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## FEMA, NOAA Mark the Beginning of National Hurricane Preparedness Week

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WASHINGTON -- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are partnering once again to get the message out about the importance of preparedness for hurricanes and other possible disasters. FEMA is aggressively preparing for the upcoming hurricane season and has been working closely with other federal, state, local, and tribal partners, the private sector, faith-based and voluntary organizations, and most importantly, the public, to get ready.

President Obama recently designated May 22-28, 2011, as National Hurricane Preparedness Week, and called upon all Americans, especially those in hurricane prone areas as well as inland areas, to learn more about how to protect themselves against hurricanes and to work together, as a whole community, to respond to and recover from them. The Atlantic and Central Pacific Hurricane Season runs from June 1-November 30. The Eastern Pacific Hurricane Season began on May 15.

FEMA continues to work with state, local, tribal, federal and private sector partners to increase preparedness and coordinate response and recovery in the case of a

hurricane or other disaster. FEMA also urges Americans to use this week as an annual reminder to assess their personal readiness to respond to emergencies. Our team can only be as prepared as the public is prepared, which is why it's important that people living in hurricane-prone areas take steps to prepare and protect their family.

"We never know where the next hurricane or disaster will strike, but what we do know is that being prepared can make a world of difference, for individuals and their larger communities," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. "In hurricane prone areas as well as inland areas, we urge the entire community to prepare now. There are a number of steps individuals, families, communities, churches and businesses can take to better protect themselves against hurricanes and other disasters."

"Having a personal hurricane plan is not just for those living along the coast. Inland areas are just as vulnerable to the effects from hurricanes, including damaging winds, tornadoes, and especially, flooding," said Bill Read, director, NOAA's National Hurricane Center.

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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.*

## *Storm Evacuation Routes Being Marked in Coastal Maine*

May 5, 2011

AUGUSTA, MAINE -- Those living and traveling in coastal Maine over the next few weeks may notice a new informational road sign along some state roadways. The Maine Emergency Management Agency, working under a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has designed a system of evacuation route signs to help people move safely way away from coastal areas when a severe storm threatens.

"For coastal residents but especially for our many visitors, this effort is an important piece of our planning to keep everyone safe in a coastal storm." says MEMA Director Rob McAleer. "If a severe storm were threatening, county and local traffic control plans would be activated, regional shelters would be opened, and we would direct the public to take the routes marked by the signs. Our aim always is to advise evacuations before the storm hits, when people can still travel safely."



McAleer says this is the last phase of a project that began in 2008. "We put together a working group of State, County and Federal partners to build a comprehensive evacuation plan for coastal Maine. We used storm surge mapping developed by the Army Corps of Engineers to determine risk areas in a major hurricane or coastal storm, looked at locations of regional shelters, then began to determine the best evacuation routes away from the coast."

A grant from NOAA received in 2009 provided the funding to place signs along the routes, McAleer says. "We worked with County EMAs and the Maine Department of Transportation to fine tune the sign design and locations, then partnered with MaineDOT to produce and place the signs. "

The signs are similar to those placed in a number of coastal towns in the late 90s, an effort also funded by a federal grant. Each sign has an 18-inch circle, blue, with the words "Emergency Evacuation Route" and a directional arrow. A similar design is used by all states along the eastern seaboard. This project extends that uniform signage through all Maine's coastal counties.

In an evacuation situation, manned traffic control points would be also set up at critical intersections along major routes such as Route 1 and I-295 to further assist travelers. However, having the signs clearly marking the smaller feeder routes will reduce the number of responders that

would need to be assigned to direct traffic.

McAleer says that MaineDOT will be installing the signs over the next few weeks. Where possible, they are being placed on existing posts. MaineDOT costs are also covered by the federal grant, but crews are installing the signs in conjunction with other work in the area to minimize time and cost. Approximately 130 signs will be installed.

## *Congressional Advisory*

### Request for Comment: Public Assistance Program

As you may be aware, FEMA has initiated a Bottom Up Review (BUR) of the Public Assistance (PA) Program to identify potential changes that will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the program.

A key part of the BUR is engaging and seeking comments from our partners and stakeholders, including you. In order to best serve our stakeholders FEMA has established a webpage that explains the types of comments for which we are looking and how the review will be handled. The website can be found at [www.fema.gov/PABUR](http://www.fema.gov/PABUR).

FEMA is seeking input from all of our stakeholders who use the Public Assistance program; Tribal, State, and Local governments and certain Private Non Profit organizations through a variety of avenues. However, FEMA will accept input from anyone interested in submitting comments, including academic institutions and Members of Congress.

Your feedback may help change the way FEMA delivers disaster relief to your community in the future. To submit feedback, please email comments to: [FEMA-PA-BUR@fema.gov](mailto:FEMA-PA-BUR@fema.gov) by May 31, 2011. We will consider new concepts for the operation of the Program, consistent with the Agency's statutory authorities. Please also feel free to share the website and e-mail address with your constituents and government agencies in your community.

When FEMA begins to receive substantial feedback from our stakeholders we will set-up briefings to further discuss some of the more common themes that we have received.

If you have any questions, please contact Louis Eswood in FEMA's Legislative Affairs Division at (202) 646-4500 or [Louis.Eswood@dhs.gov](mailto:Louis.Eswood@dhs.gov).

## *FEMA Independent Study Courses*

IS-830: Introduction to the NRF Incident Annexes  
New May 26, 2011

## *Disaster Behavioral Health Volunteer Training*

A training curriculum for behavioral health, spiritual care, and substance abuse professionals as well as disaster responders and natural community helpers. Note: To be eligible for the Maine Disaster Behavioral Health Response Team, participants must attend both days.

### Program Overview

The training programs will be two days in length and will be held from 8:30 - 5 pm each day. Participants are strongly encouraged to attend both days. Note: To be eligible for the Maine Disaster Behavioral Health Response Team participants must attend both days.

### Program Purpose

The purpose of these trainings is two fold:

1. To develop a better informed disaster response community in Maine around the issue of behavioral health and its critical role in disaster response.
2. To develop a volunteer team of disaster behavioral health responders throughout Maine who are available to provide mental health and substance abuse support in the event of a disaster or local emergency.

### Behavioral Health Response Teams

Teams will be managed at the state level by the Program Director of Disaster Behavioral Health Services and managed locally by clinical team leaders. These teams will be deployed through the state emergency management system. Teams will be trained to respond to the emotional needs of disaster victims, responders, or community members in local, state, or nationally declared disasters or traumatic incidents requiring a behavioral health response.

### Intended Audience

Mental health and substance abuse providers, psychiatrists, nurses, psychologists, social workers, spiritual care providers, first responders, first receivers and other individuals who wish to learn more about the behavioral health response to disasters and are interested in exploring the idea of joining the Maine Disaster Behavioral Health Volunteer Response Team.

### About This Training

**Day One:** Participants will learn about the behavioral health impact of disasters on individuals and communities. They will also learn about normal and adverse stress reactions and be given information about how the state and national disaster preparedness and response systems work.

**Day Two:** Participants will learn disaster behavioral health interventions used to identify and address these reactions (such as psychological first aid). They will go through an exercise to learn how to set up a family assistance center and respond to the needs of the victims and families. Finally, they will have the opportunity to learn about and join the formal state team in Maine tasked with responding to the behavioral health needs of the community after a disaster.

- June 23 & 24, 2011  
Atlantic Oceanside, Bar Harbor
- September 23 & 24, 2011  
Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn
- October 6 & 7, 2011  
Spruce Point Inn, Boothbay Harbor
- November 3 & 4, 2011  
UMaine Hutchinson Center, Belfast

More Information Below and Registration Materials Attached or available by emailing Tammy McLaughlin at [tmclaughlin@neias.org](mailto:tmclaughlin@neias.org)

## *Traffic Incident Operating Guidelines Training*

A 2-hour training program designed to improve responder safety and inter-agency cooperation. Participants from all response agencies will interact to gain a better understanding of each agencies goals, objectives, and needs when responding to traffic incidents thus producing a safer and more efficient incident scene. Personnel from any municipal fire/rescue/police departments are welcome at any of the sessions.

Please plan to attend one of the five offerings and each will be held at the Biddeford Central Fire Station, 152 Alfred Street:

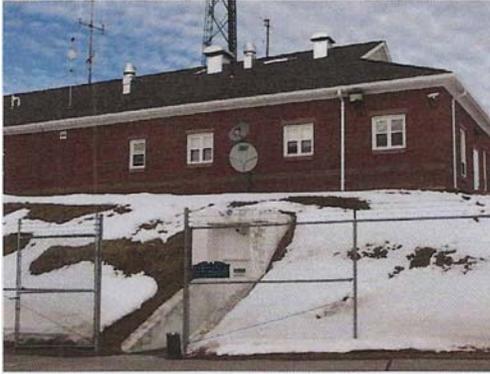
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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tuesday May 31st at 09:00 | Tuesday June 7 at 13:00  |
| Tuesday June 14 at 13:00  | Tuesday June 21 at 13:00 |

Thursday June 30th at 19:00 - this Class will be held at the Wells Activity Center on Route 109 in Wells.

SMEMS has approved this course for 3 CEH in Category 1 (There will also be a session scheduled for either Kittery or York, and this information will be sent when finalized).

Tom Reinauer, Transportation Director  
Southern Maine RPC and Kittery Area MPO  
21 Bradeen Street, Suit 304  
Springvale, ME 04083  
(207)324-2952 ext. 18 [www.smrpc.org](http://www.smrpc.org)

## Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency



Cumberland County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) resides in the last functioning 1960's era bomb shelter in the State of Maine. It is a 123 foot by 60 foot windowless bunker sitting beneath the County's newly constructed Regional Communications Center and is located in the town of Windham. The bunker is constructed with reinforced concrete walls, ceilings and foundation and is equipped with backup generators, a private well, and a natural gas fuel system. From the EOC, the Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) is capable of communicating by various means to Federal, State, and Municipal organizations to facilitate response and coordinate recovery in the event of emergency or disaster.



Gorham Tornado Damage 2010

The CCEMA mission is to mitigate against, to prepare for, to respond to and to recover from disaster.

- "Mitigation" refers to efforts to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters.
- "Preparation" refers to the development of plans which can be implemented in response to disasters (e.g. communications plans, evacuation plans, sheltering plans, etc.). It also refers to training standardization through the implementation of the National Incident Management (NIMS) and the training of EOC staffs and Municipal

First Responders.

- "Response" refers to the mobilization of emergency services and first responders in the disaster area. This is likely to include a first wave of core emergency services, such as firefighters, police and ambulance crews. In support of this core are a number of secondary emergency services organizations such as specialist rescue teams, public utilities crews and non-governmental organizations (NGO) like the local Red Cross. Without effective response, lives could be jeopardized and property lost.
- "Recovery" refers to the longer term issues to overcome and decisions to be made after immediate needs, such as life safety, are addressed. This could include assistance with temporary family accommodations to enable the rebuilding of destroyed property, re-employment for those who have lost their jobs, and the repair of essential community infrastructure. All require close coordination between Municipalities, CCEMA, the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Recovery often involves:
  - o Public Assistance – Provided to Municipal governments and certain non-profit organizations to repair event-damaged infrastructure.
  - o Individual Assistance – Provided to Individuals who've suffered damage to homes and property. Also provided to businesses that have suffered damage.
  - o Mitigation – Rather than return damaged government property to its original state where there is a history of recurring damage, Federal assistance can be provided to improve the property and lessen the likelihood that it will suffer future damage in similar events.



Vessel Deborah Lee Fire January 2011

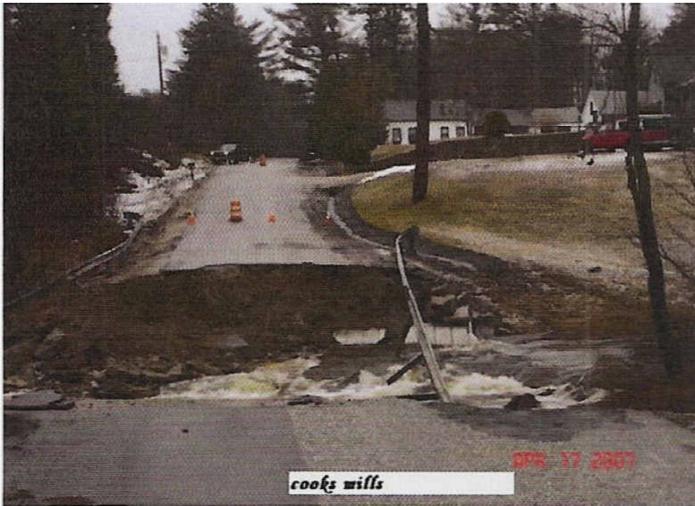
CCEMA closely coordinates its efforts with and often takes direction from MEMA. However, CCEMA works for County government and ultimately answers to the County Commissioners and the County Manager. CCEMA also works closely with Emergency Management representatives of the County's 28 cities and towns and

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with a variety of organizations such as hospitals, school departments, public utilities, local businesses, etc. to foster a greater awareness of disaster roles and responsibilities, to reinforce mutual aid bonds and to emphasize the important of communications.

CCEMA attends, participates in and sponsors many meetings over the course of a year. These include but not limited to sponsoring monthly meetings for the Local Emergency Management Directors, the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), the Amateur Radio Emergency (ARES) team, the Cumberland County Animal Response Team (CCART), the Incident Management Assistance

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State Planning Office (SPO), and the continued development of our newest volunteer organizations - the CCART and the IMAT. Concurrently, CCEMA works to refine its Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) through updates to its various annexes. It also conducts or participates in frequent exercises and instructs or supports numerous training opportunities.



Naples Flooding 2007

Team (IMAT) and by participating in Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) meetings, in community and organizational exercise meetings, and in various Police and Fire Chief Association meetings.

Current initiatives being led or supported by CCEMA include the survey and designation of Regional Shelters, completion of the County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), competing for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding, Identification of potential Narrowbanding conversion shortfalls, facilitation of Flood Plain Mapping by the



Ice Storm 2008

More information on CCEMA activities will be provided in future Newsletter editions.

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## Debris Management Workshop and Exercise

Date: August 9, 2011

Time: 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Location: Augusta, Maine, MEMA

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are pleased to announce a Debris Management Workshop. The workshop is designed to bring in experts who have worked in areas across the country where debris management was an issue within the disaster. Some of the discussion topics are as follows:

- Review of Public Assistance
- Pre-Planning and Debris Management Plan
- Debris Operation Basics (estimating, sectoring, debris pick-up/removal)
- Staging/Reduction Sites
- Discussion Based Exercise

Target Audience: Public Works, Public Utilities, Emergency Management Officials, Solid Waste Management, Emergency Management, Fire Officials, and other entities involved in debris management.

To register, please fill out a training application form and fax or email it to: (207) 287-3178 (fax)

[www.training.fema.gov/Apply/119-25-1%20Previously%20FF75-5.pdf](http://www.training.fema.gov/Apply/119-25-1%20Previously%20FF75-5.pdf)

Contact: Jeremy Damren, MEMA  
207-624-4400



Freeport Flooding 2008

## National Hurricane Preparedness Week

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is important to know the risk for the area in which you are in and to stay informed of the latest weather information.

Having a battery-powered radio, like a NOAA Weather Radio is a critical first step. Also, everyone, including those living well inland, should be prepared by checking personal preparations such as emergency kit supplies and knowing emergency evacuation routes. More information on how we can all be prepared for this hurricane season can be found by visiting [www.Ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.Ready.gov/hurricanes).

Businesses have a vital role in preparedness as well. Putting a disaster plan in motion now will improve the likelihood that your company may recover from a disaster faster. [Ready Business](#) outlines commonsense measures business owners and managers can take to start getting ready.

For more information on how we can all be prepared for this hurricane season, visit [www.Ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.Ready.gov/hurricanes).

For information about the hurricane outlooks and National Hurricane Preparedness Week, visit:

[http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/outreach/prepared\\_week.shtml](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/outreach/prepared_week.shtml)

### Meetings

- **June 8, 2011, 8:30 a.m.**  
Local EMA Director's Meeting  
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- **June 21, 2011, 6:30 p.m.**  
Cumberland County ARES  
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine  
Contact: Ron Brown, WA1RB
- **June 22, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**  
Cumberland County CART Meeting  
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine  
Contact: Bonnie Canfield, CCEMA (207) 892-6785
- **June 22, 2011, 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.**  
Greater Portland Transportation Incident Management Group  
Location: Portland, Maine, Greater Portland COG  
Contact: Eben Marsh, GPCOG
- **June 23, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**  
Mid-Coast ARES/CERT  
Location: Topsham, Maine  
Mid-Coast Chapter ARC, Community Way  
Contact: John Goran, Maine SEC  
K1JJS@aarl.net (207) 865-0554

## Maine SOP-DISP Announcement

May 12, 2011

On behalf of the State of Maine, representatives from the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) will be facilitating a series of two workshops to help develop Continuity of Operations Plans (COOPs) for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and public safety dispatch centers statewide. The first of these workshops is scheduled for June 15, 2011. The follow-on workshop will be scheduled during the June workshop.

These workshops are part of an OEC/ICTAP technical assistance effort designed to help supervisory personnel plan for continuity of operations in the event of evacuations, relocations, or loss of capabilities. The first workshop in this series provides participants a seminar-style venue where OEC/ICTAP facilitators will provide real world examples of plans for different COOP scenarios. In addition, they share best practices from around the Nation that can help participants identify and mitigate predictable risks to PSAPs and dispatch centers. During the first workshop, participants will develop the outline for a COOP and appropriate annexes that document the various operating environments, the potential challenges to operations, and specific planning for relocation or evacuation scenarios. OEC/ICTAP will consolidate the content and inputs from the first workshop into a draft COOP for the planning team to review and revise at the second workshop.

As an invitee on this announcement, you have been identified by the State as a valuable member of the team needed to contribute to this COOP. Please join us on Wednesday June 15, 2011 to begin identifying content for this plan including existing COOP plans, suggested ways to standardize COOP efforts statewide, local best practices, and lessons learned. This workshop will take place from 9:00am-4:00pm at:

Maine Emergency Management Agency  
Workshop will be held at Florian Hall at the Central Maine Commerce Center (CMCC)  
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine 04333

To participate in this workshop, please RSVP to Steven Mallory, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, Maine Emergency Management Agency, by phone at 207-624-4476, or via email at [steven.mallory@maine.gov](mailto:steven.mallory@maine.gov). Overnight lodging for travelers from over 100 miles away must be approved by MEMA before the workshop. MEMA will provide lunch and snacks.

Contact:  
Steven Mallory  
207-624-4476  
[steven.mallory@maine.gov](mailto:steven.mallory@maine.gov)



Enabling Partnerships



This is an Announcement from the **AMSC Northern New England (NNE)** community.

The FY-2011 Port Security Grant Program was announced yesterday by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. A copy of the Guidance and Application Kit has been attached to this message on our SNNE HOMEPORT site (Under the Homeland Security tab) or can be found on the FEMA Grant website (info below).

The funding for the FY2011 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) will total \$235,029,000 for port groups I, II, and III. The PSPG provides funding for transportation infrastructure security activities to implement Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans and facility security plans among port authorities, facility operators, and state and local government agencies required to provide port security services. There is no designated ferry appropriation. Ferry Systems in Group II can apply through the designated Fiduciary Agent (FA). All other Ferry Systems should apply with the Group III and "All Other Port Areas." Applications must reach FEMA by June 20.

As specified in Part V of the Guidance and Application Kit, "Field-level reviews will be managed by the applicable COTP (Captain of the Port) in coordination with the Director of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration's office and appropriate personnel from the AMSC (Area Maritime Security Committee), to include Federal, State and local agencies, as identified by the COTP." Detailed guidance and application instructions for grant programs can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/grants>. Additionally, PSGP guidance, updates, and announcements are posted on the USCG Sector Northern New England HOMEPORT site (<http://homeport.uscg.mil/d1/sectornne/>).

For guidance and application concerns or questions, please contact the FEMA Grant Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) at 1-800-368-6498 or [ASKcsid@dhs.gov](mailto:ASKcsid@dhs.gov).

The PSGP person of contact for USCG Sector Northern New England is LCDR Kathleen Garza, who can be reached at (207)741-5420 or [Kathleen.C.Garza@uscg.mil](mailto:Kathleen.C.Garza@uscg.mil). Sincerely, LT Derek Burrill USCG Sector Northern New England

## Emergency Management Exercise Program

May 19, 2011

Fire and HAZMAT officers coordinate response efforts from Kennebec Counties Command Post during exercise on 9-23-06 (MEMA photo by M. Belserene)



Maine Emergency Management Agency's Exercise

Program provides an avenue for all emergency managers and responders, specialty rescue and support personnel to experience a large complex incident. MEMA provides technical, planning and training support to State, County and Local EMA offices and response agencies. We do this in a number of ways, including telephone support, budget development and meeting facilitation. We also assist in the field in the planning, delivery and evaluation of exercises and training.

After an exercise is complete, the work continues through the After Action Review (AAR) process. We track the improvements that are made in addressing any shortfalls or deficiencies that were demonstrated during the exercise. This may include additional training, targeted drills, follow-up exercises or the revision of the plans that were tested during the exercise.

### 2011 Exercise Schedule

- **June 25—26, 2011**  
**Portland Amateur Wireless Association (PAWA) ARRL Field Day Amateur Radio (Ham) Emergency Communications Field Operations**  
Location: Cape Elizabeth, Fort Williams  
Contact: David B. Feeney WN1F (CCEMA)
- **July 23, 2011, 8:30 a.m.**  
**Mass Gathering Incident Response Full Scale**  
Location: Union Fairgrounds  
Contact: Ray Sisk, Knox EMA (207) 594-5155
- **August 13, 2011, 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**  
**Fallen Star 11—Waldo County FS Exercise**  
Location: Thorndike, Maine—Thorndike High School  
Contact: Dale Rowley, (207) 338-3870  
emadirector@waldocountyme.gov
- **October 23, 2011, 12:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**  
**Oxford Hills Regional Shelter Drill**  
Location: Bethel, Maine Telstar High School  
Contact: Scott Parker, Oxford EMA, (207) 743-6336

## *Training Opportunities*

- **IRTB Training—Bomb Class**

Date: June 1, 2011, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 pm.  
 Location: Seasons Events and Conference Center  
 Contact: David B. Feeney, CCEMA (207) 892-6785  
[feeney@cumberlandcounty.org](mailto:feeney@cumberlandcounty.org)

- **Emergency Planning (G235)**

Date: June 1-2, 2011, 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.  
 Location: Brewer, Maine, Jeff's Catering  
 Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA (207) 624-4400  
 Registration: Fax FEMA Training Form (207) 287-3189

- **8-Hour Operations Level Rescue Course**

Date: June 3, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Location: Waterville Fire Department  
 FMI: Ralph Butcher (352) 241-4973  
[Rescuetramp@hotmail.com](mailto:Rescuetramp@hotmail.com)  
 Robert Gardner (207) 624-4400  
[Robert.S.Gardner@maine.gov](mailto:Robert.S.Gardner@maine.gov)

Registration: Send contact information and location to:  
[Maine.serc@maine.gov](mailto:Maine.serc@maine.gov)

- **8-Hour Operations Level Rescue Course**

Date: June 4, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Location: Ellsworth Fire Department  
 FMI: Ralph Butcher (352) 241-4973  
[Rescuetramp@hotmail.com](mailto:Rescuetramp@hotmail.com)  
 Robert Gardner (207) 624-4400  
[Robert.S.Gardner@maine.gov](mailto:Robert.S.Gardner@maine.gov)

Registration: Send contact information and location to:  
[Maine.serc@maine.gov](mailto:Maine.serc@maine.gov)

- **IRTB Training—Bomb Class**

Date: June 4, 2011, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 pm.  
 Location: Westbrook Public Safety Building  
 Contact: David B. Feeney, CCEMA (207) 892-6785  
[feeney@cumberlandcounty.org](mailto:feeney@cumberlandcounty.org)

- **Noah's Wish Disaster Response Training**

Date: June 4 through June 5, 2011  
 Location: Cumberland Fairgrounds  
 FMI: Noah's Wish, (916) 939-9474  
[www.noahswish.info](http://www.noahswish.info)

- **Public Information Officer Awareness (G289)**

Date: June 4, 2011, 8:15 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
 Location: Skowhegan, Maine Somerset County EMA  
 Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA (207) 624-4400  
 Registration: Fax FEMA Training Form (207) 287-3189

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

- **8-Hour Operations Level Rescue Course**

Date: June 6, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Location: Portland, Stevens Avenue Armory  
 FMI: Ralph Butcher (352) 241-4973  
[Rescuetramp@hotmail.com](mailto:Rescuetramp@hotmail.com)  
 Robert Gardner (207) 624-4400  
[Robert.S.Gardner@maine.gov](mailto:Robert.S.Gardner@maine.gov)

Registration: Send contact information and location to:  
[Maine.serc@maine.gov](mailto:Maine.serc@maine.gov)

- **8-Hour Operations Level Rescue Course**

Date: June 7, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Location: Portland, Stevens Avenue Armory  
 FMI: Ralph Butcher (352) 241-4973  
[Rescuetramp@hotmail.com](mailto:Rescuetramp@hotmail.com)  
 Robert Gardner (207) 624-4400  
[Robert.S.Gardner@maine.gov](mailto:Robert.S.Gardner@maine.gov)

Registration: Send contact information and location to:  
[Maine.serc@maine.gov](mailto:Maine.serc@maine.gov)

- **8-Hour Operations Level Rescue Course**

Date: June 8, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Location: Portland, Stevens Avenue Armory  
 FMI: Ralph Butcher (352) 241-4973  
[Rescuetramp@hotmail.com](mailto:Rescuetramp@hotmail.com)  
 Robert Gardner (207) 624-4400  
[Robert.S.Gardner@maine.gov](mailto:Robert.S.Gardner@maine.gov)

Registration: Send contact information and location to:  
[Maine.serc@maine.gov](mailto:Maine.serc@maine.gov)

- **8-Hour Operations Level Rescue Course**

Date: June 10, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Location: Farmington Fire Department  
 FMI: Ralph Butcher (352) 241-4973  
[Rescuetramp@hotmail.com](mailto:Rescuetramp@hotmail.com)  
 Robert Gardner (207) 624-4400  
[Robert.S.Gardner@maine.gov](mailto:Robert.S.Gardner@maine.gov)

Registration: Send contact information and location to:  
[Maine.serc@maine.gov](mailto:Maine.serc@maine.gov)

- **Pipeline Safety Emergency Response Program**

Date: June 13, 2011, 5:30 p.m.  
 Location: South Portland, ME, Wyndham Airport Hotel  
 Contact: Paradigm, LLC (877) 477-1162  
 Registration On-line: [www.pdigm.com](http://www.pdigm.com)

- **Pipeline Safety Emergency Response Program**

Date: June 14, 2011, 5:30 p.m.  
 Location: Portsmouth, NH, Holiday Inn Portsmouth  
 Contact: Paradigm, LLC (877) 477-1162  
 Registration On-line: [www.pdigm.com](http://www.pdigm.com)

## Training Opportunities

- **SOP-Dispatch: Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC) Planning and Operations Workshop**

Date: June 15, 2011, 8:30 a.m.

Location: Augusta, Florian Hall at the Central Maine Commerce Center, 45 Commerce Drive, Suit 2

Contact: Mike Grant or Steve Mallory MEMA Please contact Michael Grant or Steve Mallory at: (207) 624-4400 for availability and prerequisites.

- **ICS 320 – Intermediate Incident Management Team**

Date: June 22 – 24, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: South Portland, Maine Air National Guard

Contact: LCDR Kathleen Garza Sector NNE USCG  
kathleen.c.garza@uscg.mil(207) 287-7752

- **Disaster Behavioral Health Volunteer Training**

Date: June 23 – 24, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Bar Harbor, Atlantic Oceanside

Contact: Tammy McLaughlin [tmclaughlin@neias.org](mailto:tmclaughlin@neias.org)

- **ICS 320 – Intermediate Incident Management Team**

Date: June 27 – 29, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: South Portland, Maine Air National Guard

Contact: LCDR Kathleen Garza Sector Northern New England, USCG  
kathleen.c.garza@uscg.mil(207) 287-7752

- **CERT Jamboree**

Date: September 9—11, 2011

Location: Mount Vernon, ME, Camp Laurel

Contact: Scott Parker, Oxford County EMA Director  
(207) 743-6336

- **Disaster Behavioral Health Volunteer Training**

Date: September 23 - 24, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Auburn, Hilton Garden Inn

Contact: Tammy McLaughlin [tmclaughlin@neias.org](mailto:tmclaughlin@neias.org)

- **Disaster Behavioral Health Volunteer Training**

Date: October 6 – 7, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Boothbay Harbor, Spruce Point Inn

Contact: Tammy McLaughlin [tmclaughlin@neias.org](mailto:tmclaughlin@neias.org)

- **IEMC: Emergency Operations Center Incident Management Team Interface (L947)**

Date: October 18—21, 2011, 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Location: Augusta, Maine—MEMA

Contact: Jeremy Damren, (207) 624-4400

- **Disaster Behavioral Health Volunteer Training**

Date: November 3 – 4, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Belfast, University of Maine

Hutchinson Center

Contact: Tammy McLaughlin [tmclaughlin@neias.org](mailto:tmclaughlin@neias.org)

## Fallen Star 11 Waldo County Exercise

Date: August 13, 2011

Time: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Thorndike High School  
577 Mount View Road  
Thorndike, ME

Description of Event:

The Exercise Incident Base and Staging Area will be located at the Mount View School Complex, 577 Mount View Road, Thorndike, ME, 04986

Volunteer personnel from all statewide Search and Rescue Teams, AREAS/RACES Teams, and Incident Management Assistance Teams (IMATs) are invited to participate as Players, Evaluators or Observers.

This exercise will test the Emergency Functions of:

- Communications
- Coordination and Control
- Resource Management

The scenario will simulate a crashed NASA satellite scattered across Waldo County and transmitting a geo-coded signal.

The job will be to organize the recovery mission according to the principles of ICS; Establish and utilize a area-wide communications network; and Locate and retrieve the satellite components in the boondocks of Waldo County. Contact Waldo County EMA Director Dale Rowley if you are interested in participating.

For more information, contact:

Dale Rowley

207-338-3870

[emadirector@waldocountyme.gov](mailto:emadirector@waldocountyme.gov)

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## Maine Prepares Tip “Crank It Up”

May 19, 2011

Many new "crank up" devices that don't need batteries are now on the market at reasonable prices. You just turn a crank to charge up the internal batteries. Radios, flashlights and cell phone chargers (or combinations of these) are among the appliances you can "crank up." Check these out at electronic or outdoors stores, or online.

Daily Tip from: [www.Maineprepares.com](http://www.Maineprepares.com)©



## Important Links

**Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency**  
Home: [www.cumberlandcounty.org/EMA](http://www.cumberlandcounty.org/EMA)

**Maine Emergency Management Agency**  
Home: [www.maine.gov/mema](http://www.maine.gov/mema)  
Library: [www.maine.gov/mema/mema\\_library.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/mema/mema_library.shtml)

**Maine Prepares**  
Home: [www.maine.gov/mema/prepare](http://www.maine.gov/mema/prepare)

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**  
Home: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)  
Training: <http://training.fema.gov>  
Grants: [www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtml](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtml)  
Assistance: [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov)

**Domestic Preparedness Support**  
U. S. Department of Homeland Security [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)  
NIMS Resource Center <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims>  
Lessons Learned Information Sharing System  
[www.llis.gov](http://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.smrcc.org](http://www.smrcc.org)

**Ready America** [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

**National Weather Service—Gray, Maine**  
[www.erh.noaa.gov/gyx](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/gyx)

**Maine ARES** <http://www.maineares.org>

**2-1-1 Maine**  
Home: [www.211maine.org](http://www.211maine.org)

**5-1-1 Maine (Maine DOT Travel Information)**  
Home: [www.511maine.gov](http://www.511maine.gov)

**American Red Cross of Southern Maine**  
Home: [www.maineredcross.org](http://www.maineredcross.org)

**PROP**  
Home: [www.wherepeoplecomefirst.org](http://www.wherepeoplecomefirst.org)

**Southern Maine EMS**  
Home: [www.smems.org](http://www.smems.org)

**Volunteer Maine**  
Home: [www.volunteermaine.org](http://www.volunteermaine.org)

**Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG)**  
Home: [www.gpcog.org](http://www.gpcog.org)



## Monthly Communications Test

**June 9, 2011, at 1330 hours.**

- Log onto WebEOC
- HAN Notification—1330 hours
- Conference Call—1345 hours
- Radio Check Immediately Following Conference Call

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