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Citizen Corps Partners and Affiliates Update

May is National Older Americans Month!

May is National Older Americans Month and as our nation continues to prepare for and respond to disasters, there is a lot Citizen Corps councils can do to engage seniors in preparedness planning and ensure plans are in place to accommodate our elderly population in times of emergency. View the Preparing Makes Sense for Older Americans video today to learn more about reaching out to this national treasure of Americans and how to tailor an emergency preparedness kit to any personal circumstance. Seniors can also get into the spirit of individual and community preparedness and planning by joining Senior Corps which is a great opportunity to continue their legacy of giving back!

Preparing Makes Sense for Older Americans

A unique instructional video containing information specifically to Older Americans and tips on how to prepare for emergency situations

www.fema.gov/medialibrary/media_records/7050

Take a look at the following webinar that Citizen Corps has hosted on preparing the aged community for disaster:

Preparedness Considerations for Aging Americans

In this webinar, you will learn about specific preparedness steps for Aging Americans. Hear from FEMA officials and leaders at the forefront of Aging American Preparedness and have your questions answered:

- What can I do to bring preparedness to my community?
- What are the free resources available to me?
- How do I connect with my state emergency management?

To learn about preparedness considerations for aging Americans, go to Citizen Corps webpage at:

www.citizencorps.gov/resources/webinars/agingamericans.shtm

How to view our webinars

This webinar is free to the public. The webinar recording lasts approximately 40 minutes. The live webinar offered Closed Captioning and a transcript of the webinar has been posted with the recorded version of the webinar. You do not need to register in advance, nor do you need a HSIN account to view webinars. If you have any questions or connection troubles, contact citizencorps@dhs.gov

Emergency Management

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

Severe Weather Awareness: Focus on Floods

This series of Focus on Floods, is in Partnership with the National Weather Service Forecast Offices in Maine and the Maine Emergency Management Agency.

In addition to lightning, high winds, hail, and tornadoes, summertime thunderstorms also bring the threat of flooding and flash flooding to northern New England. In the summertime, most flash floods are caused by heavy, slowly moving thunderstorms which can produce excessive rainfall in an area in just a short period of time. Along with the rainfall, topography, soil conditions, and ground cover help determine how much of the rainfall soaks into the ground and how much of the rainfall runs off into streams and rivers.

Floods kill...

Nationwide, floods and flash floods are the greatest storm-related killer, claiming the lives of about 90 people annually. Similar to the rest of the nation, floods and flash floods are the number one storm-related killer in New England. In addition, floods and flash floods are responsible for a considerable amount of public and private property damage.

Last year, 63 percent of the flood fatalities were caused by people attempting to drive through flooded areas. Another 22 percent were caused as people attempted to run, walk, or swim, or just fell into a flooded area.

As little as 2 feet of water will float most cars and small trucks. If your vehicle begins to float, you lose complete control over the vehicle. If your vehicle stalls in a flooded roadway, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground. The water may sweep the vehicle and its occupants away.

Dam failures can also lead to floods or flash floods. While not always caused by the weather, dam failures can lead to extremely fast rises in river and stream levels.

Flooding tragedies ...

Here are several fatal flood and flash flood events that occurred in Maine and New Hampshire since 1996.

March 13, 1996 Alton, New Hampshire:

A catastrophic failure of an earthen dam on meadows pond caused a flash flood downstream of the dam. A woman trying to flee the flood waters in her pickup truck drowned after her vehicle was washed off the roadway and into a ravine.

July 13 1996 Bristol, New Hampshire:

Three to four inches of rain from the remnants of hurricane Bertha caused many small rivers and streams to flood. A 10- year old boy playing in the rain-swollen Newfound river was swept to his death.

October 21, 1996 Scarborough, Maine:

Four to 19 inches of rain caused very serious flooding in New Hampshire and western Maine. One man drowned when he drove his car into a flooded roadway. Unknown to the man, the road had already been washed away.

March 31, 1998 Franklin County, Maine:

Snowmelt, caused by record-breaking warmth, combined with recent rainfall to cause many rivers and streams to rise. One man drowned when he drove his truck into a flooded roadway.

June 27, 1998 Bridgewater, New Hampshire:

Heavy, slow-moving thunderstorms caused the Baker River and its tributaries to rise rapidly. One man drowned when he was sucked into a culvert while attempting to clear debris from the culvert. A second man was injured.

April 16, 2007 Lebanon, Maine:

A woman and her 4-year old granddaughter that she was carrying were swept to their death as they attempted to cross a flooded roadway on foot.

August 07, 2008 Ashland, New Hampshire:

A 7-year-old girl drowned when a bridge washed away as her family tried to drive out of a flooded campground.

Pay attention to alerts, and be safe ...

To alert the public to the threat of flooding, the National Weather Service issues Flood and Flash Flood Watches and Warnings.

A Flood Watch indicates flooding or flash flooding is possible, and is usually issued in anticipation of heavy rainfall.

A Flood or Flash Flood Warning indicates that flooding is imminent or is already occurring. If you hear that a Flood or Flash Flood Warning has been issued for your area, move immediately to higher ground if flood waters threaten.

Here are some flood and flash flood facts and safety tips.

Never drive a car into a flooded roadway. More than half of all flash flood fatalities are vehicle related. Keep away from streams during heavy rainfall events. Swiftly moving water is extremely powerful and can easily overpower a person. Keep children (and pets) inside and away from flooded streets, culverts, and streams. Report any flooding to the appropriate authorities. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Obey all road blocks and barriers, even if the flooding has receded. Flood waters may have undercut the road surface or left dangerous debris in the roadway. If you live in a flood prone area, have a plan in case the water starts rising quickly.

National Weather Service Gray: www.weather.gov/gyx

National Weather Service Caribou: www.weather.gov/car

NERSE Rail Safety Training



On, Saturday, April 21, 2012, and a second offering held on, Sunday, April 22, 2012, New England Rail Safety Exercise (NERSE) was conducted in southern Maine. Morning classroom training was held at the City of South Portland Fire Department, Emergency Operations Center, and afternoon hands-on practical exercises took place in Rigby Rail Yard in South Portland.

Total participants who attended the full-day NERSE Program exceeded 50 students, and an additional 25 students participated in the practical exercises.

Each of the one-day courses were designed to provide emergency responders critical information to prepare them for responding to a railroad incident, including: safe response; knowledge of railroad electrical, fuel, and air systems; hazardous materials; identifying rolling stock; pinch points; stopping a train in the event of an emergency; high/low pressure tank cars; as well as other on-scene dangers.

In addition, students were given an opportunity to become familiar with freight and passenger rail equipment by a walk-through onboard a freight locomotive, box car and tank car provided by PanAm, and an Amtrak Locomotive, Passenger Coach and Dining Car. Each of the afternoon sessions covered locomotive emergency response operations, approaching the scene, entering a locomotive, and proper extrication techniques. The NERSE training was designed to bring clearer understanding of the challenges and hazards associated with a railroad-related response and post-incident investigation.



The NERSE program was developed and being offered as a collaborative effort between the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Operations Life Safer, York and Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency, local fire/law enforcement departments from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, and in partnership with Amtrak, PanAm Rail, CSX Transportation, Providence & Worcester Railroad, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) and the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad (MBCR). The Town of Cumberland, City of South Portland, Town of Scarborough, and Portland Fire Departments provided heavy rescues with special operations equipment.

The NERSE training is scheduled for the tri-states of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts through, June 10, 2012, and was "beta" tested in Maine as the first offering, and with the intent of continuing to refine the program where the training will be used across the country.

Cumberland County EMA wishes to thank Cumberland Fire Chief Dan Small, South Portland Fire Chief Kevin Guimond and Scarborough Fire Deputy Gary Sandler, along with Dick Towle Federal Rail Administration, Mike Stammel Amtrak, Dave Nagy PanAm, South Berwick Fire Chief Larry Straffin, Andover, MA Fire Mike Mansfield, Andover Police Lt. Charles Edgerly, and many others, for their time, assistance and support in making this training possible in Maine.

National Incident Management System Compliance Assistance Support Tool

The purpose of this NIMS Alert is to announce the release of the National Incident Management System Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST), version 4.00.15. This version of the NIMSCAST provides enhanced security features, improved e-mail function, and adds the FY 2012 NIMS implementation assessment for local, State, Territory, and Tribal governments. Additionally, the NIMSCAST homepage (<https://www.fema.gov/nimscast>) now features an updated NIMSCAST User Guide. This guide includes improved step-by-step instructions, additional guidance on using available reports, and an updated glossary.

Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 requires that all Federal departments and agencies make adoption of NIMS by local, State, Territorial, and Tribal organizations a condition to receive Federal Preparedness Grant Awards. To that end, FEMA's National Integration Center (NIC) developed NIMSCAST as a no-cost self-assessment instrument for local, State, Territory, and Tribal governments to evaluate and report on their respective implementation of NIMS. Implementation progress data, as reported through NIMSCAST, is taken into consideration when allocating grant funds.

State NIMSCAST account administrators have the ability to choose the assessments that are available to their users by selecting "Edit This Account" in the Navigation bar and then scrolling to the bottom of the page.

For additional information on NIMS, NIMS implementation, or NIMSCAST contact the NIC at [202-646-3850](tel:202-646-3850) or via e-mail: FEMA-NIMS@dhs.gov.

Each local jurisdiction within Cumberland County has been issued a NIMS account whereby the NIMS Administrator

who is designated by the town, updates and maintains the data in support of being or progressing towards becoming NIMS Compliant. Reporting period for NIMS Compliance is, October 1, 2011, through, September 30, 2012. In the event the NIMS Administrator has forgotten his/her log-in information, they can go to the NIMSCAST Homepage and enter their NIMSCAST email address to receive a temporary password, or contact Cumberland County EMA for assistance.

Exercise Schedule

- **May 10, 2012, Thursday, 6:00 p.m.**
[Presumpscot Valley HazMat Tabletop Exercise](#)
Contact: John True
- **May 17, 2012, Thursday, 08:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**
[Portland International JetPort Functional Exercise](#)
Location: Portland Elks Lodge #188
Contact: Deputy Chief David Pendleton—Portland
- **May 17, 2012, Thursday, 08:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**
[Maine Disaster Recovery Tabletop Exercise](#)
Location: Augusta, Maine MMA
Contact: Jeremy Damren, MEMA (207) 624-4400
jeremy.damren@maine.gov
- **June 2, 2012**
[Hazardous Materials Response Full-Scale](#)
Location: Rumford, Maine (Rumford Paper Mill)
Contact: Teresa Glick, Oxford County EMA
(207) 743-6336 tinman@oxfordcounty.org
- **Fall 2012**
[Monson Chemical Full Scale Exercise](#)
Contact: Deputy Chief Jim Wilson—South Portland

Cumberland County EMA Hurricane Preparedness

On, Thursday, 12 April, 2012, Cumberland County EMA held a Hurricane Preparedness Workshop, followed by a Hurricane Tabletop Exercise held on, Thursday, 3 May.

In the recent past, southern Maine has been subject to several "near miss" hurricane events and should anticipate future encounters. With the coming of Hurricane Season fast approaching, and due to the size, complexity and destructive power, a hurricane will be regional in scope and will have significant impact on the people and infrastructure across the county both inland and along the coast. Look for more information and lessons learned in the June 2012 issue of the "Down Under" Newsletter.

(J Damren Photo)



NERSE Rail Safety
Training

Rigby Rail Yard

April 21-22, 2012



Toxic Release Inventory Workshop (TRI)

May 2, 2012, DVEM/MEMA

US EPA TRI 2011 Compliance Assistance Workshops Owners/Operators/Consultants/Engineers

US EPA, Region 1, in conjunction with the Maine Emergency Management Agency TRI Program, is conducting a Toxic Release Inventory Compliance Assistance Workshop in Saco, ME. The workshop is designed for the experienced TRI reporter and is free but requires registration via email.

New TRI reporters should complete the TRI training modules before attending the workshop:

<http://www.epa.gov/tri/training/2012/index.htm>

TRI - Made Easy Web-based (TRI-MEweb) application for Reporting Year 2011.

The RY 2011 version of [TRI-MEweb](#) is now available for facilities to begin preparing and submitting TRI forms for RY 2011. The TRI-MEweb application is EPA's preferred method for reporting chemical releases under the TRI Program. TRI-MEweb allows facilities to file a paperless report, significantly reducing data errors and allowing instant receipt confirmation of submissions.

How Does TRI-MEweb work? <http://www.epa.gov/tri/report/software/trimeweb/system/index.htm>

Important TRI reporting instructions are available on line. The deadline to submit TRI forms for RY 2011 is on or before July 1, 2012. If you need information on TRI, please access the **TRI homepage** at www.epa.gov/tri or call the EPCRA/TRI hotline at 800- 424-9346.

The workshop will be presented by Dwight Peavey, US EPA TRI Program Coordinator.

The TRI workshop is free and is a **half day** (8:30AM-Noon).

TRI Compliance Assistance Workshop Agenda:

8:30 Sign-in & Network
 9:00 Welcome & Announcements
 TRI: Events & Activities
 TRI: Upcoming Program Changes
 TRI: 2011 Electronic Reporting: Highlights
 TRI Data Quality Issues & Answers
 TRI Enforcement
 12:00 Adjourn

Registration 8:30 AM; Presentation will begin promptly at 9:00 AM.

TRI Compliance Assistance Workshop Locations:

Wednesday June 6, 2012... Ramada Inn, 352 North St., Saco, ME

To register... e-mail Nicholas Leonardi leonardi.nicholas@epa.govPlease indicate the date and location of the workshop that you will attend. **Check the time and locations carefully.** Also, include your name, company and address. You may also fax your registration to (617)-918-0636.

You will NOT receive a confirmation. If you need additional assistance for the workshops, please contact Nicholas Leonardi via e-mail at, <leonardi.nicholas@epa.gov> .

If you need information on TRI, please access the **TRI homepage** at www.epa.gov/tri or call the EPCRA/TRI hotline at 800- 424-9346.

Maine is accepting electronic TRI submissions!

Meetings

- May 9, 2012, 8:30 a.m.
Local EMA Director's Meeting
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- May 9, 2012, 10:00 a.m. (following EMA meeting)
IMAT Meeting
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- May 15, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Cumberland County ARES
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Ron Brown, WA1RB
- May 22, 2012, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Cumberland County CART Meeting
Location: Gorham Middle School
Meeting to review the Gorham Middle School Pet Sheltering Plan
- May 24, 2012
Mid-Coast ARES/CERT
Location: Topsham, Maine
Mid-Coast Chapter ARC, Community Way
Contact: John Goran, Maine SEC
K1JJS@arrl.net (207) 865-0554

**Homeowners
insurance typically
does not cover flood
damage.**

Training Opportunities

- **L-960 Division/Group Supervisor**

Date: May 16-18, 2012
 Location: Concord, New Hampshire
 Contact: Bob Pragoff (603) 223-4200 x 31023
 robert.pragoff@dos.nh.gov
 Registration: FEMA 119-25-1 to Mike Grant, MEMA.
 Prerequisites Apply, Student Reimbursement Available

- **2012 Hospital Hazmat Operations Training**

Date: May 17-18, 2012
 Location: Bangor, Maine—EMMC
 Contact: Roxanne Landers, NMRRC
 (207) 973-5917 rmushrall@emh.org
 Registration: On-line <http://apps.emh.org>

- **L-970 Supply Unit Leader**

Date: May 21-24, 2012
 Location: New Haven, Connecticut
 Contact: Gary Ruggiero, Trainer, gary.ruggiero@ct.gov
 Registration: FEMA 119-25-1 to Mike Grant, MEMA.
 Prerequisites Apply, Student Reimbursement Available

- **Continuity of Operations/Continuity of Government**

Date: May 31, 2012, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
 Location: Cambridge, Massachusetts
 The Volpe Center, 12th Floor, 55 Broadway
 Contact: Nate Spada, DHS-FEMA Region 1
 (617)832-4745 Nathan.Spada@fema.dhs.gov
 Registration: FEMA 119-25-1 Form to:
 Daisy Sweeney: Daisy.Sweeney@fema.dhs.gov or
 Fax to: (617) 956-7538 Registration Deadline 05/18/12

- **L-965 Resource Unit Leader**

Date: June 4-7, 2012
 Location: Framingham, Massachusetts
 Contact: Jeff Tedesco, STO (508) 820-1446
 jeff.tedesco@massmail.state.ma.us
 Registration: FEMA 119-25-1 to Mike Grant, MEMA.
 Prerequisites Apply, Student Reimbursement Available

- **L-449 Incident Command Systems (TTT)**

Date: June 11-15, 2012, 8:15—4:30 p.m. daily
 Location: Augusta, MEMA classroom at CMCC
 Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA (207) 624-4460
 Michael.f.grant@maine.gov, Prerequisites apply to
 attend this Train-the-Trainer Program
 Registration: FEMA 119-25-1 to Mike Grant, MEMA.

- **L-964 Situation Unit Leader**

Date: June 11-15, 2012
 Location: Concord, New Hampshire
 Contact: Bob Pragoff (603) 223-4200 x 31023
 robert.pragoff@dos.nh.gov
 Registration: FEMA 119-25-1 to Mike Grant, MEMA.
 Prerequisites Apply, Student Reimbursement Available

- **MGT 310 Treat and Risk Assessment—
Local Jurisdiction**

Date: June 13-14 2012
 Location: Augusta, Maine Florian Hall CMCC
 Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA (207) 624-4400
 Registration: On-line: www.teex.org
 <select MGT310 and classes scheduled to Augusta, ME>
 Prerequisites: Recommended IS700.a and AWR-160
 online at TEEEX (not required)

- **L-975 Finance/Admin Unit Leader**

Date: June 20-22, 2012
 Location: Burlington, Vermont
 Contact: Robert Schell rschell@dps.state.vt.us
 Registration: FEMA 119-25-1 to Mike Grant, MEMA.
 Prerequisites Apply, Student Reimbursement Available

- **MGT 315 Enhanced Threat and Risk Assessment—
Local Jurisdiction**

Date: August 16—17, 2012
 Location: Augusta, Maine Florian Hall CMCC
 Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA (207) 624-4400
 Registration: On-line: www.teex.org
 <select MGT315 and classes scheduled to Augusta, ME>
 Prerequisites: Recommended MGT-310 Classroom or
 AWR-160 online at TEEEX

- **2012 Hospital Hazmat Operations Training**

Date: September 20-21, 2012
 Location: Bangor, Maine—EMMC
 Contact: Roxanne Landers, NMRRC
 (207) 973-5917 rmushrall@emh.org
 Registration: On-line <http://apps.emh.org>

- **Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing**

Date: October 9-10, 2012, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
 Location: Auburn, Maine, Fireside Inn & Suites
 Contact/FMI: Kris Gammon (207) 795-2959
 gammonkr@cmhc.org
 Registration: Kris Gammon (207) 795-2962

Maine Prepares Tip

Help Is A Phone Call Away: Dial 2-1-1

May 6, 2012

Need to know where to go to get a particular kind of service or help? Dial 2-1-1. It's free. You'll get a friendly person on the phone who will help you find the help you need in your neighborhood. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, help is a phone call away. Dial 2-1-1

Daily Tip from: www.MainePrepares.com©





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.shtm
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
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

May 10, 2012, 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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