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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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What is National VOAD

National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that serves as the forum where organizations share knowledge and resources throughout the disaster cycle—preparation, response, recovery—to help disaster survivors and their communities.

To fulfill this mission, National VOAD fosters more effective service to people affected by disaster through convening mechanisms, outreach, advocacy, and as a champion and facilitator for the application of our values and core principles.



The National VOAD coalition includes over 50 of the country's most reputable national organizations (faith-based, community-based and other non-governmental organizations) and 55 State/Territory VOADs, which represent Local/Regional VOADs and hundreds of other membership organizations throughout the country.

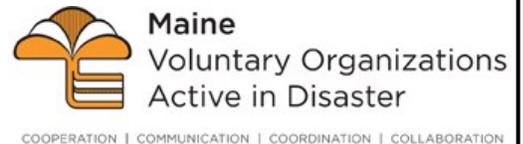
Since our founding in 1970, National VOAD member organizations have worked tirelessly to assist communities affected by disasters. Over the past 42 years, the VOAD movement has grown to include 108

member organizations throughout the nation, serving in all 50 States, 4 Territories and the District of Columbia. Guided by the core principles of the "4 C's" Cooperation, Communication, Coordination, and Collaboration, National VOAD members provide the leadership that build strong, resilient communities and delivers hope in times of need.

National VOAD is led by member organization volunteers and staff who are champions in the preparedness and disaster services community. Many volunteer their time to serve on our Committees and Task Forces, as members of our Board of Directors, or participants at the annual National VOAD Conference.

For more information on National VOAD
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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.

Surveillance Awareness: What You Can Do IS-914

FEMA Release Date: February 7, 2013

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to make critical infrastructure employees and service providers aware of actions they can take to detect and report suspicious activities associated with adversarial surveillance.

To achieve this goal, the course provides an overview of surveillance activities and the indicators associated with them, as well as the actions that employees and service providers can take to report potential surveillance incidents.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course, the participants will be able to:

- Identify potential targets of adversarial surveillance.
- Describe the information obtained by surveillance that is of interest to adversaries.
- Recognize indicators of surveillance within the everyday environment.
- Identify actions that you can take to detect potential adversarial surveillance incidents.
- Describe the importance of identifying and reporting suspicious activities associated with adversarial surveillance.
- Specify actions you can take to report potential incidents of adversarial surveillance.

Primary Audience

The course is designed for critical infrastructure owners and operators, employees, and service providers as well as those with critical infrastructure protection duties and responsibilities at the State, local, tribal, and territorial levels.

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| Prerequisites | Course Length | CEUs |
| None | 1-hour | 0.1 |

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

FEMA Independent Study Distant Learning

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

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

New Courses Launched: February 2013

- ◆ IS-1.a - Emergency Manager: An Orientation to the Position
- ◆ IS-913 - Critical Infrastructure Protection: Achieving Results Through Partnership and Collaboration
- ◆ IS-914—Surveillance Awareness: What You Can Do

Meetings

- **Local EMA Director’s Meeting**
Date: March 13, 2013, 8:30 a.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- **IMAT Meeting**
Date: March 13, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- **Cumberland County ARES**
Date: March 19 2013, 6:30 p.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Ron Brown, WA1RB
- **Child Care Facilities Workshop**
Date: March 21, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Margaret Cushing, CCEMA (207) 892-6785
- **Long Term Care Facilities Workshop**
Date: March 22, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Margaret Cushing, CCEMA (207) 892-6785
- **Cumberland County CART**
Date: March 26, 2013, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Ron Jones, CCEMA
- **Mid-Coast ARES/CERT**
Date: March 28, 2013
Location: Topsham, Maine
Mid-Coast Chapter ARC, Community Way
Contact: John Goran, Maine SEC
K1JJS@arrl.net (207) 865-0554



Exhibitor, Advertiser and Sponsor Opportunities Still Available for Preparedness Conference

February 25, 2013

Exhibit space is still available for the Fifth Annual *Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference* which will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 23rd and 24th, 2013 at the Augusta Civic Center.

Exhibitor space is reserved for both days, and includes an 8 foot table, power, chairs, pipe and drapes, lunch and snacks for the two days. Exhibit space for government and non-profit partners is free. A small fee will be charged to commercial vendors.

Program advertising and sponsorship opportunities are also available. All fees for space, advertising and sponsorships are listed on the registration website.

(www.maine.gov/mema/prepare)

These fees defray the operating costs of the conference, and make it possible for Maine's emergency management partners, many of whom are volunteers, to attend for free.

Program Advertising Options

Quarter, Half and Full page program ad space is available. Ads must be confirmed by March 1, and art work submitted by March 8th, 2013 to maineprepares@maine.gov

Sponsorship Options

Sponsors may choose to support Conference food service: continental breakfast, morning and afternoon snacks or lunch for one or two days. Sponsors will be listed in the conference program (with logo, if made available), announced by the moderator throughout the conference, and recognized on placards placed near the food tables. Sponsors may register online, and should email a print ready company logo to maineprepares@maine.gov

Online Registration is now open for all attendees and presenters as well as exhibitors, advertisers and sponsors. Attendance for conference participants is free.

(www.maine.gov/mema/prepare)

The Conference typically attracts over 600 emergency managers, school and public officials and first responders. More than 50 individual workshops and meetings will be offered over the two days. Conference tracks include Home and Family Preparedness, School and Community Preparedness, Emergency Management and Homeland Security and Hazardous Materials. A draft agenda is available on the registration web site.

Each year the Conference focuses on lessons learned in recent events, either here in Maine or in other States. That theme will be highlighted this year as well.

Online registration for participants and exhibitors is now available. There is no charge for attending the conference. There is a small fee for exhibitors, but no charge for not-for-profit and government exhibitors.

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

Don't miss this two-day networking opportunity with statewide and national preparedness partners. View the agenda and register now for exhibit space, program ad or sponsorship.

Contact:

Faith Mayer or Tennie Shardlow
207-624-4400



Maine Prepares Tips

*Your Plainest Bracelet Might Be
The Most Valuable*

Make sure anyone in your family with medical conditions is wearing a bracelet or necklace indicating the condition. In the event of a disaster, you may be separated from your loved one, who may not be able to inform medical personnel of any conditions or allergies to medications they may have.

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

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.

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



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VETERANS, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Be a Force of Nature National Severe Weather Preparedness Week March 3-9, 2013

Know your risk. Take action. Be an example.

Be a Force of Nature this year with National Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 3-9, 2013.

During this week, NOAA and FEMA are highlighting the importance of planning and practicing how and where to take shelter before severe weather strikes. Being prepared to act quickly can be a matter of life and death.

Being a force of nature goes beyond taking appropriate preparedness action. It's about inspiring others to do the same. We're asking people not only to be prepared, but also to encourage their social network to act by texting, tweeting, or posting a Facebook status update.

Be a Force of Nature Toolkit – get involved

You, too, can **Be a Force of Nature** in your community. Tweet, write a blog post, develop a presentation – we have everything you need to get started. Be a local hero and spread the word about preparing for severe weather.



For more information on the National Severe Weather Preparedness Week, please visit Weather-Ready Nation website by mouse clicking on the below WRN Logo (embedded hyperlink)



or
www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation



Special Events

- **March 3—9, 2013**
Severe Weather Preparedness Week
National Weather Service / NOAA www.nws.noaa.gov
- **March 10, 2013, 2:00 a.m. Sunday**
Day Light Savings Time
- **March 18—22, 2013**
Flood Preparedness Week
National Weather Service / NOAA www.nws.noaa.gov
- **March 20, 2013**
First Day of Spring
- **March 24—30, 2013**
Tsunami Awareness Week
National Weather Service / NOAA www.nws.noaa.gov

If You See Something, Say Something™

The nationwide "If You See Something, Say Something™" public awareness campaign – is a simple and effective program to raise public awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime, and to emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper local law enforcement authorities. The campaign was originally used by New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), which has licensed the use of the slogan to DHS for anti-terrorism and anti-terrorism crime related efforts

Homeland Security Begins with Hometown Security

If you see something suspicious taking place then report that behavior or activity to local law enforcement or in the case of emergency call 9-1-1. Factors such as race, ethnicity, national origin, or religious affiliation alone are not suspicious. For that reason, the public should report only suspicious behavior and situations (e.g., an unattended backpack in a public place or someone trying to break into a restricted area) rather than beliefs, thoughts, ideas, expressions, associations, or speech unrelated to terrorism or other criminal activity. Only reports that document behavior reasonably indicative of criminal activity related to terrorism will be shared with federal partners.

DHS is working to expand "If You See Something, Say Something™" throughout the country by partnering with a variety of entities including: transportation systems, universities, states, cities, sports leagues and local law enforcement. If you're interested in getting your group involved please contact 202-282-8010.

Report Suspicious Activity to Local Law Enforcement In Case of Emergency always call 9-1-1



Exercise Schedule

- **Summer 2013**
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

Kenduskeag Canoe Race

(Invitation to CERT)

Dirigo Search & Rescue Association is responsible for the safety the Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race in Bangor. Over the past several years, some of our traditional sources of personnel have dried up, so this year, we are inviting CERTs statewide to participate.

DATE AND TIMES

Kenduskeag – Saturday, Apr. 20. Meet at 07:30
We are usually finished at about 16:00.

LOCATION

Meet at **Bangor Parks and Recreation.**

This is the old Bangor Armory on Lower Main St. From I-95, take I-395 east (toward down-town Bangor) Take exit 3A. This will bring you out on Farm Rd. Turn left on Farm Rd., then right on Main St. Take the next right into the parking lot.

If you're coming from east of the Penobscot River:

Pick up I-395, and cross the river. Take exit 3 (Rts 1A and 9). Turn left at the end of the ramp, onto Main St. Go under 395, and the street immediately past it (Farm Rd.) Turn right into the parking lot at the Parks and Rec Building.

OVERNIGHT

If you're traveling more than 60 miles or so, you are welcome to come Friday, and stay overnight at the Parks and Rec Building. You will need to bring your own sleeping bag and cot or ground pad. We will provide coffee and donuts Sat. morning. If you want a more substantial breakfast, there are several restaurants in the immediate area.

WHAT'S IN THIS FOR YOU?

The Kenduskeag race in particular is one of the two largest annual canoe races in North America. It is an important Maine tradition that is in some danger of extinction if we don't come up with a new source of safety personnel. In other words, this is an opportunity to perform a public service that is important to Maine tradition and the Maine economy.

On a more practical level, it is an opportunity for some excellent hands-on training and experience in a variety of areas – obviously water rescue, but also resource organization and management, communications, rope work, and first aid.

It is also a rare opportunity to interface and network with other CERT and Search & Rescue teams from all over the state. If you need a functional training exercise, this could be it.

DO YOU NEED ANY PRIOR EXPERIENCE OR TRAINING? No. Obviously some prior water rescue training would be helpful, but many of our volunteers don't have

this, and they do just fine.

WHAT ABOUT TEAM EQUIPMENT?

We will provide all of the team equipment.

If your team has water rescue equipment that you are familiar with, you're welcome to bring your own.

The primary rescue tool we use is a bottle line – 75' of poly rope with a gallon jug on the end. We normally don't use throw bags because some stations are busy enough so you never have time to repack them.

If you have your own trauma kits, splint kits or oxygen kits, we suggest bringing those, so you have equipment you're familiar with.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Most important is to bring clothing for all weather conditions. It has snowed numerous times on race day, and rained a few times. Other years, it has been t-shirt weather. You will be out on the race course for up to eight hours, and it is vital that you dress for that.

Bring an extra set clothes. Make sure you have rain gear. At most stations, you will be on a rocky shore, so sturdy hiking or work boots are probably the best choice for footwear. Bring a noon lunch if you want one. Sun screen, Bug Dope, Knife, Personal first aid kit if you have one. PFD if you have one. A properly fitted type III (vest type) is best. Water rescue or kayaking helmet if you have one. Camera if you want one

WHAT ABOUT SPECIALISTS?

We can always use the following specialists:
Strong kayakers with their own boats
Strong rescue swimmers with wet or dry suits
Climbers with basic knowledge of rescue rigging
EMTs

CAN YOU GO AS AN INDIVIDUAL IF THE TEAM DOESN'T?

Yes.

WHAT ABOUT INSURANCE?

You will be covered by Dirigo SAR's medical and liability insurance and worker's comp

HOW DO WE SIGN UP?

If you're interested, please reply to this e-mail address, and give us a rough idea how many people you might have.

Contact: Dave Martin
email: dsmartin@roadrunner.com

By about Apr. 12, we need to get firm numbers, and need to know how many people will be staying over Friday night.

Training Opportunities

- **ICS/MACC Interface Course (G191)**
 Date: March 5, 2013, 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
 Location: Belfast, ME, Waldo County EOC
 Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA, (207) 624-4460
 Registration: Send FEMA Training Form: 119-25-1 to MEMA at fax: (207) 287-3189
- **Intermediate Incident Command (G300)**
 Date: March 9-10, 2013, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
 Location: Belfast, ME, Waldo County EMA
 Contact: Dale Rowley, Waldo County EMA Director (207) 338-3870 emadirector@waldocountyme.gov
 Registration: Contact Dale Rowley
 Prerequisites: IS700, IS100, IS200.
- **NIMS Resource Management (G703)**
 Date: March 12, 2013, 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
 Location: Hampden, ME, Penobscot County EOC
 Contact: Mike Grant - MEMA (207) 624-4400 michael.f.grant@maine.gov
 Registration: Send FEMA Training Form 119-25-1 to MEMA at fax: (207) 287-3178
- **Emergency Operations Center- Incident Management Team Interface Class—Day 1 and 2 (E947)**
 Date: March 18—19, 2013, (4-day course)
 Location: Wells, Maine—Village by the Sea
 Contact: Dave Francoeur—York County EMA (207) 324-1578 deputyema@co.york.me.us
- **Emergency Operations Center- Incident Management Team Interface Class—Day 3 and 4 (E947)**
 Date: March 20—21, 2013, (4-day course)
 Location: Alfred, Maine—York County Government Bldg.
 Contact: Dave Francoeur—York County EMA (207) 324-1578 deputyema@co.york.me.us
- **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
- **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
- **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
- **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
- **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



Important Links

Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency

Home: www.cumberlandcounty.org/EMA

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

Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG)

Home: www.gpcog.org



Monthly Communications Test

March 14, 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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