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Nationwide Emergency Alert System Test November 9, 2011

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

The nationwide test will occur on Wednesday, November 9 at 2 p.m. eastern time and may last up to three and a half minutes. The public will hear a message indicating that "This is a test." The audio message will be the same for both radio, television, and cable.

The National-level EAS is a public alert and warning system that enables the President of the United States to address the American public during extreme emergencies. Similar to local EAS tests that are conducted frequently, the Nationwide Test will involve broadcast radio and television stations, cable television, satellite radio and television services and wire line providers across all states and territories.

Over the past two years and as part of ongoing national preparedness planning efforts, FEMA, the FCC and other Federal partners, State, local, tribal and territorial governments, EAS Participants, and others in the EAS Community have been working toward making this test a reality.

As the Federal, state, tribal, territorial and local governments prepare for and test their capabilities, this event serves as a reminder that everyone should establish an emergency preparedness kit and emergency plans for themselves, their families, communities, and businesses. Anyone can visit www.Ready.gov for more information about how to prepare for and stay informed about what to do in the event of an actual emergency.

http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas_info.shtm

Strategy Recommendations

- Coordinate tests and exercises with your Regional, State, and Local Emergency Communications Committees, EAS Participant Organizations, and State and

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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



Emergency Management

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

President Approves Three-County Disaster Request

September 14, 2011

Augusta, Maine – Governor Paul LePage learned late Tuesday evening (09/13/11) that his request for three Maine counties to be declared a major disaster area was approved by President Obama.

On Friday, September 9, Governor LePage sent a letter requesting the declaration for Franklin, Oxford and York counties for response costs and damage done by heavy rains, high winds and flooding from Tropical Storm Irene.

The U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that federal aid has been made available to the State of Maine to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the area affected by Tropical Storm Irene during the period of August 27-29, 2011.



"These counties and towns dealt with downed trees and power lines, heavy rains and flooding, and incurred extraordinary costs," Governor LePage said. "The President's declaration will help us to repair the damages, recapture a portion of the response costs, and be better prepared for dangerous weather in the future."

The Federal assistance will reimburse State and local governments 75 percent of the costs for emergency response efforts and to repair or replace storm-damage public property and infrastructure, including roads and bridges.

Albert Lewis has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected area. Lewis said that damage surveys are continuing in other areas, and additional counties may be designated for assistance after the assessments are fully completed.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

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

Mass Violence Planning and Response Awareness with August Vernon

Thursday, December 2, 2011, 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Webinar Registration

Awareness course covers mass shooting incidents such as the Norway Shooting, Tucson, Fort Hood and Virginia Tech. The course is for Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, Emergency Management, Military, Business/Industry Security and School/College Crisis Officials.

Critical incidents such as mass shootings, criminal attacks and terrorist threats are occurring with alarming frequency. These events can occur on college/university campuses, school grounds, the workplace or other public locations.

Agencies and planners must adapt to the changes in society so that appropriate delivery of emergency services is ensured in a crisis.

Agenda Topics

- Threat Assessments/Threat Groups Overview
- Pre-Incident Planning
- Multi-Agency Response
- Crisis Management
- Command Considerations/Scene Safety
- "Lessons Learned"
- Resources for Planning & Training

Presented by August Vernon- August is the "Mass Violence Planning and Response" instructor and has given the course over 30 times over the past 6 years. He is currently the Operations Officer for a County Office of Emergency Management. August returned to his position at Emergency Management in 2005 after a year in Iraq as a security contractor conducting long-range convoy security and route clearance operations. Vernon has been employed in Emergency Management for over ten years and also served as a member of the fire service and a fire service instructor. He also served in the U.S. Army as a CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) Operations Specialist.

August has given over 140 multi-agency presentations at classroom sessions, field training, conferences, workshops, and seminars over the past 11 years. Mr. Vernon teaches courses in Incident Command, Mass Violence, Crisis Management, Emergency Management and Terrorism Planning-Response. He is a writer and member of the IFSTA WMD/Terrorism Committee.

Webinar Registration On-line:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/390302726>

Training Opportunities

- **IMAT Type IV Resource Unit Leader Training**
Date: October 13, 2011, 12:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.
Location: Windham, Maine—Cumberland County EMA
Contact: Ron Jones, CCEMA, (207) 892-6785
- **Pine Tree Foundation 23rd Annual Fire & Life Safety**
Date: October 14-15, 2011
Location: Saco, Maine
Registration at: www.ptbf.org
- **Tank Truck Rollover Training**
Date: October 15, 2011, 8:00a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Rockland City Hall
Registration: Fax Registration Form (207) 287-3178
Form available at feeney@cumberlandcounty.org
- **IMAT Type IV Situation Unit Leader Training**
Date: October 17, 2011, 12:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
Location: Belfast, Maine—Waldo County EMA
Contact: Dale Rowley (Free/Light Lunch Provided)
Register: Email emadirector@waldocounty.me.gov
or Call (207) 338-3870
- **Maine Public Health Association 27th Annual Conference**
Date: October 18, 2011, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Portland, Maine Health, 110 Free Street
Registration: www.mainepublichealth.com
- **Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems (MGT345) (see page 4)**
Date: October 18-19, 2011, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Bangor, ME, Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Registration: Thomas Iverson, Piscataquis EMA
(207) 564-8660 PCEMA@myfairpoint.net
- **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
- **Maine Fire Service Institute Fall Instructor Workshop**
Date: October 21-23, 2011
Location: Augusta, Maine
Registration at: www.MaineFSI.org
- **Disaster Behavioral Health Volunteer Training**
Date: November 3—4, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Belfast, UMaine Hutchins Center
Contact: Tammy McLaughlin tmclaughlin@neias.org
- **Emergency Planning (G235)**
Date: November 9-10, 2011, 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Location: Augusta, MEMA Classroom
Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA, (207) 624-4460

Formidable Footprint

A National Community/Neighborhood Exercise Series

Exercise Overview

A team of national, regional, state and local agencies and organizations have undertaken an effort to develop, facilitate and evaluate a recurring series of disaster exercises entitled "Formidable Footprint".

This series of exercises serves as an opportunity for governmental agencies along with community and faith-based organizations to assess their capability to prepare for, respond to and recover from a variety of natural disasters which affect communities and neighborhoods.

There is no charge to participate in one or several of the neighborhood exercises. The series of Formidable Footprint exercises is facilitated via an internet-based application entitled **ON-Line eXercise (ONX) System**.

For agencies and organizations planning to participate in the Formidable Footprint exercise series it is recommended that a minimum of three individuals participant in the exercise working together as part of a disaster planning/response team. By working together as a team you will be able to enhance your disaster knowledge and strengthen your teams overall capability.

To ensure that all participants receive important situation awareness materials prior to the exercise as well as a Certificate of Participation at the conclusion of the exercise everyone participating in an exercise will need to register.

To register, please visit www.onxsystem.com. (must register before 9 a.m. on the day prior to start of exercise).

For more info on Formidable Footprint, please go to: www.drc-group.com (Disaster Resistant Communities Group).

Exercise schedule: (all exercise run 9 a.m.—4:00 p.m. EST)

Tornado	October 29, 2011
Influenza Pandemic	January 28, 2012
Hurricane	February 25, 2012
Earthquake	March 31, 2012
Flood	April 28, 2012



Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems (MGT345)

Course Information:

This course is designed to provide training to electric power systems managers, operators, supervisors, and employees to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a natural or man-made incident affecting electric power facilities and systems. The course introduces the various natural, technological, and civil hazards to which electric power systems may be vulnerable and the potential effects the hazards may induce. Measures to reduce risk are discussed along with the importance of integrating the full range of capabilities and emergency response organizations when developing a response plan. Participants review the responsibilities of utilities during incident recovery, organize information for presentation to the public and media during an incident, and discuss disaster planning activities.

When:

October 18 & 19, 2011 08:00-1600hrs

Course Location:

The course will be held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel located at 308 Godfrey Blvd, Bangor ME.

Target Audience:

- Managers, Supervisors, Foremen and Field Personnel of Electric Utilities
- Utility Disaster Coordinators, Security Personnel
- Local Emergency Planning Director or Manager
- Fire, EMS, and Law *Other Critical Infrastructure providers i.e. Water, Wastewater and Hospitals.

Seating is limited so contact Piscataquis EMA to register!

Contact:

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NIMS Update NIMS Guideline for the Credentialing of Personnel

NIMS Alert 02-11: September 02, 2011

The NIMS Guideline for the Credentialing of Personnel (Guideline) is now final and available for use. The Guideline provides guidance on credentialing for Federal, State, Tribal and Local Personnel, as well as for persons affiliated with Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources, voluntary and not-for-profit response organizations. This Guideline was developed with the participation of stakeholders from key sectors of our society, and builds on the doctrine established in NIMS Guide 0002 NATIONAL CREDENTIALING DEFINITION AND CRITERIA dated, March 27, 2007. The Guideline addresses the full range of responders who may be called upon and need to establish their legitimacy through proof of Identity, Qualification/Affiliation and Authorization to deploy.

The Guideline and the NIMS Guide 0002 can be found at the NIMS Resource Center at the following URLs:

The Guideline

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/ResourceMngmnt.shtml#item3>

The NIMS Guide 0002

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/ng_0002.pdf

For more information on NIMS visit:

www.fema.gov/emergency/nims

All questions can be directed to the NIC via email: FEMA-NIMS@dhs.gov or via telephone: 202.646.3850.

Maine Prepares Tip

If You're Installing a Wood Stove, Install Safety With It

October 3, 2011

This time of year, with heating costs high, you might be thinking of installing a wood stove. Have a professional install it to make sure that the chimney and stove are set up safely. If you're a "do-it-yourselfer", visit the State Fire Marshal's web site and look for their Alternative Heating Safety fact sheet.

<http://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/index.htm>

Daily Tip from: www.Maineprepares.com©

MaineDOT Highway Information



About 511

The MaineDOT introduces the “Maine 511 Travel Information Service” to help commuters and travelers access information regarding weather-related road conditions, construction and congestion, via the Web or phone—24/7.

Part of a National Effort:

- The FCC designated “511” as the national traveler information phone number and MaineDOT is one of a handful of state DOT’s that have implemented the service.
- The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America) and the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) are leading deployment efforts and the development of guidelines for a seamless and comprehensive service nationwide.

Improving Public Service:

- The new service will provide enhanced service that is available directly to travelers via the web or phone—24/7—and will include voice recognition, increased calling capacity and easier-to-navigate Web pages.
- By knowing state highway road conditions, travelers will be able to better plan for their trips and commutes, and in the future, abbreviated dialing of 511 will make the information even easier to reach.

Where the Information Originates:

- The Condition Acquisition and Reporting System (CARS) is the primary source of data for 511 services.
- MaineDOT and Maine State Police staff, from dispatch centers and out in the field, use this system to maintain real-time information about travel conditions throughout the state.
- The system continues to evolve as a single comprehensive and timely source of data that ultimately improves the information available through services like Web sites.

Where to Get the Information:

- Call 511 from any phone, including mobile phones.
- Maine is preparing the needed infrastructure to handle this new service so that you can call 511 from any phone, including mobile phones
- Visit www.511Maine.gov

Type of Information Available:

- Weather-related road conditions
- Traffic incidents
- Highway Construction

Cost:

- Maine is part of a multi-state consortium that is sharing the cost to design and develop the system.
- In addition to Maine, the states participating in the consortium are Alaska, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Vermont, Louisiana, Idaho, Rhode Island, and New York.
- The service is provided free of charge to the public. Cell phone users will pay for normal airtime and roaming charges according to their wireless service contracts.

Related Information:

- Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America): www.itsa.org/511.html
- U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT): www.its.dot.gov/511/511.htm
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO): 511.transportation.org

Exercise Schedule

- **October 6, 2011**
[Knox County Full-scale Exercise](#)
Location: Rockland, ME
Contact: Ray Sisk, Knox EMA Director
(207) 594-5155
- **October 8, 2011, 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**
[Maine State Emergency Test \(SET\) ARES](#)
Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Exercise)
Location: Statewide—Maine
Contact: John M. Goran, Maine SEC
K1JJS@arrl.net (207) 865-0554
- **October 13, 2011**
[Mayo Regional Hospital FSE](#)
Contact: Tom Iverson, Piscataquis EMA Director
(207) 564-8660
- **October 23, 2011, 12:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**
[Oxford Hills Regional Shelter Drill](#)
Location: Bethel, Maine Telstar High School
Contact: Allyson Hill, Oxford County EMA,
(207) 743-6336
- **May 2012**
[Cumberland County Hurricane Tabletop Exercise](#)
Location: TBD
Contact: D.B. Feeney, CCEMA (207) 892-6785

Financial Disaster Planning

Article from MePrepares, www.maine.gov/mema/prepare

The effect of a disaster on your family's lives and finances can be as devastating as physical damages to your home. Taking care to protect your financial, insurance and medical records can save you a great deal of stress and heartache after the storm. Consider these simple steps:

Household Inventory

Perform an inventory of your household. Many insurance companies offer a booklet to do this. If yours doesn't, photograph or videotape each room, including closets and storage areas, identifying the items, when they were purchased and their approximate cost. Make a copy of your finished product for storage in a safe deposit box. Update it when major items are added or replaced.

Credit Card Account Numbers, Bank Account Numbers, Other Financial Details

Develop a list of financial information including credit card numbers and the numbers to report lost or stolen cards; bank account numbers and the bank names and locations. Identify stocks and bonds, contracts that have financial implications. Deeds. Make a duplicate copy for your safe deposit box.

Insurance Policies

List the policies and key information for each including homeowners, life, health, vehicle, business policies. Make a duplicate copy for your safe deposit box

Medical Information

Capture important medical information regarding each person. Include physicians' names and phone numbers, medical conditions, food and drug allergies, surgical procedures, immunizations records, prescription medicines by name and dosage, vitamins, herbal supplements and over the counter medicines taken regularly. Add a photocopy of your medical insurance card(s).

Identification Information

Gather identification information for each family member that includes a recent photograph. Include contact information (by name, address and telephone number) for home, work, school, church, and emergency family contacts. Add birth, death, marriage and divorce records and Social Security cards and Passports. Make a copy for your safe deposit box. For More Information, go to:

American Red Cross and Partners: Financial Disaster Preparedness:

www.redcross.org/preparedness/FinRecovery/FinPlan

Emergency Alert System

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local government agencies.

- Coordinate State/Local EAS testing with EAS Participant Organizations, RECCs/SECCs/LECCs as part of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) exercises to promote further understanding of EAS
- Conduct test reception public surveys after Required Monthly Tests (RMT) to identify mitigation areas that will improve the EAS in your area
- Engage and communicate EAS improvement activities with the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), and other national emergency management organizations to promote broad-based awareness and education of the EAS.

To receive an electronic copy of the FEMA Publication: Nationwide Emergency Test Informational Toolkit, ver 1.0, updated, August 15, 2011, please contact D.B. Feeney, Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency. feeney@cumberlandcounty.org



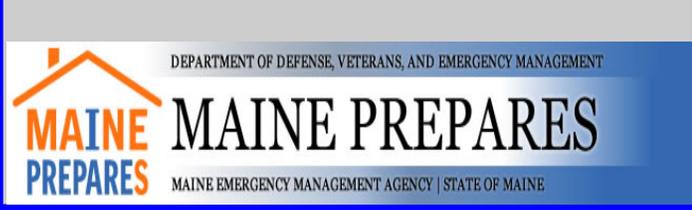
Meetings

- **October 12, 2011, 8:30 a.m.**
[Local EMA Director's Meeting](#)
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- **October 18, 2011, 6:30 p.m.**
[Cumberland County ARES](#)
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Ron Brown, WA1RB
- **October 26, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**
[Cumberland County CART Meeting](#)
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Bonnie Canfield, CCEMA (207) 892-6785
- **October 27, 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



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
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

- October 13, 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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Recommended ICS Training Requirements for Maine NIMS Compliance FY2012

Discipline (effective October 1, 2011)	IS 800	IS 700/100	IS 200	ICS 300	ICS 400	IS 701	IS 702	IS 703	IS 704	Notes
Senior Local/County Appointed/Elected Officials (note 1)										G402/191
Local Emergency Management Director	X	X	X			X		X	X	8
County Emergency Management Director	X	X	X			X		X	X	8
Public Works Director		X	X							
Public Works/Road Commissioner		X								
School/Campus Emergency Team Leaders	X	X	X							2
School/Campus Emergency Team		X								7
Public Utilities Management		X	X							3
Public Utilities Worker		X								
Hospital Emergency Response Team HERT		X	X							4
EMS Dept Heads/Deputies		X	X	X	X			X	X	8
EMS Supervisors		X	X							
EMS Technicians/Operators		X								
State/County/Local Law Enforcement Dept Heads/Deputies		X	X	X	X			X	X	8
State/County/Local Law Enforcement Supervisors		X	X							
State/County/Local Law Enforcement Officers		X								
Fire Service Dept Heads/Deputies		X	X	X	X			X	X	8
Fire Service Supervisors		X	X							
Fire Service Firefighters		X								
DST/RRT HAZMAT Technicians		X	X	X						5
DST/RRT HAZMAT Operations/ Responders		X	X							
MACC/EOC Management	X	X				X				706/775 191
MACC/EOC Staff		X								
IMAT Level III/IV	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	Position Specific
Public Information Officers/Designees		X					X		X	6
Communication Center Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor		X								

Note 1: All elected/appointed officials charged with general policy development

Note 2: Includes at a minimum the Principal and Assistant Principal

Note 3: Includes water and sewer districts

Note 4: Recommended by the Regional Resource Centers

Note 5: Technicians not expected to fill a Command Staff or General Staff position are not required to take ICS 300.

Note 6: IMAT personnel are required to take additional courses (ICS all hazard position specific) depending on their Type and level of Incident Management responsibility.

Note 7: School/Campus EM personnel with a **critical/leadership role** in facility emergency response although it is recommended **leadership personnel that may act in absence of first responders** should additionally complete ICS 300 & ICS 400.

Note 8: EMA Directors, MACC/EOC Management and Staff, IMAT Level III/IV Staff, Public Works Directors, Chiefs/Deputies of **full-time** Fire Departments, Chiefs/Deputies of County level law enforcement agencies and **full-time police departments with 15 or more full-time officers, EMS Agencies with more than 15 full-time personnel.**