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Public Safety, Emergency Management and Allied Organizations are invited to submit articles, events, training opportunities and news.

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Clean-Up Continues After Violent Summer Storms

MEMA—AUGUSTA, MAINE -- Power restoration and debris clean-up continues in the wake of powerful summer storms that ripped through southern and coastal Maine on the evening of June 21st. The National Weather Service has confirmed tornado activity at sites in York and Cumberland Counties, and many areas experienced high winds and heavy downpours.

Governor John E. Baldacci signed an Emergency Declaration that allowed power crews from other states to come to Maine to help restore electricity and extend hours that crews can work.

Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is recommending that anyone who suffered home damage as a result of severe storms contact their insurance agents to report damages. Residents may also dial 2-1-1 to learn about available resources.

MEMA recommends the following actions for those whose homes have been damaged:

- Document all of your damage and losses, and repairs you have made. Take pictures if possible.
- Contact your insurance company to determine what will be covered.



- Call 2-1-1 for information about other resources that might be available to you.

The June 21st storms were vicious in parts of the State, and we have had reports of damaged or flooded homes and businesses. “MEMA Director Rob McAleer said. “We hope that insurance coverage

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Emergency Management

Emergency Management is the assessment, analysis, planning, and assignment of available resources to prevent, prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of all types of hazards or emergencies.

Emergency Management is a comprehensive system of policies, practices, and procedures designed to save lives, prevent injuries, and protect property and the environment if an emergency occurs.

Cumberland County CART Team

By: Bonnie Canfield—CCEMA

Roy Gorman (left), Director of The Cumberland County Animal Response Team participated in the 2nd Annual Bridgton Veterinary Hospital Pet Community Day held on, Sunday, July 18, 2010. Numerous exhibitors were on



hand with pet products, promotions and animal shelter rescuers. The CCART information display was very well attended and received with people asking numerous questions about the CCART. People did not realize that this type of organization existed. The reason why CCART is participating in as many public informational outreach events as possible is to better educate and inform pet owners on the CCART mission and capabilities. CCART will also have a table with preparedness and response information at L.L Bean's Dog Days of August Event, Saturday, August 14, 2010, at Discovery Park in Freeport.

NWS—Gray, Maine Tornado Confirmed

Article Extracted from: Public Information Statement—NWS, Gray, Maine 0531 PM EDT Thursday, July 22, 2010

Tornado confirmed moving across Gorham in Cumberland County, Maine. Date: July 21, 2010, Est Time: 6:40 p.m. Maximum EF-Scale Rating/Cause—EF1

Estimated Maximum Wind Speed—90 mph

Maxim Path Width—350 Yards

Path Length—5 Miles

The Tornado initially touched down on East Webster Road in Buxton producing minor damage. It traveled east on a semi-continuous path through the Town of Gorham before lifting at the intersection of Route 237/25. The Tornado snapped or uprooted thousands of trees along portions of its track. The greatest damage was near the Gorham Savings Bank Headquarters where maximum winds were estimated at near 90 mph.

Many power lines were downed with reports of two cars damaged by falling trees. Multiple homes had minor damage when trees fell onto homes. Farm trailers were moved 50 to 75 feet and sheds were destroyed. In Gorham, damage was noted along Finn Parker and Wood Roads, and sections along Libby Road off from Route 237.

DHS Announces FY 2010 Preparedness Grants

Press Office—U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Press Release—July 15, 2010

SECRETARY NAPOLITANO ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$1.8 BILLION IN FISCAL YEAR 2010 PREPAREDNESS GRANTS

WASHINGTON-Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano today announced more than \$1.8 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) preparedness grants designed to help states, urban areas, tribal governments and non-profit organizations enhance their protection, prevention, response and recovery capabilities for risks associated with potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.

"The grants being announced today will help our partners in state, local and tribal governments and non-profit organizations across the country better prepare for, respond to and recover from all threats and hazards," said Secretary Napolitano. "This funding pays for training for fire fighters, medics and police officers, supports the purchase of equipment that is essential to our first responders, and improves our ability to communicate during disasters. These investments have a direct impact on communities across our country as we work together to build, sustain and improve the resilience of our families, businesses and neighborhoods."

The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is the Department's primary funding mechanism for building and sustaining national preparedness capabilities to help strengthen the nation against the risks associated with potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.

Additionally, 80 percent of Operation Stonegarden funding - intended to support state and local law enforcement along the border- will go to Southwest border states. DHS also increased tribal funding from \$1.8 million in FY 2009 to \$10 million in FY 2010.

Preparedness Grant Program Allocations for Fiscal Year 2010 Include:

Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)-\$1.78 billion total:

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)-\$842 million will support the implementation of state homeland security strategies to build and strengthen preparedness capabilities at all levels through planning, equipment and readiness activities.

UASI-\$832.5 million will enhance regional preparedness capabilities in 64 high-threat, high-density areas. The 10 highest risk areas (Tier 1) were eligible for more than \$524.4 million, while the remaining 54 urban areas,

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designated Tier II were eligible for more than \$308 million.

Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)-\$60 million will enhance cooperation and coordination among federal, state, territorial, tribal and local law enforcement agencies to secure the United States land and water borders.

Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Program-\$39.3 million, divided evenly among 124 MMRS jurisdictions, will improve regional mass casualty incident preparedness and response capabilities in metropolitan areas across the country.

Citizen Corps Program (CCP)-\$12.4 million to engage citizens in community preparedness, response and recovery activities.

Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)-\$10 million will be provided directly to select eligible tribal applicants to implement preparedness initiatives to guard against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)-\$19 million will support target-hardening activities at non-profit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and are located within one of the UASI-eligible urban areas.

Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP)-more than \$33.6 million will enhance catastrophic incident preparedness in selected high-risk urban areas and their surrounding regions. RCPGP supports coordination of regional all-hazards planning, including the development of protocols and procedures to manage regional planning for catastrophic events.

Further information on preparedness grant programs is available at www.dhs.gov and www.fema.gov/grants.

Program	FY2009	FY2010
State Homeland Security Program	\$861,137,000	\$842,000,000
Urban Areas Security Initiative	\$798,631,250	\$832,520,000
Operation Stonegarden	\$60,000,000	\$60,000,000
Metropolitan Medical Response	\$39,831,404	\$39,359,956
Citizen Corps Program	\$14,572,500	\$12,480,000
Total	\$1,774,172,154	\$1,786,359,956

FY 2010 Funding MAINE	FY2010 Allocation	Law Enforcement
State Homeland Security Program	\$6,613,200	\$1,845,727
Operation Stonegarden	\$1,120,267	N/A
Citizen Corps Program	\$125,562	N/A

Emergency Planning and Special Needs Population Training

November 3 & 4, 2010: Rockland, Maine

Course Description:

The Maine Emergency Management Agency and the Knox County Emergency Management Agency will be presenting a FEMA training program on emergency planning for special needs individuals.

This 2-day course is intended to provide those with responsibilities for providing emergency planning or care of seniors, people with disabilities, and/or special needs groups with the skills and knowledge they will need to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergency situations.

Selection Criteria:

The target audience for this course includes emergency managers, senior first-response personnel, special needs coordinators, human services organization personnel, facility planners, community-based organizational personnel, advocacy group personnel, elected officials, public health personnel, and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) personnel.

Course Location:

The course will be held at the Hampton Inn in Rockland, located at 190 New County Road (US 1) in Thomaston. Breaks and Lunch will be provided, lodging is available for those who qualify, please contact MEMA for further details on eligibility. All other expenses are the responsibility of the student.

MEMA and the working group of Regional and State agency partners will assist in the delivery of the program.

Contact:

Ray Sisk
Knox County EMA Director
207-594-5155



Tornadoes

Frequently Asked Questions

Frequency Asked Questions—Tornados: From the Storm Prediction Center (SPC) www.spc.noaa.gov

Who Forecasts Tornadoes?

In the U.S., only the National Weather Service (NWS) issues tornado forecasts nationwide. Warnings come from each NWS office.

What is a Tornado Watch?

A tornado watch defines an area shaped like a parallelogram, where tornadoes and other kinds of severe weather are possible in the next several hours. It does not mean tornadoes are imminent -- just that you need to be alert, and to be prepared to go to safe shelter if tornadoes do happen or a warning is issued. This is the time to turn on local TV or radio, turn on and set the alarm switch on your weather radio, make sure you have ready access to safe shelter, and make your friends and family aware of the potential for tornadoes in the area.

What is a Tornado Warning?

A tornado warning means that a tornado has been spotted, or that Doppler radar indicates a thunderstorm circulation which can spawn a tornado. When a tornado warning is issued for your town or county, take immediate safety precautions.

Long ago, I was told to open windows to equalize pressure. Now I have heard that's a bad thing to do. Which is Right?

Opening the windows is absolutely useless, a waste of precious time, and can be very dangerous. Don't do it. You may be injured by flying glass trying to do it. And if the tornado hits your home, it will blast the windows open anyway.

I've seen a video of people running under a bridge to ride out a tornado, Is that Safe?

Absolutely not! Stopping under a bridge to take shelter from a tornado is a very dangerous idea, for several reasons:

1. Deadly flying debris can still be blasted into the spaces between bridge and grade -- and impaled in any people hiding there.
2. Even when strongly gripping the girders (if they exist), people may be blown loose, out from under the bridge and into the open -- possibly well up into the tornado itself. Chances for survival are not good if that happens.

3. The bridge itself may fail, peeling apart and creating large flying objects, or even collapsing down onto people underneath. The structural integrity of many bridges in tornado winds is unknown -- even for those which may look sturdy.
4. Whether or not the tornado hits, parking on traffic lanes is illegal and dangerous to yourself and others. It creates a potentially deadly hazard for others, who may plow into your vehicle at full highway speeds in the rain, hail, and/or dust. Also, it can trap people in the storm's path against their will, or block emergency vehicles from saving lives.

The people in that infamous video were extremely fortunate not to have been hurt or killed. They were actually not inside the tornado vortex itself, but instead in a *surface inflow jet* -- a small belt of intense wind flowing into the base of the tornado a few dozen yards to their south. Even then, flying debris could have caused serious injury or death. More recently, on 3 May 1999, two people were killed and several others injured outdoors in Newcastle and Moore OK, when a violent tornado blew them out from under bridges on I-44 and I-35. Another person was killed that night in his truck, which was parked under a bridge.

Meetings

- August 2010
Note: There will be no August 2010 Local EMA Director's Meeting
- August 17, 2010, 6:30 p.m.
Cumberland County ARES
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- August 18, 2010, 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
County EMA Directors Meeting
Location: Augusta, Maine—MEMA
- August 24, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Cumberland County CART
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- August 26, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Midcoast CERT/ARES Meeting
Merrymeeting Amateur Radio Association
Location: Midcoast Chapter American Red Cross
16 Community Way, Topsham, Maine
- September 14, 2010, 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
State Emergency Response Commission Meeting
Location: Augusta, Maine—MEMA

Name That Hurricane! For 2010

Extracted from MEMA Article: June 1, 2010

The word "Hurricane" is derived from the Carib term for "God of Evil". In the West Indies hurricanes were originally named after the Saint upon whose holy day the storm occurred. Until 1953, the custom was to refer to storms by their year or location i.e.: "The Hurricane of 1938" or "The Galveston Hurricane of 1900", when the National Hurricane Center began using female names, in alphabetical order.

In 1979, alternating male and female names began. Six rotating lists of names are utilized for Atlantic Tropical Cyclones. An international committee of the World Meteorological Organization decides at the conclusion of each hurricane season if the name of an extremely deadly or costly storm should be retired and replaced on the list -- there will never be another Hurricane Katrina, at least in name.

As we saw in 2005, once the 21 Tropical Cyclone names are used up, additional storms take the names from the letters of the Greek alphabet: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, etc.

Without further ado, let us introduce you to the Tropical Storms/Hurricanes of 2010:

- Alex
- Bonnie
- Colin
- Danielle
- Earl
- Fiona
- Gaston
- Hermine
- Igor
- Julia
- Karl
- Lisa
- Matthew
- Nicole
- Otto
- Paula
- Richard
- Shary
- Tomas
- Virginie

Historically, New England and Maine have experienced the most impact from hurricanes in August and September. But it's not too soon to start thinking about hurricane safety. Check out the Hurricane Safety fact sheets at <http://www.mainePrepares.com>

To search for past storm events, hurricanes or other weather-related events, go to the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) found at www.ncdc.noaa.gov. Under Weather/Climate Data Products—you may search by state/county the U.S. Storm Events Database to display present, local storms and damage reports from 1950 to current.

FEMA Independent Study Courses

New 7/22/10

- IS 15.b—Special Events Contingency Planning for Public Safety Agencies
- IS 245.a—Introduction to the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS)

New 7/21/10

- IS 324.a—Community Hurricane Preparedness Course
(This course (844) is on a non-federal government website, operated by the Cooperative program for Operational meteorology, Education, and Training (COMET))

New 6/23/10

- IS 872—Dams Sector: Protective Measures

New 6/15/10

- IS 200.HCa—Applying ICS to Healthcare Organizations

2010 Exercise Schedule

- August 12, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Incident Command—Wild Fire Tabletop Exercise
Location: Waldo County EOC—Belfast, Maine
Contact: Dale Rowley, Waldo County EMA Director (207) 338-3870 emadirector@waldocountyme.gov
- August 28, 2010, 8:00 a.m.
Waldo Shelter Operations & Plan Full Scale Exercise
Location: Troy Howard Middle School—Belfast, Maine
Contact: Dale Rowley, Waldo County EMA Director (207) 338-3870 emadirector@waldocountyme.gov
- September 9, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Incident Command—HazMat Tabletop Exercise
Location: Waldo County EOC—Belfast, Maine
Contact: Dale Rowley, Waldo County EMA Director (207) 338-3870 emadirector@waldocountyme.gov
- October 09, 2010, Saturday
Maine Section Simulated Emergency Test (SET)
(Amateur Radio State Emergency Communications Test).
Contact: Bryce Rumery, k1gax@juno.com
- October 16, 2010, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Tri-County Shelter Exercise
Location: Hiram, Maine: Sacopee Valley Middle School
Contact: Scott Parker, Oxford County EMA (207) 743-6336
- October 23, 2010, Saturday
Tri-County Wild Land Fire Functional Exercise
Contact: David B. Feeney—CCEMA

September 2010 National Preparedness Month

Seventh annual National Preparedness Month, in September, encourages Americans to take steps to prepare

Release Date: July 28, 2010

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today announced that to date more than 1,900 national, regional, tribal, state and local organizations and businesses have pledged their support and joined the 2010 National Preparedness Month (NPM) Coalition. This is approximately 200 more than last year at this time. The registration for the Coalition continues through September.

This September marks the seventh annual NPM. Led by FEMA's Ready Campaign in partnership with Citizen Corps and The Advertising Council, NPM is a nationwide effort encouraging individuals, families, businesses and communities to work together and take action to prepare for emergencies.

NPM Coalition members will sponsor events and activities throughout the month highlighting the steps that individuals, families and communities can take to prepare. Ready and The Advertising Council will also introduce new Spanish-language public service advertisements in conjunction with NPM activities.

"National Preparedness Month is a great way to get Americans and our communities and businesses to come together in planning and preparing for a disaster," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. "Disasters can hit any place, any time, so it's essential that we take concrete steps together, now, to ensure a better response later."

This year, NPM focuses on encouraging all Americans to take active steps toward getting involved and becoming prepared. Preparedness is everyone's responsibility. Americans have to work together as a team to ensure that individuals, families and communities are ready. Individuals are encouraged to: make a family emergency plan; put together an emergency supply kit; be prepared to help your neighbor; and work as a team to keep everyone safe.

National Preparedness Month Coalition membership is open to all public and private sector organizations. To Register your organization, go to www.Ready.Gov.



National Preparedness Month
September 2010

- Get A Kit
- Make A Plan
- Be Informed
- Get Involved

Summer Storms

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will assist in many cases. However, there are other programs that may be of help, including trained volunteer groups who can help clear debris or clean out flooded basements. We recommend anyone with questions about possible help dial 2-1-1 and ask for available referrals."



2-1-1 will assist in connecting volunteer groups with homeowners who request their assistance. A call to 2-1-1 is toll-free from anywhere in Maine. 2-1-1 referral information is also available on the Internet, at <http://www.211maine.org>

McAleer stressed that calling 2-1-1 is not a registration for assistance. "2-1-1 can offer referrals to programs that are available now. It is up to the caller to determine which programs might help them, and follow through on those referrals."

More safety and recovery information is available at the Maine Prepares website: <http://www.maineprepares.com>

Photos by: E. Sawyer—Gorham Tornado



Training Opportunities

- **August 11—12, 2010, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

- HSEEP Training Course

- Location: DelValle Institute, Room 601 (6th Floor)
35 Northampton Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02118

- Contact: Mike Russas 508-820-2018
Massachusetts Emergency Management
email: michael.russas@state.ma.us or
Roberta Clarke—DPH, 617-624-56721
email: roberta.clarke@state.ma.us

- Registration: To enroll, you must access MEMA's
(Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency)
Training Registration System (TRS) at:
www.mass.gov/mema

- **August 25 & 26, 2010, 08:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

- Incident Command System—Intermediate (ICS 300)

- Location: MEMA, Augusta, Maine
 - Contact: Michael Grant—MEMA 800-452-8735
 - Registration: Submit FEMA 75-5 Training Application

- **September 02, 2010, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

- Communications Unit Leader (COML) TTT

- Location: MEMA, Augusta, Maine
 - Contact: Steve Mallory—MEMA (207) 624-4460
 - Prerequisites Apply—Contact Steve Mallory
 - Registration: Submit FEMA 75-5

- **September 08, 2010, 12:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

- Incident Command System Forms Review (MGT 347)

- Location: Nashua Fire & Rescue, New Hampshire
 - Contact: New Hampshire Fire Academy 800-371-4503
 - Prerequisites: ICS 100, ICS 200, IS 700
 - Registrations currently being accepted through
August 4th. Cost: None

- **September 9 & 10, 2010, 08:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

- Advanced Incident Management/ Unified Command
(MGT 344—ICS 400 Equivalent) Cost: No Charge

- Location: Nashua Fire & Rescue,
Nashua, New Hampshire
 - Contact: New Hampshire Fire Academy 800-371-4503
 - Prerequisites: ICS 100, ICS 200, ICS 300, MGT 101-W*
 - *available online www.teexwmdcampus.com

- Registrations currently being accepted through August
4th.

- **September 18-19, 2010**

- 2010 CERT Jamboree, 4th Annual

- Location: Mount Vernon, Maine
 - Contact: Jeremy Damren, MEMA (207) 624-4400
 - Registration: Information to be posted at a later date

- **October 13 & 14, 2010, 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

- Exercise Design Course (G139)

- Location: Hampden, Maine—Public Safety Facility
 - Contact: Michelle Tanguay (207) 945-4750

- **November 3 & 4, 2010, 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

- Emergency Planning and Special Needs Population

- Location: Thomaston, Maine—Hampton Inn Rockland
 - Contact: Ray Sisk (207) 594-5155
Knox County EMA Director

- **November 6 & 7, 2010, 08:00 a.m.—05:00 p.m.**

- Medical Management of CBRNE Events (PER 211)

- Location: Concord, New Hampshire Cost: No Charge
 - Contact: NH Fire Standards and Training 800-371-4503
 - Registration: Applications accepted: 08/04/10—10/06/10
 - Submit NH FSTEMS General Admission Form*

- **November 9, 2010, 08:00 am.—4:00 p.m.**

- Infectious Disease Annual Conference

- Location: Augusta Civic Center—Auditorium
 - Cost: \$35 (Registration Required)
 - Contact: Dot Seigars (207) 622-7566 x 232
 - Email: dseigars@mcd.org Website: www.mcd.org
 - Audience: Health Care Practitioners, Laboratorians,
and Public Health Partners.

- **April 5—7, 2011, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

- EOC Operations and Planning Course (MGT 346)

- Location: Concord, New Hampshire Fire Academy
 - Contact: New Hampshire Fire Academy 800-371-4503
 - Registration: Applications accepted: 01/05/11—03/02/11
 - Submit NH FSTEMS General Admission Form*
 - Prerequisites: None (ICS 100—300, IS 700 recommended)

- **April 26 & 27, 2011, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

- Medical Preparedness & Response to a Bombing Incident

- Location: Concord, New Hampshire Fire Academy
 - Contact: NH Fire Standards and Training / EMS
800-371-4503
 - Registration: Applications accepted: 01/26/11—03/23/11
 - Submit NH FSTEM General Admission Form*

* NH FSTEM General Admission Form at:

www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstem/documents/GenAdmissApp.pdf



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: <http://southernmaine.redcross.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

August 12, 2010, at 1330 hours.

- Log onto WebEOC
- HAN Notification—1330 hours
- Conference Call—1345 hours
- Radio Check—1400 hours

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