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Cumberland County Special Teams

The Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) works closely with its municipalities to prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from disasters. This requires detailed planning and coordination and sometimes involves the creation or support of regional capabilities to reinforce municipal public safety and emergency management efforts. Examples of capabilities sponsored by and/or supported by CCEMA include:

The Cumberland County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (CCARES) team. This team is primarily comprised of volunteer Ham Radio operators who can provide a radio communications link in the event of a loss of normal radio, telephone, cell phone or other communications. A second ARES team in Cumberland County operates out of the Town of Brunswick and supports Mid-Coast needs.



The Cumberland County Incident Management Assistance Team (CCIMAT). This team is primarily comprised of senior Fire, Emergency Medical Service, Law Enforcement, and Industry volunteers who can deploy in time of emergency or disaster to reinforce an incident commander's complement of command and general staff personnel during large scale

or long duration incidents. In other words, the CCIMAT brings personnel with considerable knowledge and experience to an incident and fills leadership positions to help the incident commander manage the incident.

The Cumberland County Animal Response Team (CCART). This team is primarily comprised of volunteers who are Animal Shelter owners, operators and staff members, Veterinarians, Veterinary Technicians, and animal lovers. CCART members have extensive training in animal rescue, handling and sheltering. Their services will be called upon, in time of disaster, to provide a pet sheltering capability in support of human evacuation shelters.



The Cumberland County Medical Reserve Corps (CCMRC) team. This team, which is in its formative stages of development, will be deployed to support the manning of three critical mission areas. The first is to provide the personnel to man a Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Point of Dispensing (POD) to dispense mass medications or immunizations to large numbers of people when necessary. The second is to provide personnel to man hospital Alternate Care Sites (ACS) to augment hospital staffs,

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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.

Monson Chemical Full Scale Exercise

South Portland, ME, September 14-15, 2012

Monson Chemical Company, located in South Portland, was the site of a two-day Full Scale Hazardous Materials Exercise. The core emphasis of the exercise was to provide an opportunity for local HazMat Teams to gain hands-on experience in response to a simulated rail tank car leaking chlorine gas and to a second event involving a tractor-trailer leaking chemicals from barrels and 400 gallon portable tanks loaded onboard the box trailer for delivery.



On, Friday, September 14, 2012, The City of South Portland and City of Portland HazMat Teams composed the primary response effort to contain and stop the leaking rail car using the Chlorine Institute's Chlorine "C" Capping Kit, and diverted HazMat Technicians to investigate the box trailer leaking acid from containers. Area fire departments provided mutual aid and support. On, Saturday, September 15th, Presumpscot Valley HazMat, Mid-Coast HazMat, and the Town of Gray Decontamination and Support Team



responded to a similar scenario with South Portland and Portland teams providing mutual aid and support.

The Presumpscot Valley HazMat Team is a unit supported by local fire departments from Scarborough, Windham, Standish, Westbrook and Gorham

The Mid-Coast HazMat Team is supported by the Town of Brunswick. HazMat Teams from Portland, South Portland, Presumpscot Valley and

Mid-Coast teams receive funding through Homeland Security Grants, MEMA and from Cumberland County.

Maine Fire and Training provided a mock-up of a Chlorine Rail Tank Car man-way which is built to design specifications to replicate the 2 liquid phase and 2 gas phase product discharge valves and safety pressure release valve assembly.

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Obama Declared Record-Breaking 99 Disasters in 2011

ABC News

By Amy Bingham, September 14, 2012

In a year rife with Southern droughts, Midwest tornadoes and Eastern floods, President Obama declared a [record-setting 99 disasters](#) throughout 2011. That's 20 more than he declared in 2010 and more than twice as many as President George W. Bush declared in either of his first two years in the White House.

But according to a Government Accountability Office [report](#) released this week, that constant uptick in disaster declarations might have resulted in large part from an antiquated process that dumps most of the responsibility for funding disaster recovery on the federal government instead of the states.

When the president declares a disaster, whether it be for a major hurricane or a flooded river, he commits the federal government to paying for 75 percent of the recovery effort.

According to the report, the president would likely have declared 44 percent fewer disasters -- and saved the federal government millions of dollars -- if the threshold for federal help were raised to keep up with inflation and increases in household incomes.

The bar is set at \$1.35 in damages per resident, a threshold that "does not accurately reflect a jurisdiction's capability to respond to or recover from a disaster without federal assistance," the report states.



A truck crushed by a fallen tree sits in front of a damaged home after a tornado hit in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, April 30, 2011. (AFP/Getty Images/Mandel Ngan)

That federal funding bar has gone up a mere 35 cents in the past 25 years. If it were adjusted for inflation, the federal government would not step in until damages exceeded \$2.07 per resident. And if the threshold were adjusted for increases in per-capita income, states would have to foot the bill for disasters with damage costs less than \$3.57 per person.

If the federal government ups its requirements for dishing out disaster funds, the burden will fall to state and local governments to foot the bill. Bryan Koon, director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management, said without federal disaster funds, "the recovery process would be much slower and in some cases would be overwhelming" to rural or already cash-strapped communities.

If the bar for declaring disasters were pushed too high, Koons warned, "you could potentially stop or slow that community from ever recovering, in some circumstances, without federal funding."

But with administrative costs at FEMA having doubled in the past 20 years, Koons said, there is an opportunity at every level of government to improve how America deals with natural disasters.

"These are issues worthy of study and discussion because they are large amounts of money and impact a great majority of Americans," Koon said. "I think there's a lot of opportunity there, a lot of ways we could improve our business practices."

The low threshold for declaring disasters is just one piece of why President Obama is breaking records with his disaster declarations.

For one, the weather has been more disastrous during his presidency than it has been in the past 30 years.

In 2011, there were nearly [200 separate events](#) that caused at least \$1 billion in damages, more than any year on record, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It was the year Hurricane Irene brought catastrophic flooding to the Northeast, record-breaking tornadoes ripped through the Midwest, causing more than 500 deaths, and intense drought in the South wrecked crops and led to the driest year on record for Texas.

Price-wise, however, Obama's first three years in office paled in comparison to former President Bush's. From 2009 through 2011, the federal government spent \$9.7 billion on natural disaster recovery efforts, according to the GAO report.

During Bush's last three years in office, from 2006 through 2008, the federal government spent nearly twice that amount, doling out about \$17 billion for recovery efforts from 190 bad-weather events.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS FY 2013 NFA OR EMI COURSES

To reduce the risk of identity theft, FEMA, the National Fire Academy (NFA), and the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) are eliminating the use of the Social Security Number (SSN), where possible. One of those areas is when applying for any NFA or EMI training.

Who is affected? Anyone applying for any of the courses listed below delivered on or after October 1, 2012.

- All NFA courses including State-sponsored courses
- EMI courses at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC), at the Noble Training Facility (NTF), or in the field (L courses).

What do I need to do? Obtain a FEMA Student Identification (SID) number if you do not already have one from the Center for Domestic Preparedness.

How do I obtain my FEMA Student Identification (SID) number?

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

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

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

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

What do I do with this new SID number I've been assigned?

The SID number must be used in place of the SSN on your General Admissions Application (FEMA Form 119-25-1, Box 3) and the General Admissions Application Short Form (FEMA Form 119-25-2, Box 3) for any courses that begin on or after October 1, 2012.

Why is it important to register and obtain an SID?

Applications for any NFA or EMI courses that begin on or after October 1, 2012, and do not include the training registration number will not be processed until the FEMA SID is provided to NETC Admissions.

Penobscot Bay Responder 2012 Full Scale Exercise

Date: October 13, 2012

Time:

Location: Penobscot Bay

Description of Event:

The Waldo and Knox County Emergency Management Agencies will conduct a full scale exercise which will center around the response capabilities of On-Scene Command and Control, Communications, Emergency Triage and Search and Rescue operations on the coastal waters of Penobscot Bay. It will involve Local, State and Federal partners in a discussion-based scenario based on an air crash in Penobscot Bay.

When:

Saturday, October 13, 2012

To Attend:

Contact Knox County EMA Director Ray Sisk rsisk@knoxcountymaine.gov by e-mail or calling 207-594-5155 or Waldo County EMA Director Dale Rowley emadirector@waldocountyme.gov by e-mail or calling 207-338-3870 in order to register.

A light lunch will be served! For more information, contact:

Knox or Waldo EMA

Exercise Schedule

- **October 6, 2012, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**
Simulated Emergency Test (SET) - Amateur Radio ARES Emergency Communications Exercise
Contact: Bryce Rumery, k1gax@juno.com
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Maine statewide Emergency Communications Exercise
- **October 13, 2012**
Penobscot Bay Responder '12 Full Scale Exercise
Location: Penobscot Bay
To Attend / FMI: Contact: Knox or Waldo EMA
Ray Sisk, Director Knox County EMA
rsisk@knoxcountymaine.gov (207) 594-5155 or
Dale Rowley, Director Waldo County EMA
emadirector@waldocountyme.org (207) 338-3870
- **October 18, 2012, 10:18 a.m.**
Great SouthEast ShakeOut Earthquake Drill
For More Information go to Earthquake Country at:

www.earthquakecountry.info/



Monson Chemical HazMat Exercise

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The Chlorine “C” Kit is designed to contain leaks from this assembly of valves, which is the same on rail cars and tank-trailers transporting bulk shipments of Liquefied Chlorine Gas. Monson Chemical provided a loaded box trailer and water filled containers, along with proper shipping papers and placards as would be required by the Department of Transportation for the shipment of these materials.

Observers and Evaluators were represented by the Maine Emergency Management Agency, Cumberland County Emergency Management, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other agencies and departments also participated.

Photos by: D.B. Feeney / J.E. Budway



South Portland Deputy Chief James Wilson was the Exercise Director, and the exercise was developed by a Core Planning Team utilizing the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). An After Action Report (AAR) and Correction Action Plan (CAP) will be written to document the lessons-learned and to implement improvements.



Training Opportunities

- **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

- **Anti-Terrorism Training for First Responders**

Date: October 10, 2012, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Location: Augusta, Maine—State Fire Marshal Office

Contact: Sgt Timothy York, (207) 626-3870

Registration by email: tim.p.york@maine.gov

Please include name, agency and phone number

- **New England Rail Safety Exercise (NERSE)**

Information / Registration (All Venues):

David B. Feeney, CCEMA, (207) 892-6785

feeney@cumberlandcounty.org Fax: (207) 892-8617

– Date: October 15, 2012, 1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Location: Topsham Fire Department

– Date: October 15, 2012, 6:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Location: Topsham Fire Department

– Date: October 16, 2012, 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Location: Freeport Fire Department

– Date: October 16, 2012, 6:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Location: Freeport Fire Department

– Date: October 17, 2012, 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Location: Falmouth Fire Department

– Date: October 17, 2012, 6:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Location: Falmouth Fire Department

- **New England Rail Safety Exercise (NERSE)
Hands-On Practical Exercises**

Date: October 27, 2012, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Location: Amtrak Passenger Terminal—Portland, ME

information / Registration :

David B. Feeney, CCEMA, (207) 892-6785

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- **New England Rail Safety Exercise (NERSE)
Hands-On Practical Exercises**

Date: October 27, 2012, 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Location: Amtrak Passenger Terminal—Portland, ME

information / Registration :

David B. Feeney, CCEMA, (207) 892-6785

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- **Tank Truck Rollover Training**

Date: October 20, 2012, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Location: Skowhegan, Maine, Community Center

Contact/FMI: Robert Gardner—MEMA (207) 624-4400

Registration: Email/Fax Registration to:

Fax: (207) 287-3178 maine.serc@maine.gov

(Name, Agency, Contact Info, Number attending)

- **ICS 300 Intermediate Incident Command System**

Date: October 22—23, 2012, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Location: Bangor, ME, Police Department, 240 Main St

Contact: Michelle Tanguay, Penobscot EMA Director

(207) 945-4750 ema@penobscot-county.net

Registration: Forward FEMA 119-25-1 to Penobscot

EMA

- **CAMEO Train-The-Trainer Class**

Date: November 7-9, 2012

Location: Saco, Maine, Ramada Inn, 352 North Street

Contact: Faith E. Mayer, MEMA

faith.e.mayer@maine.gov (207) 624-4411

Registration: Contact Faith Mayer—MEMA

- **ICS/EOC Interface Course (G191)**

Date: November 8, 2012, 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Location: Union, Maine Town Office

Contact: Ray Sisk, Director Knox County EMA,

rsisk@knoxcountymaine.gov (207) 594-5155 or

Mike Grant, MEMA, Michael.f.grant@maine.gov

Prerequisites: ICS 200. Copy of certificate must accompany application.

Registration: Submit FEMA Training Form 119-25-1

MEMA Fax: (207) 287-3178

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

Date: November 14-15, 2012

Location: Augusta, Maine, MEMA EOC

Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA (207) 624-4460

Registration: On-line: www.teex.org

Select MGT310 and classes scheduled to Augusta, ME

FEMA Training Form 119-25-1 (Aug 2010) (previously 75-5) may be downloaded from: www.maine.gov/mema/training (Tabs: <Programs> <Training> <Training Application>)

Cumberland County Special Teams

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as required. The third is to man Functional Assessment Services Teams (FAST) which will facilitate the accommodation of individuals with functional needs (mobility, age, cognitive, etc.) at Regional Evacuation Shelters.

Cumberland County Hazardous Material (HazMat) Response Teams.

Cumberland County has four HazMat Response Teams: Portland, South Portland, Presumpscot Valley and Brunswick. These teams are comprised of full-time and on-call personnel that are available to respond to both HazMat and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) incidents. They are funded by the Maine Emergency Management Agency via a Department of Homeland Security grant, by Cumberland County government, and by their host municipalities.



The Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee (CCLEPC).

This committee is comprised of volunteers whose mission is to uphold the requirements of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III) as well as ensure that businesses and industry housing or using Extremely Hazardous Substances develop appropriate Emergency Plans and share them with local first responders.

The above teams are comprised of hundreds of individuals, primarily volunteers, who donate their valuable time and considerable effort to ensure the health, safety and well-being of the citizens of Cumberland County. While they derive a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction through their participation, they endure countless hours of organizational meetings, trainings and exercises to provide this level of capability. We truly appreciate their significant contribution.

Jim Budway, Director, CCEMA

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>

Monson Chemical HazMat Exercise Photos



Meetings

- October 3, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- October 10, 2012, 8:30 a.m.
Local EMA Director's Meeting
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- October 16, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Cumberland County ARES
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Ron Brown, WA1RB
- October 24, 2012, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Cumberland County CART Meeting
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- October 25, 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
- November 13, 2012, 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
State Emergency Response Commission Meeting
Location: Augusta, ME, MEMA
Contact: Faith Mayer, MEMA, (207) 624-4400
faith.e.mayer@maine.gov
- November 14, 2012, 10:00 a.m..
Cumberland County IMAT Meeting
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine



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

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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

October 11, 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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