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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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Governor Congratulates Maine's Emergency Management Community

MEMA, April 26, 2013

Governor Paul R. LePage this week (26 April) congratulated the staff of the Maine Emergency Management Agency and all participants on the success of the 5th Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference in Augusta.

"Every day, dedicated individuals are working in our cities and towns to make sure Maine is prepared for any emergency," Governor LePage said. "The great participation in this learning opportunity demonstrates how seriously all these partners take that responsibility."

The Governor also noted that the annual conference is an opportunity to look at emergency management accomplishments over the past year. "I'm extremely proud of the leadership MEMA and Maine's emergency management community have shown. We're a small state, but the partnerships and capabilities we have built have allowed us to be prepared at home and the first to offer assistance to our neighboring states."

The Conference, which wrapped up on Wednesday, brought together its largest audience yet of emergency managers, first responders, school officials, volunteers and private sector partners.

"Over 700 people took advantage of our programs this year," said Maine Emergency Management Agency Director Rob McAleer. "It's an indication of how dedicated Maine's emergency managers and responders are, to commit 2 days of their

time to learn from our speakers, and from each other." The conference featured over 40 workshops focusing on preparedness for homes and families, schools and communities, as well as hazardous materials response and emergency management.

A highlight of the conference was a presentation by two officers from the Newtown, Connecticut Police Department. Lt. Christopher Vanghele and Officer Jeff Silver spoke to the attendees about the response to the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy last December. They also shared more sensitive operational information in a closed session with local, county and state law enforcement representatives and County emergency management Directors. "We're very grateful to Lt. Vanghele and Officer Silver for their participation," McAleer said. "Their willingness to share their experience allowed us to learn from Newtown's tragedy and apply those lessons to our own planning."

A panel representing MEMA, Maine Forest Service and Maine State Police also spoke to the attendees about their experiences responding to Superstorm Sandy in New York and New Jersey, and the lessons they brought back.

Jeremy Damren, MEMA's Exercise Training Officer, was presented with the Maine Emergency Manager of the Year award from the Northeast States Emergency Consortium. Arn Hegggers, preparedness specialist with the US Coast Guard, was presented with the County Directors Council Award. The SAPPI Emergency Response Team won the 14th Annual

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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.

Threat and Risk Assessment Local Jurisdiction MGT-310

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

This course prepares participants to conduct a jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA). Participant activities focus on allowing the jurisdiction to understand threats and hazards and how the impacts may vary according to time of occurrence, season, location, and other community factors. This knowledge helps a jurisdiction establish informed and defensible capability targets. Participants will identify threats and hazards of concern, give the threats and hazards context, examine the core capabilities, set capability targets, perform vulnerability and consequence assessments, and apply the results. The course delivery combines lecture, small group discussions, participant activities, and multimedia scenarios to improve the jurisdiction's capability to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to, or recover from all-hazards events.

Participant Audience:

Emergency response level, supervisory and/or management personnel who respond to or have oversight responsibility for incidents caused by terrorism, natural disaster, major accidents and all other hazards. Course participants include responders from the following disciplines/services:

- Law Enforcement
- Fire Service
- Public Health
- Public Works
- Health Care
- Emergency Medical Service
- Hazardous Materials
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Communications
- Governmental Administrative

Personnel from the private sector, non-governmental organizations, schools, and the military are also allowed to attend if invited or approved by the host jurisdiction.

Prerequisites:

Participants should work in one of the listed disciplines, have completed a WMD/terrorism awareness level course, or be approved by the local jurisdiction host. Completion of the online courses IS-700.a (NIMS - An Introduction) and AWR-160 (WMD/Terrorism Awareness for Emergency Responders) is recommended but not required. The DHS/FEMA NTED course AWR-160 is offered online by TEEX at: www.teexwmdcampus.com.

Continuing Education Units:

IACET - 1.6 CEUs
 ACE - 1 Hour College Credit (Upper Division)

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Hazardous Materials Response Team Challenge.

The Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference is sponsored by the Maine Emergency Management Agency, the State Emergency Response Commission and the Maine Association of Local Emergency Managers.

Meetings

- **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**
 Date: June 5, 2013, 1:00 p.m.
 Location: Texas Instruments, South Portland, ME
 Sebago Room, Building No 1.
 Contact: Mike Shutts, (207) 892-6785
 shutts@cumberlandcounty.org
- **Cumberland County Local EMA Directors Meeting**
 Date: June 12, 2013, 8:30 a.m.
 Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- **Cumberland County IMAT Meeting (COMMU)**
 Date: June 12, 2013, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
 Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- **Cumberland County ARES**
 Date: June 18, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
 Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
 Contact: Ron Brown, WA1RB
- **Mid-Coast ARES/CERT**
 Date: June 20, 2013
 Location: Topsham, Maine
 Mid-Coast Chapter ARC, Community Way
 Contact: John Goran, Maine SEC
 K1JJS@arri.net (207) 865-0554
- **Cumberland County CART**
 Date: June 26, 2013, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
 Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
 Contact: Ron Jones, CCEMA
- **Greater Portland Area Traffic Incident Management Group (TIM)**
 Date: June 26, 2013, 8:00 a.m..
 Location: CPCOG, 970 Baxter Blvd. Portland, ME
 Contact: Matt Adams, GPCOG, (207) 774-9891
- **Cumberland County VG-14 Planning Meeting**
 Date: July 18, 2013, 9 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
 Location: Portland City Hall, Room 209 (2nd floor)
 Contact: David Feeney, (207) 892-6785
 feeney@cumberlandcounty.org

NOAA Predicts Active 2013 Atlantic Hurricane Season

Era of high activity for Atlantic hurricanes continues

May 23, 2013: NOAA

In its 2013 Atlantic hurricane season outlook issued today, NOAA's Climate Prediction Centers forecasting an active or extremely active season this year.

For the six-month hurricane season, which begins June 1, NOAA's Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook says there is a 70 percent likelihood of 13 to 20 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 7 to 11 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 6 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher).



These ranges are well above the seasonal average of 12 named storms, 6 hurricanes and 3 major hurricanes.

"With the devastation of Sandy fresh in our minds, and another active season predicted, everyone at NOAA is committed to providing life-saving forecasts in the face of these storms and ensuring

that Americans are prepared and ready ahead of time." said Kathryn Sullivan, Ph.D., NOAA acting administrator. "As we saw first-hand with Sandy, it's important to remember that tropical storm and hurricane impacts are not limited to the coastline. Strong winds, torrential rain, flooding, and tornadoes often threaten inland areas far from where the storm first makes landfall."

Three climate factors that strongly control Atlantic hurricane activity are expected to come together to produce an active or extremely active 2013 hurricane season. These are:

- A continuation of the atmospheric climate pattern, which includes a strong west African monsoon, that is responsible for the ongoing era of high activity for Atlantic hurricanes that began in 1995;
- Warmer-than-average water temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea; and
- El Niño is not expected to develop and suppress hurricane formation.

"This year, oceanic and atmospheric conditions in the Atlantic basin are expected to produce more and stronger hurricanes," said Gerry Bell, Ph.D., lead seasonal hurricane forecaster with NOAA's Climate Prediction Center. "These conditions include weaker wind shear, warmer Atlantic waters and conducive winds patterns coming from Africa."

NOAA's seasonal hurricane outlook is not a hurricane landfall forecast; it does not predict how many storms will hit land or where a storm will strike. Forecasts for individual storms and their impacts will be provided throughout the season by NOAA's National Hurricane Center.

New for this hurricane season are improvements to forecast models, data gathering, and the National Hurricane Center communication procedure for post-tropical cyclones. In July, NOAA plans to bring online a new super-computer that will run an upgraded Hurricane Weather Research and Forecasting (HWRF) model that provides significantly enhanced depiction of storm structure and improved storm intensity forecast guidance.

Also this year, Doppler radar data will be transmitted in real time from NOAA's Hurricane Hunter aircraft. This will help forecasters better analyze rapidly evolving storm conditions, and these data could further improve the HWRF model forecasts by 10 to 15 percent.

The National Weather Service has also made changes to allow for hurricane warnings to remain in effect, or to be newly issued, for storms like Sandy that have become post-tropical. This flexibility allows forecasters to provide a continuous flow of forecast and warning information for evolving or continuing threats.

"The start of hurricane season is a reminder that our families, businesses and communities need to be ready for the next big storm," said Joe Nimmich, FEMA associate administrator for Response and Recovery. "Preparedness today can make a big difference down the line, so update your family emergency plan and make sure your emergency kit is stocked. Learn more about how you can prepare for hurricane season at www.ready.gov/hurricanes."

Next week, May 26 - June 1, is National Hurricane Preparedness Week. To help those living in hurricane-prone areas prepare, NOAA is offering hurricane preparedness tips, along with video and audio public service announcements in both English and Spanish, featuring NOAA hurricane experts and the FEMA administrator at www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/.

NOAA's outlook for the Eastern Pacific basin is for a below-normal hurricane season and the Central Pacific basin is also expected to have a below-normal season. NOAA will issue an updated outlook for the Atlantic hurricane season in early August, just prior to the historical peak of the season.

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and our other social media channels.

Above Photo Credit: NOAA/NASA Hurricane Sandy as seen from NOAA's GOES-13 satellite on, October 28, 2013 .

NOKR *Next of Kin Registry*

The Next Of Kin Registry (NOKR) was established as a FREE tool for daily emergencies and national disasters. NOKR is your emergency contact system to help if you or your family member is missing, injured or deceased. NOKR is the central depository for Emergency Contact information in the United States plus 87 other countries. (See NOKR's network of volunteers at www.nokr.org). NOKR is a non-profit humanitarian organization dedicated to bridging rapid emergency contact information. NOKR was established in January 2004, for daily emergency situations.

NOKR provides the public a free proactive service to store your emergency contacts, next of kin and vital medical information that would be critical to emergency response agencies. Stored information is only accessible via a secure area that is only accessible by emergency public trust agencies that have registered with NOKR.

NOKR encourages every township, county, municipality, city, state and nation to take ownership of the NOKR. This resource belongs to you, your citizens and to your emergency agencies. Take the NOKR registration forms and add your own identifying symbols.

NOKR is your trusted safe guarding organization for all personal emergency contacts worldwide. NOKR does not own the information we store, this information belongs to the registrants and is made available securely to registered emergency agencies during times of urgent need. NOKR is the protector of this vital bridging resource to reconnect individuals and families after urgent events.

FREE DECALS

Get your FREE Driver License or Identification Card decals.

<http://nokr.org/decals.htm>

The injury or passing of a loved one is a difficult time for families and friends. This sad time is compounded when you're not informed when a loved one is injured or passes on. This happens when Local and State Agencies are unable to locate a family member or Next Of Kin. This would happen for numerous reasons:

- A lack of information about family or contacts.
- A lack of resources available to search for family members, emergency contacts or "Next Of Kin".

SHOULD I REGISTER MYSELF OR MY FAMILY WITH NOKR?

NOKR is the ONLY organization globally, that provides a free emergency contact resource of this kind, to both citizens and to emergency agencies. We hope there is never

a need but we do know that events in life and disasters will happen. It's entirely your choice to decide how you will prepare yourself and your family.

FACT: Many people think that if they are carrying a driver's license, identification card or credit cards, authorities will know who their emergency contact is. These forms of identity only indicate who you are

not who should be contacted in the event of urgent need. To add to this problem, often times your current identification is not updated or readily available and it becomes very difficult and complex to locate emergency contacts. Who will speak for you or your family member when they can't? NOKR is the solution.

Here are just a few scenarios where your information will be useful.

- Missing or injured child, adult or senior.
- Lost child.
- Those suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's.
- Accidents while traveling Nationally or Internationally.
- Unconscious person unable to communicate.
- Natural Disasters (Hurricanes, Earthquakes, Tornadoes, Floods, Tsunamis, Fires).
- Terrorist Acts Nationally or Internationally.
- Deceased person used to locate a next of kin or point of contact. <http://www.nokr.org/>



At The End OF The Day, It's All About Your Family.

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>

Monetary Donations Best Way to Assist with Oklahoma Tornado Recovery

MEMA Release: May 21, 2013

In the aftermath of devastating Oklahoma tornadoes, Governor Paul R. LePage and the Maine Emergency Management Agency remind Mainers that the best way to help with tornado recovery is to support the voluntary agencies working in the disaster area with monetary donations.

"When we see the pictures of the devastation in Oklahoma, we immediately want to help," the Governor said. "We need to focus that generosity in a way that can be effective immediately. That means supporting the agencies that are already active in the relief effort."

Monetary donations enable the relief agencies to purchase items locally as they are needed. This cuts down on transportation costs, helps the local economy and allows the agencies to meet the rapidly changing needs in the disaster area.

"There are many relief organizations already working in the disaster area," MEMA Director Rob McAleer said. "We urge all those who want to help to pick up a phone, send a check or visit a web site to make a cash donation."

The United Way of Central Oklahoma has activated a Tornado Relief Fund. Proceeds will be distributed to United Way partner agencies working on tornado relief. Donations may be made three ways:

1. Give online to the May Tornadoes Relief Fund located on the United Way of Central Oklahoma's home page at <http://www.unitedwayokc.org>. If you are having trouble donating online:
2. Give by credit card: Call 405-523-3598, 405-523-3597, or 405-236-8441
3. Give by mailing a check to United Way of Central Oklahoma, P.O. Box 837, Oklahoma City, OK 73101 with notation for May Tornado Relief.

For those wishing to donate to a specific relief group, the National Donations Management Network maintains a list of voluntary agencies working in Oklahoma, including both local faith-based groups and well-known national organizations such as the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army, at: <http://www.ndmn.us/ok>

These volunteer agencies provide a wide variety of services after disasters, such as clean up, childcare, housing repair, crisis counseling, sheltering and food.

Governor LePage also said that Maine will monitor any requests from Oklahoma that are made under the Emer-

gency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), a mutual aid agreement among states. "If there is a request that Maine can meet, we will offer our help," the Governor said. Under EMAC, Maine sent trained teams to Vermont after Hurricane Irene and to New York and New Jersey following Superstorm Sandy.

Contact:
Lynette Miller, MEMA
(207) 624-4420

Public Health Resources for Bombing Events

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) distributed an alert via their Health Alert Network on April 17th directing public health officials to their resources on preparing and responding to bombing events.

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/HAN/han00346.asp>

The site lists various resources on the following topics:

- Explosion and blast injuries;
- Traumatic brain injuries;
- Mass casualties and surge capacity;
- Training for explosions, injury patterns, and care;
- Information on mental health care and dealing with mass trauma.

The National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health (NCDMPH) has also consolidated a variety of resources for public health officials. Resilience Through Learning – Explosions in Boston links to a variety of resources:

- Yale-Tulane Special Report for ESF-8;
- Book chapters on war casualties and surgery;
- Psychological first aid and coping;
- Health care facility disaster metrics for determining surge numbers.

While there is no known existing threat, the Boston events and the industrial accident in Texas emphasize that healthcare staff and public health officials should remain well-trained for events that may lead to blast injuries such as industrial accidents or bombings.

(Source: CDC, NCDMPH) Credits: EMR-ISAC "The InfoGram"

State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers

National Network of Fusion Centers

State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers serve as focal points within the state and local environment for the receipt, analysis, gathering, and sharing of threat-related information between the federal government and state, local, tribal, territorial (SLTT) and private sector partners.

Located in states and major urban areas throughout the country, fusion centers are uniquely situated to empower front-line law enforcement, public safety, fire service, emergency response, public health, critical infrastructure protection, and private sector security personnel to understand local implications of national intelligence, thus enabling local officials to better protect their communities. Fusion centers provide interdisciplinary expertise and situational awareness to inform decision-making at all levels of government. They conduct analysis and facilitate information sharing while assisting law enforcement and homeland security partners in preventing, protecting against, and responding to crime and terrorism.

Fusion centers are owned and operated by state and local entities with support from federal partners in the form of deployed personnel, training, technical assistance, exercise support, security clearances, connectivity to federal systems, technology, and grant funding.

The Current Threat Environment and Role of Fusion Centers in National Security

Both at home and abroad, the United States faces an adaptive enemy in an asymmetric threat environment. Events since May 2009 have demonstrated that the threat to the homeland is not abating. The National Network of Fusion Centers (National Network) is uniquely situated to empower front-line law enforcement, public safety, emergency response, and private sector security personnel to lawfully gather and share information to identify emerging threats. The national security enterprise must reach beyond the capabilities of the federal government and national Intelligence Community to identify and warn about impending plots that could impact the homeland, particularly when the individuals responsible for the threats operate within the United States and do not travel or communicate with others overseas. By building trusted relationships and collaborating with SLTT and private sector partners, fusion centers can gather and share the information necessary to pursue and disrupt activities that may be indicators of, or potential precursors to, terrorist activity. With timely, accurate information on potential terrorist threats, fusion centers can directly contribute to and inform investigations initiated and conducted by federal entities, such as the [Joint Terrorism Task Forces](#) led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to the [2010 National Security Strategy](#) (PDF, 60 pages - 1.52 MB), the federal government must continue to integrate and leverage fusion centers to enlist all of our intelligence, law enforcement, and homeland security capabilities to prevent acts of terrorism on American soil. Efforts to protect the homeland require the timely gathering, analysis, and sharing of threat-related information. Fusion centers provide a mechanism through which the federal government, SLTT, and private sector partners come together to accomplish this purpose. Beginning in 2003, the federal government, in cooperation with state and local entities, published guidance to enable fusion centers to operate at a baseline level of capability and to form a robust and fully integrated National Network. The National Network allows the federal government, SLTT, and private sector partners to participate as full contributors to, and beneficiaries of, the homeland security enterprise.

This strategic vision can be realized only when fusion centers demonstrate institutionalized levels of capability that enable efficient and effective information sharing and analysis across the National Network. This will help link the federal government with SLTT and private sector entities to more effectively share information. Given the evolving threat environment, it is vital that fusion centers quickly achieve their roles, as explained in the National Strategy for Information Sharing (NSIS), as the focal points within the SLTT environment for the receipt, analysis, gathering, and sharing of threat of related information

Links

National Security Strategy (PDF)

http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/national_security_strategy.pdf

Joint Terrorism Task Forces

http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/terrorism/terrorism_jtfts

Special Events

- **June 1, 2013**
[Atlantic Hurricane Season Officially Begins](#)
National Weather Service / NOAA www.nws.noaa.gov
- **June 2—June 8, 2013**
[Rip Current Awareness Week](#)
National Weather Service / NOAA www.nws.noaa.gov
- **June 23—June 29, 2013**
[Lightning Safety Awareness Week](#)
National Weather Service / NOAA www.nws.noaa.gov
- **June 22—June 23, 2013, 2 p.m.—2 p.m. (24-hours)**
[Amateur Radio Emergency Service \(ARES\) Field Day](#)
(National Emergency Communications Drill)
Location: Cape Elizabeth, ME— Fort Williams Park
FMI: David Feeny, CCEMA

Training for Gas Emergencies through Airgas

Having the knowledge and experience of many years in the industry, Airgas, the largest supplier of specialty gases and related equipment in the United States, offers free resources and training for first responders on identification and proper handling of gases in a hazmat setting.

Access to the Airgas Containers Emergency (ACE) program's extensive training, resources, and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) library is available through a free registration. ACE offers online training on the physical properties and hazards of various gases; fire service-specific training scenarios; information on transportation and storage needs of gases; and a variety of "ACE Cards," condensed 1- and 2-page sheets that can be printed and placed in apparatus for quick reference.

<https://www.airgasace.com>



Airgas also has an on-call emergency response group of 33 teams nationwide with over 300 hazmat technicians. Airgas Emergency Response Organization (AERO) has existed for more than 15 years. Teams perform drills monthly, recertify yearly, and are trained to identify unknown gases and properly handle and dispose of them.

Credits: AirGas, EMR-ISAC "The InfoGram" 03/21/13

Maine Prepares Tips Unique Health Needs Means Unique Emergency Needs

Individuals with chronic illnesses or conditions, and those who love them and who care for them, should build a plan that fits with their unique health needs:

- Do you have an emergency supply of essential medications if someone can't get to a pharmacy?
- Do you have a back-up treatment facility in the event your usual place of care is closed?
- If you are unable to transport yourself out of your home, have you made an evacuation plan based on your unique needs?

Reach out to your community to talk confidentially about special help you might need during an emergency.

Essential Sign Language for First Responders

Date: June 11, 2013

Location: Knox County EMA, Rockland, ME

Description of Event:

These presentations, arranged through the Maine Center on Deafness, have been scheduled for Tuesday, June 11 at the Knox County EMA office. We will have two sessions available to allow some flexibility in attendance for area responders, community volunteers and others who might have a need to communicate at a very basic level with persons who are deaf or have a hearing disability.

Choose between a 1:00pm and a 6:00pm session. To allow us to procure training materials for all, preregistration is required by calling the EMA office at 594-5155 or email [rsvp to dallen@knoxcountymaine.gov](mailto:rsvp@dallen@knoxcountymaine.gov).

We will work on making EMS CEH's available. We will see if CEU/CEH awards can be made available for other licensed professionals if there is interest.

Feel free to pass this info along to associates or other interested persons.

For more information, contact:

Donna Allen

207-594-5155

dallen@knoxcountymaine.gov

2013 Exercise Schedule

- **June 5, 2013, 9 a.m.**
Portland Pipeline/Raymond Fire Department
Location: Raymond, ME (near intersection Rt. 302/85)
- **August 20—22, 2013**
Vigilant Guard (VG14) Final Planning Conference
Location: TBD (Portland Area)
- **August 28, 2013, 6 p.m.—9 p.m. (Proposed Date)**
Southern Maine Postal Processing and Distribution Functional Exercise w/Presumpscot Valley HazMat
Contact: Chief Thurlow, Scarborough 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
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Hurricane Planning for Public Safety Agencies

Hurricane season begins June 1 for the Atlantic and May 15 for the Eastern Pacific, with both ending on November 30th. The question for jurisdictions on or near the coasts is not if a hurricane will impact them, but when and how badly. Proper planning, training, and teamwork will mitigate the impact. Consider the following:

- Many injuries or fatalities happen after the hurricane has passed;
- Areas well inland can see damaging winds, heavy rain, and tornadoes;
- Secondary hazards (e.g., power or water outages) may last days or weeks;
- Tropical storms and depressions can cause as much damage as hurricanes.

The Firefighter Support Foundation produced a 30-minute training video entitled Hurricane Planning for Small- and Mid-Sized Agencies along with an accompanying PowerPoint presentation (PPT, 830 Kb). It is available for free to all emergency management and public safety departments for training purposes.

www.fireengineering.com

Fire departments in hurricane zones can use this training to reinforce the importance of pre-incident planning, preparation stages, and taking necessary steps to prepare their departments well before a storm hits. (Source: Firefighter Support Foundation). (Article Credit EMR-ISAC May 9, 2013).

AppComm: Public Safety App One-Stop-Shop

The Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO International) has launched AppComm, a site for first responders and the general public to access and download mobile applications dealing with public safety and emergency response. The Application Community holds 60 apps right now; the apps were chosen by APCO staff as a representation “of the value and diversity of existing public safety apps.”



APCO recognizes the importance of providing a platform the public safety community can trust and rely upon to aggregate and develop the most effective apps for public safety and emergency response. The list is searchable by keyword, category, device, and price.



Recent additions:

- CDC Field Triage
- Hybrid Auto Extraction Guide
- Crime Scene Mapping
- Campus Sentinel for students and parents
- Wildland Toolkit
- FBI Child ID



Inclusion of an app in AppComm does not imply APCO's endorsement, nor is APCO reviewing the apps. However, they request visitors and users review the apps, especially first responders. Developers or users can also submit apps for review.

<http://appcomm.org>

(Source: APCO International)(EMR-ISAC, May 9, 2013)

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**REPORTING
NOTICE**

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DHS and the FBI encourage the reporting of information concerning suspicious or criminal activity to the local FBI office and also the State or Major Urban Area Fusion Center. FBI phone numbers can be found online at <http://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field>. Fusion Center information can be seen at <http://www.dhs.gov/contact-fusion-centers>.

For information specifically affecting the private sector critical infrastructure, contact the National Infrastructure Coordinating Center (NICC) by telephone at [202-282-9201](tel:202-282-9201) or by e-mail at NICC@hq.dhs.gov.

When available, each report submitted should include the date, time, location, type of activity, number of people, equipment type used for the activity, the name of the name of submitting person and organization, and a designated point of contact.

Maine Information and Analysis Center (MIAC)
 Augusta, Maine 04330-0164
 Phone: (207) 624-7280
 Email: miac@nespin.riss.net

FBI Boston
 Suite 600
 One Center Plaza
 Boston, Massachusetts 02108
 (617) 742-5533
<http://boston.fbi.gov>

Training Opportunities

- **Incident Command System: Intermediate ICS 300**
Date: June 3-5, 2013
Location: South Portland, ME—Merry Manor Inn
Contact: Tom Parent (Northeast Forest Fire Commission) 207) 968-3782 necompact@fairpoint.net
- **Communications Unit Technician (COMT)**
Date: June 3-7, 2013 (5-days)
Location: Belfast, ME—Waldo County EMA
Contact: Steven Mallory steven.mallory@maine.gov
- **Traffic Incident Management Responder TTT**
Date: June 4-5, 2013 (1 1/2 Days) 9 am-5 p.m. / 9-noon
Location: Portland, ME—Maine Turnpike Authority
Contact: Dotty Drinkwater, email: dottyd@aol.com
- **Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant (HMPG) Workshop Module 1—Application Overview / History of Damages**
Date: June 5, 2013, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Location: Woodstock Town Office Meeting Room
Contact: Crystal Aylward, Oxford County EMA (207) 743-6336 caylward@oxfordcounty.org
- **Incident Command System: Advanced ICS 400**
Date: June 6-7, 2013
Location: South Portland, ME—Merry Manor Inn
Contact: Tom Parent (Northeast Forest Fire Commission) 207) 968-3782 necompact@fairpoint.net
- **Incident Command System: Advanced ICS 400**
Date: June 6-7, 2013
Location: South Portland, ME—Merry Manor Inn
Contact: Tom Parent (Northeast Forest Fire Commission) 207) 968-3782 necompact@fairpoint.net
- **HazMat Operations Rescue**
Date: June 8, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Rumford, ME, Rumford Town Office
Registration: Fax MEMA (207) 287-3178,
Name, Agency, Phone, Email Location to Attend
- **HazMat Operations Rescue**
Date: June 10, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Portland, ME, Stevens Avenue Armory
Registration: Fax MEMA (207) 287-3178,
Name, Agency, Phone Email, Location to Attend
- **Planning for the Unique Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place Needs of People with Medical Dependencies during a Disaster (MGT-411)**
Date: June 10, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Location: Portland, ME—Maine Medical Center
Contact: Bill Halstead, (603) 688-2653
william.halstead@ynhh.org
Register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PMD06102013>
- **Essential Sign Language for First Responders**
Date: June 11, 2013, 1:00 p.m. (2 - Sessions Available)
Date: June 11, 2013, 6:00 p.m. (See article Page 7)
Location: Knox County EMA office
Contact: Donna Allen, Knox County EMA
(207) 594-5155 dallen@knoxcountymaine.gov
- **Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant (HMPG) Workshop Module II—Scope of Work and cost Estimating**
Date: June 12, 2013, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Location: Woodstock Town Office Meeting Room
Contact: Crystal Aylward, Oxford County EMA (207) 743-6336 caylward@oxfordcounty.org
- **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
- **Events Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals**
Date: June 17-18, 2013
Location: Bangor, ME, Bangor Police Headquarters
Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA
(207)624-4400 Michael.f.grant@maine.gov
- **HazMat Operations Rescue**
Date: June 22 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Presque Isle, ME, Presque Island Fire Dept.
Registration: Fax MEMA (207) 287-3178,
Name, Agency, Phone, Email, Location to Attend
- **HazMat Operations Rescue**
Date: June 24, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Waterville, ME, Waterville Fire Department
Registration: Fax MEMA (207) 287-3178,
Name, Agency, Phone, Email, Location to Attend
- **HazMat Operations Rescue Train-the-Trainer**
Date: June 24-26, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Scarborough, ME Fire Dept, 16 Saco St.
Registration: Fax MEMA (207) 287-3178,
Name, Agency, Phone, Email, Location to Attend
- **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
- **All Hazards Awareness and Preparedness for Transit Employees—Train-the-Trainer Course**
Date: June 27, 2013, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: South Portland, ME, Coast Guard, NNES
Contact: Andrew C. Germann, Port Security Specialist
Registration: andrew.c.germann@uscg.mil
(207) 741-5489
- **Anti-Terrorism Training For First Responders Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition and Response**
Date: September 4, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Location: Augusta, ME—MEMA, Floridan Training
Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA michael.f.grant@maine.gov
Registration: FEMA 119-25-1 Fax (207) 287-3178

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PPE for Storm, Flood, and Hurricane Response

Workers face a variety of hazards when responding to high water and storm-ravaged areas. Physical hazards could be hidden under the water, chemical or biological toxins are often in the water itself, and slippery surfaces make falls more likely without the proper gear.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) published a guide on personal protective equipment (PPE) for workers responding to storms, floods, or hurricanes available on their Web site. The guide offers general PPE suggestions for 5 hazards: sharp jagged debris; floodwater exposure; electrical hazards; contact with bodily fluids, human or animal remains, or blood; and slick or unstable surfaces.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/emres/pre-workers.html>

In addition to PPE recommendations, NIOSH lists resources for workers such as proper wound care, hazard identification after a flood, and an immunization guide.

Any agency in flood- or hurricane-prone areas should review their PPE supplies to ensure there is enough to go around. In addition, departments should consider carrying extra PPE to mitigate shortages due to cleaning and drying time.

(Source: NIOSH)(The InfoGram, May 23, 2013)

Guide to Firefighting and Combustible Dust

According to a new report from Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), dust is considered to be an explosible material. "Explosible' materials are capable of exploding; combustible dusts become capable of exploding when finely divided and dispersed... 'Explosive' materials can explode as is."

"Firefighting Precautions at Facilities with Combustible Dust" (PDF, 2.28 Mb) provides a framework for emergency response by defining the threats of combustible dust and helping develop safe operating practices and procedures. Many firefighters have little experience working with combustible dust and assume normal tactics will work. Using examples of specific incidents within the past 10 years, OSHA shows how dangerous combustible dust can be if not properly handled.

The report states that determining the explosibility of dust is difficult since there is currently no monitoring device available like the ones for flammable vapor or gas. Instead, firefighters must use their best judgment. OSHA recommends a "rule of thumb": if the dust blocks out a

light source 6-9 feet away, treat it as explosible.

OSHA also stresses materials not usually flammable can still explode in dust form, such as some metals. The report also touches on the importance of pre-fire planning, choosing the right extinguishing agent, ventilation, and an overview of some types of industrial equipment that may be on site (e.g., dust collectors).

(Source: OSHA) (The InfoGram, May 23, 2013)

National Response Framework Updated

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released the National Response Framework, updated from the original 2008 version. As part of the National Planning Frameworks, they "describe how the whole community works together to achieve the National Preparedness Goal." There are five documents in the National Planning Frameworks:

- Response – second edition released in May 2013
- Prevention – new; released in May 2013
- Mitigation – new; released in May 2013
- Disaster Recovery – released in 2011
- Protection – currently being developed

The revised National Response Framework is shorter than the original and was written to be a more "strategic" document. The revision stresses the roles of individuals, discusses the "whole community" concept, and defines core capabilities.

Overall, the National Planning Frameworks help different levels of government work together when planning for, responding to, and recovering from natural or manmade disasters. Visit fema.gov/national-response-framework

(Source: FEMA) (The InfoGram, May 23, 2013)

Training Opportunities

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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
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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
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Threat and Risk Assessment (MGT310)

Date: December 3-4, 2013 (See article Page 2)

Location: South Portland, ME, Coast Guard, NNES

Contact: Andrew C. Germann, Port Security Specialist
Registration: andrew.c.germann@uscg.mil
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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 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



Monthly Communications Test

June 13, 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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