PPE, training, and wellness/fitness. Departments applying for Micro Grants may still apply for vehicle and joint/regional grants.

There are other new features and changes to the AFG program this year, so potential applicants are encouraged to review the Application Assistance Tools and other resources located on the AFG website. (Source: FEMA)

Equipment, Training for Active Shooter Events

Since the school shooting in Sandyhook, CT, and the shooting in Webster, NY, there has been a notable increase in information requests and interest in preparing for active shooter events. Texas State University's Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) program published a study which looks at equipment and training requirements based on active shooting events from 2000-2010.

United States Active Shooter Events from 2000 to 2010: Training and Equipment Implications provides a concise statistical breakdown of 84 active shooter events including types of weapons used, how the events were resolved, number of people shot, and attack location. Based on this information, training and equipment needs were identified to include the following:

- Shooters go outdoors 20 percent of the time, so responders should be trained to manage and contain incidents outside;
- Attackers can and do use weaponry that will breach standard body armor, law enforcement must have adequate protective gear;
- Responders should be prepared to breach doors as some shooters try to slow responders down by barricading entrances;
- Incidents ended by force 28 percent of the time. Law enforcement must be willing and able to make the call to use deadly force if it becomes necessary.

United States Active Shooter Events from 2000 to 2010: Training and Equipment Implications (PDF, 363.6 Kb) available at:

<http://alerrt.org/files/research/ActiveShooterEvents.pdf>

(Source: ALERRT/EMR-ISAC 10/31/13)

Maine Prepares Tips Be Prepared for Automobile Emergencies

September 25, 2013

In the case of an emergency while you're on the road, there are many items you could need. Pack an emergency kit and keep it in your car at all times. Helpful items to have in your kit include a flashlight, a disposable camera, a pencil and paper, and a jacket or blanket.

www.maine.gov/mema/prepare

What's New in WISER for Windows 4.5

WISER is a system designed to assist emergency responders in hazardous material incidents. WISER provides a wide range of information on hazardous substances, including substance identification support, physical characteristics, human health information, and containment and suppression advice

WISER for Windows is now available. This new release integrates [Chemical Hazards Emergency Medical Management](#) (CHEMM) content and updates the Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) content to 2012. See below for more information on this release.

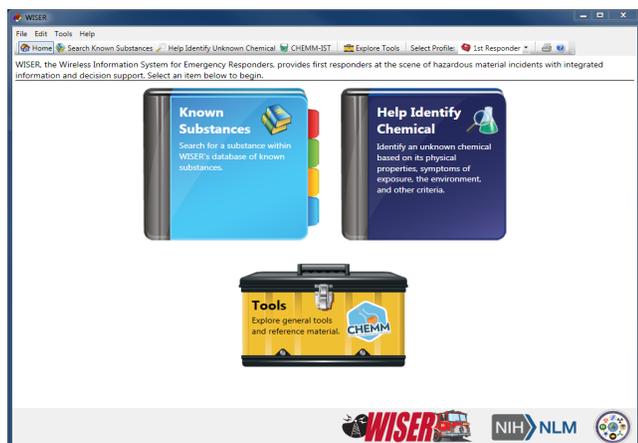
CHEMM integration brings the following new features to WISER:

- New hospital provider and preparedness planner profiles, along with a customized home screen for all WISER profiles
- Acute care guidelines for six known mass casualty agents/agent classes
- The addition of a wealth of CHEMM reference material
- CHEMM Intelligent Syndrome Tool (CHEMM-IST), a new help identify tool designed to diagnose the type of chemical exposure after a mass casualty incident

ERG content is now updated to the 2012 release. This includes the full [ERG 2012 tool](#).

New, Customized User Profiles

WISER now includes new hospital provider and preparedness profiles. All profiles include a customized WISER home page, bringing relevant content to your fingertips.



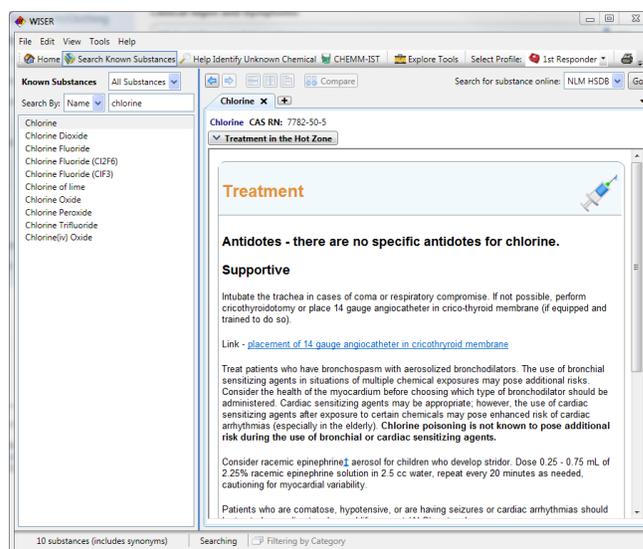
Acute Care Guidelines

Acute care guidelines are now available for six known mass casualty agents/agent classes, including:

- Pulmonary agents : ammonia, chlorine, and phosgene
- Blistering agents: Mustard agents
- Nerve agents
- "Knockdown agents": hydrogen cyanide

CHEMM-IST

The CHEMM Intelligent Syndrome Tool (CHEMM-IST), a new help identify tool designed to diagnose the type of chemical exposure after a mass casualty incident, is now included within WISER.



ERG 2012 Tool

All ERG content is updated to the ERG 2012 release, including the full ERG 2012 tool found within WISER for Windows.



<http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov/>

Communicating Before, During & After Disasters

Article from Maine Prepares:

When disaster strikes, you want to be able to communicate by both receiving and distributing information to others. You may need to call 9-1-1 for assistance, locate friends or family, or let loved ones know that you are okay.

During disasters, communications networks could be damaged, lose power, or become congested. This fact sheet provides two important sets of tips. The first will help you prepare your home and mobile devices for a disaster. The second may help you communicate more effectively during and immediately after a disaster.

Before a Disaster: How to Prepare Your Home and Mobile Device

Maintain a list of emergency phone numbers in your cell phone and in or near your home phone.

1. Keep charged batteries and car-phone chargers available for back-up power for your cell phone.
2. If you have a traditional landline (non-broadband or VOIP) phone, keep at least one non-cordless phone in your home because it will work even if you lose power.
3. Prepare a family contact sheet. This should include at least one out-of-town contact that may be better able to reach family members in an emergency.
4. Program "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) contacts into your cell phone so emergency personnel can contact those people for you if you are unable to use your phone. Let your ICE contacts know that they are programmed into your phone and inform them of any medical issues or other special needs you may have.
5. If you are evacuated and have call-forwarding on your home phone, forward your home phone number to your cell phone number.
6. If you do not have a cell phone, keep a prepaid phone card to use if needed during or after a disaster.
7. Have a battery-powered radio or television available (with spare batteries).
8. If you don't know how to text on your cell phone, *learn!* Text messages can often get through when voice cell phone systems are jammed. *Practice* sending texts back and forth with family and friends.
9. Subscribe to text alert services from local or state government to receive alerts in the event of a disaster. Parents should sign up for their school district emergency alert system.

During and After a Disaster: How to Reach Friends, Loved Ones & Emergency Services

1. If you have a life-threatening emergency, call 9-1-1. Remember that you cannot currently text 9-1-1. If you are not experiencing an emergency, do not call 9-1-1.

2. If you are in need of information such as location of emergency shelters, other services, or safety information, dial 2-1-1 (toll-free in Maine, 1-866-811-5695 if you are out of state) or if you have internet access, visit <http://www.211maine.org>
3. For non-emergency communications, use *text messaging, e-mail, or social media* instead of making voice calls on your cell phone to avoid tying up voice networks. Data-based services like texts and emails are less likely to experience network congestion. You can also use social media to post your status to let family and friends know you are okay. In addition to Facebook and Twitter, you can use resources such as the American Red Cross's Safe and Well program <http://www.redcross.org/safeandwell>
4. *Keep all phone calls brief.* If you need to use a phone, try to convey only vital information to emergency personnel and/or family.
5. If you are unsuccessful in completing a call using your cell phone, wait ten seconds before redialing to help reduce network congestion.
6. Conserve your cell phone battery by reducing the brightness of your screen, placing your phone in airplane mode, and closing apps you are not using that draw power, unless you need to use the phone.
7. If you lose power, you can charge your cell phone in your car. Just be sure your car is in a well-ventilated place (remove it from the garage) and do not go to your car until any danger has passed. You can also listen to your car radio for important news alerts.
8. Tune into broadcast television and radio for important news alerts. If applicable, be sure that you know how to activate the closed captioning or video description on your television.
9. If you do not have a hands-free device in your car, stop driving or pull over to the side of the road before making a call. Do not text on a cell phone, talk, or "tweet" without a hands free device while driving.
10. Immediately following a disaster, resist using your mobile device to watch streaming videos, download music or videos, or play video games, all of which can add to network congestion. Limiting use of these services can help potentially life-saving emergency calls get through to 9-1-1.

Check the Maine Prepares site regularly to find other helpful tips for preparing for disasters and other emergencies.

For More Information

Maine Prepares: Make a Family Communications Plan
<http://www.maine.gov/mema/prepare>



6th Annual
April 22—23, 2014

Counter-IED and Risk Mitigation Training

The Department of Homeland Security Office of Bombing Prevention (OBP) recently released their revised training calendar for Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial (FSLTT) participants, such as municipal officials, state and local law enforcement, critical infrastructure owners/operators, and security staff. Classes include:

- IED Awareness/Bomb Threat Management Workshop
- IED Search Procedures Workshop
- Protective Measures Course
- Surveillance Detection Course for Law Enforcement & Security Professionals
- IED Counterterrorism Workshop
- Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device Detection Course
- Pier-Side Operations and Underwater Search Procedures Course
- Bomb-Making Materials Awareness Program

Classes in the list run from November 2013 to October 2014. For more information about the classes or to see about scheduling one near you, contact OBP@dhs.gov.

(Source: OBP/EMR-ISAC 11/21/13)

Meetings

- **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**
Date: December 4, 2013, 1:00 p.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Mike Shutts, CCEMA, LEPC Planner (207) 892-6785 shutt@cumberlandcounty.org
- **Cumberland County Local EMA Directors Meeting**
Date: December 11, 2013, 8:30 a.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- **Cumberland County ARES**
Date: December 17, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Bryce Rumery, K1GAX
- **State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)**
Date: January 14, 2014.
Location: Augusta, Maine—MEMA
Contact: Faith Mayers
- **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

NIMS:

Intelligence, Investigation, Field Ops

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) provides a reliable framework for government agencies, the private sector, and other organizations to respond cohesively to a range of different incidents. When the cause of an incident is not known (power failure, explosion, anything that has a possible nexus to terrorism), an investigation is required.

NIMS: Intelligence/Investigations Function Guidance and Field Operations Guide was released by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) this month (October 2013) to provide guidance on how to integrate the Intelligence/Investigations Function into NIMS concepts and principles. The document shows how this function fits into the Unified Command or Incident Command System to possibly include forensic, intelligence, missing persons, mass fatality management, and investigative branches.

The fire service, medical community, and law enforcement are the three fields most affected by this function. Investigations are often carried out by law enforcement. However, the guide stresses common examples of investigations carried out by other entities to include epidemiology; transportation accidents; explosions, fires, or arson cases; research to support response or recovery efforts; and mass fatalities. (Source: FEMA)

Download link to Field Operations Guide:
www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/84807

State of Maine								
State Emergency Response Commission								
Reporting facilities by county								
10/4/2013								
	2009 Reporting facilities	2010 Reporting facilities	2011 Reporting Facilities	2012 Reporting facilities	2010 EHS facilities	2011 EHS Facilities	2012 EHS facilities	2011 facilities remaining to report or resolve
Androscoggin	164	168	173	178	35	39	43	0
Aroostook	202	209	204	217	32	33	35	0
Cumberland	353	397	406	404	105	110	113	0
Franklin	79	86	91	90	13	13	14	0
Hancock	111	121	119	115	25	22	22	0
Kennebec	258	254	264	270	48	51	49	0
Knox	83	81	83	86	18	18	18	0
Lincoln	50	55	54	57	12	11	11	0
Oxford	120	119	120	125	17	18	17	0
Penobscot	253	269	260	270	54	54	57	0
Piscataquis	47	47	46	49	10	10	11	0
Sagadahoc	51	55	52	51	8	8	7	0
Somerset	108	113	115	120	16	18	18	0
Waldo	73	74	71	70	12	12	14	0
Washington	74	83	84	87	19	19	19	0
York	226	231	245	288	51	50	53	0
Totals	2252	2362	2387	2477	475	486	501	0
Total new facilities for 2012	151							
New EHS facilities	31							

Making Donations to Disaster Areas

Money is the best donation

Monetary contributions allow professional relief organizations to purchase exactly what disaster survivors most urgently need. In addition, they allow relief supplies to be purchased at locations as near to the disaster site as possible. Purchasing supplies, particularly food, in the disaster area stimulates the local economy and ensures the supplies arrive quickly.

Donations of money given to recognized relief organizations are often tax deductible. And, unlike commodities, there are no transportation fees for cash donations!

The [National Donations Management Network](#) has established an Internet portal to make it easy to donate cash to reputable relief organizations. Choose the state you wish to help, and you will find a list of organizations active in the relief effort.

If you have trouble navigating the NDMS website **during a Maine disaster**, you can call 2-1-1 Maine (dial 2-1-1, toll free) and they will assist you.

Offer first, wait for the need

The [National Donations Management Network](#) also makes it easy to offer donations of goods to help survivors.

Simply go to the website, choose the State you wish to help, and you'll be able to list the goods you are willing to donate. When those goods are needed, you will be contacted to arrange transportation.

Again, 2-1-1 Maine (dial 2-1-1, toll free) can assist you if you have difficulty with the website **during a Maine disaster**.

Use small amounts locally

Some groups may spontaneously collect miscellaneous items for survivors. Consider giving them to a local charity, homeless shelter, or food bank. That will assure their being used by those in need.

Or hold a community yard sale to raise money for a relief organization.

Remember:

- Money is almost always the best donation.
- Contact a trusted agency and make the offer of money, goods or services you wish to donate. They will do their best to help you help the survivors of a disaster. The easiest way to do this is to go to the [National Donations Management Network](#) to donate or offer other assistance.

- Thanks to people like you - generous, well informed, and involved - relief organizations can make a real difference in the world.

For More Information

- [VolunteerMaine](http://voluntermaine.org) <http://voluntermaine.org>
- [Maine Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster \(MEVOAD\)](http://www.mainevoad.org) <http://www.mainevoad.org>
- [National VOAD](http://www.nvoad.org) <http://www.nvoad.org>

Also See: [Volunteering in a Disaster](#) at: Maine Prepares www.maine.gov/mema/prepare
www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/prepare/prepare_display.shtml?163555



2014

Exercise Schedule

- **March 2014**
[Cumberland County Regional Sheltering Exercise \(Seminar/Tabletop\)](#)
Location: TBD
Contact: David B. Feeney, CCEMA (207) 892-6785
feeney@cumberlandcounty.org
- **May 17, 2014**
[Cumberland County Regional Sheltering Full Scale Exercise](#)
Location: Scarborough, ME—Scarborough High School
Contact: David B. Feeney, CCEMA (207) 892-6785
feeney@cumberlandcounty.org
- **May/June 2014**
[Portland International Jet Port—Tabletop Exercise](#)
Contact: Deputy Chief Robert Stewart

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>

Topics and Presenters Sought for Preparedness Conference

MEMA—11/26/2013

The 6th Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22 and 23, 2014 at the Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, Maine. <http://www.maineprepares.com/conference>

Conference organizers are seeking suggestions for workshop topics, and proposals from those interested in conducting workshops at the conference.

I Have an Idea for a Workshop

Follow the links below to share your ideas or volunteer as a presenter:

I have a suggestion for a topic (please include suggestions for speakers as well), go to:

www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/conference/topic_request_2014.html

I would like to be a presenter at the conference (note our guidelines below), go to:

www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/conference/conference_presenter_2014.html

Workshops are presented at breakout sessions throughout the two days of the conference. The sessions are 60 to 90 minutes long, and include subjects affecting the many audiences at the Conference.

Topics may be presented in a variety of ways. In previous conferences, presentation styles have ranged from "Lessons Learned" from exercises and events, to traditional classroom presentation, to panel discussions with experts in a particular subject. Based on your evaluations from previous conferences, "the most popular workshops have been those that draw on real-world experiences".

The Conference is part of the "Maine Prepares" initiative, which focuses on emergency preparedness for a range of audiences.

* Home and Family, including advocates for those with functional and access needs * Schools, from preschool to university * Business, large and small * Communities, encompassing public officials, emergency managers and responders, healthcare providers and administrators and leaders of libraries and cultural institutions. * Private Non-Profit Organizations, including advocacy groups, volunteer teams and service groups.

Some guidelines for topic proposals:

* Topics should address the interests of one or more of the groups referenced above * Submitters are free to propose more than one topic * The Conference Committee will review all proposals and may contact submitters for more information. The Committee also reserves the right to solicit presentations through other avenues. * Presentations must not feature "any" promotional content for any commercial enterprise * No materials promoting the presenter or a particular commercial interest may be distributed or displayed.

The annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference grew out of the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) popular annual Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Conference. In the spirit of "all hazard preparedness", in 2009 MEMA expanded this platform to address the full spectrum of hazards in Maine, as well as to involve an even wider circle of public, private and non-profit partners. At the same time the emphasis on Hazardous Materials was maintained for this important segment of our response community. Session materials from previous conferences can be reviewed at the Conference website:

<http://www.maineprepares.com/conference>

The annual conference has consistently provided a unique educational and networking opportunity. Please share your ideas for topics

http://www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/conference/topic_request_2014.html)

and let us know if you would like to present.

(http://www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/conference/conference_presenter_2014.html).

Help make the Sixth Annual the best Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference to date.



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.

www.maine.gov/mema/prepare the storm

Training Opportunities

- **Threat and Risk Assessment (MGT310)**

Date: December 3-4, 2013
 Location: South Portland, ME, Coast Guard, SNNE
 Contact: Andrew C. Germann, Port Security Specialist
 Registration: andrew.c.germann@uscg.mil
 (207) 741-5489

- **Disaster Behavioral Health—A Critical Response**

Date: December 4-5, 2013
 Location: Millinocket, ME, The Baxter Park Inn
 Contact: Tammy McLaughlin, ADCare Educational
 Institute of Maine (207) 626-3615
tmclaughlin@adcareme.org

More Information and Registration Materials available at:
<http://www.mainedisasterbehavioralhealth.com/dbhcriticalresponse/>

- **Incident Command System ICS 300**

Date: December 4-6, 2013
 Location: Portland, Maine—Maine Medical Center
 Training Facility, 995 Congress Street
 Contact: Eric Sawyer, MMC Emergency Management
 Registration: Texas A&M at:
<http://teexweb.tamu.edu/teex.cfm?templateid=14&pageid=training&area=teex&entry=22209&navdiv=ESTI>

- **Emergency Response and Planning to School Shootings**

Date: December 12, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
 Location: Brunswick, ME – Maine Fire Service Institute
 Contact: Bill Guindon, MFSI Director, (207) 844-2070,
bguindon@smccme.edu

- **Plan For An Event—Be Prepared For An Incident The Boston Marathon Bombings**

Date: December 14, 2013, 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
 Location: Orono, ME – University of Maine
 Register by email: scott@specialtyresponse.com or
 (207) 619-0343 \$20 Registration Fee Applies

- **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 by phone—(207) 624-4400, Fax: (207) 282-3178
 or Email: maine.serc@maine.gov

- **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

Pediatric Triage During Disasters

The Connecticut EMS for Children (EMSC) released Pediatric Disaster Triage: Doing the Most Good for the Most Patients in the Least Time. Targeted towards prehospital providers such as fire and EMS personnel, the five module course is a result of the federal EMSC Program which funds grants to states and accredited schools of medicine "to identify new approaches in the provision of the best possible emergency care for children throughout the nation."

The narrated, interactive course covers the basics of scene assessment, securing the scene, resource estimation, and covers the fundamentals of the most common triage algorithms used: JumpSTART, SALT, SMART, and Clinical Decision Making.

Approximately two-thirds of the program specifically discusses the complexities of triaging children and touches on special considerations such as head injuries, children with disabilities or who are medically dependent on technology, and attempting to keep family units together during triage and transportation.

This program has quizzes embedded and provides a certificate on completion. Continuing Education (CE) units are not yet available, but will be soon. Other resources on pediatric triage and disaster response are on the EMSC website.

<http://www.childrensnational.org/EMSC/EducationTraining/web-based-training.aspx>

(Source: EMSC)



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

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

Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG)
Home: www.gpcog.org



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