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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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## MEMA Trains Montenegro Delegates

*Story by MEMA—MEMA's Training and Exercise Bulletin, Issue 6*

Through the Maine Army National Guard State Partnership Program, MEMA hosted several delegates from Montenegro during the week of June 21. Representatives from the fire service, EMS, EMA, Red Cross, and Military attended and completed incident command training and public information training during the morning hours with Mike Grant and Lynette Miller. Mark Belserene and Jeremy Damren also taught them Emergency Operations Center Operations and Exercise Development.

During the afternoon hours, the delegates participated in ride-alongs with the Augusta Fire Department and Department of Conservation. The Montenegro Red Cross delegate shadowed Eunice Mommens, MEMA's Red Cross Liaison. The Ministry of Defense participants attended events with the Maine Army National Guard.

Montenegro is a new country in Europe

Europe and has been assigned with Maine in the State Partnership Program. This program is coordinated through the Maine Army National Guard. Maine agencies will assist Montenegro on emergency management, emergency response, and military training.

On Thursday afternoon, the Northern New England Metropolitan Medical Response Team attended and explained the EMS response system. They set up their treatment and triage system and demonstrated that they would be ready to treat patients in less than 10 minutes after arriving on scene.



The ten international visitors expressed their gratitude prior to leaving MEMA with small gifts to several of the instructors.

MEMA and the Maine Army National Guard will continue to work with Montenegro providing them with training, copies of plans, exercising, and all other emergency training requested.

## *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.***

# “5-K Fugitive Run”

**Saturday, August 28, 2010**

**At 9:00 AM RAIN OR SHINE**

**Gorham Municipal Center**

**Race-day Registration 7:30am - 8:30am**

Release Date: June 22, 2010

On August 28th, 2010 the Cumberland County Sheriffs Office will be holding its Second Annual 5-K Fugitive Run in Gorham, Maine. The proceeds from this year's event will benefit Family Crisis Services. Family Crisis Services is a domestic violence project which serves victims and survivors in Cumberland and Sagadahoc Counties.

Once again this year, the race will have strong public safety participation. Awards will be presented to the top 10 public safety runners, along with the top 2 civilian finishers in 8 different age categories. The Sheriffs Cup will also be awarded to the public safety agency (law enforcement, fire/rescue, corrections, D.A.'s) with the best cumulative finishing times (minimum of 3 runners to qualify for trophy).

Last year's Sheriff's Cup winner was the York Police Department with an impressive cumulative time of 1:04:42, followed closely by the Cumberland County DA's Office, Westbrook Police, and Gorham Fire. York PD and its runner's now have their names permanently engraved on the trophy. Don't let them repeat!!

Individual Public Safety winners were:

Bryce Turgeon - U.S. Probation 18:18

Julia Sheridan - Cumberland County DA's Office 23:25

Come represent your agency and sign up now.

To register on-line visit:

<http://www.runreg.com/events/register.asp?EventID=2356>

\$17.00 Advanced Registration Fee  
\$22.00 on the Day of the Race

For more information, visit our website at

<http://www.cumberlandso.org>

Are you up to the challenge?

# Hurrevac 2010 Webinar Training

To support the transition from Hurrevac2000 to Hurrevac2010, the National Hurricane Program will host or sponsor various training opportunities from March - August, 2010.

## Webinars

The National Hurricane Program is sponsoring 2010 HURREVAC Webinar Training. This training course will focus on the following objectives: identify what is HURREVAC, how to use HURREVAC to make evacuation and hurricane preparedness decisions, demonstrate up-graded functions of Hurrevac2010, and demonstrate ways to assess tropical cyclone data and forecasts. This training is for both new and advanced HURREVAC users.

<b>HURREVAC2010 Webinar Schedule</b>	
Thursday, July 1, 2010	6:00 - 8:00pm EDT
Monday, July 19, 2010	9:30 - 11:30am EDT
Monday, July 26, 2010	9:30 - 11:30am EDT
Tuesday, August 17, 2010	9:30 - 11:30am EDT

During the training you will be able to have questions answered by going to “Chat Box” and typing in your questions. A trainer will answer your question in a timely manner.

### Webinar is limited to 100 Participants Per Session

You must have the Web Meeting Software Installed Ahead of Time. To download “Meeting Manager”, visit the AT&T Teleconference Website at:

<https://www.teleconference.att.com/resv/wmdownloads.html>

To obtain additional information and the Hurrevac Webinar Assess Code information, please go to the Hurrevac Website at: [www.hurrevac.com/training.htm](http://www.hurrevac.com/training.htm)



**A Storm Tracking and Decision Assistance Tool for Government Emergency Managers**

# HSEEP Training Course

July 27-29, 2010, FEMA Region 1,  
Boston MA

## What is the HSEEP Training Course?

The Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Training Course is an intermediate-level training course that incorporates exercise guidance and best practices from the HSEEP Volumes. Throughout the course, participants will learn about topics including exercise program management, design and development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning.

The HSEEP Training Course is an interactive course that allows participants to share personal lessons learned and best practices while gaining practical experience. In addition to the instructor-led course presentations, the course includes small group activities, videos, and group discussions. The course also provides overviews of HSEEP-related initiatives such as technology (e.g., the HSEEP Toolkit) and capabilities-based planning (e.g., Target Capabilities List). This blended approach will give participants hands-on experience that readily translates to real-world exercise responsibilities. Activities include creating exercise documentation, conducting exercise planning conferences and briefings, and practicing exercise evaluation.

The course has been developed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) using input from Federal partners, subject matter experts (SMEs), and State and local representatives.

*\*This training course is an expansion of the Volume II: Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Training Course and includes more details on exercise program management, planning, and conduct, as well as evaluation and improvement planning.*

## HSEEP

HSEEP is a capabilities-based exercise program that includes a cycle, mix, and range of exercise activities of varying degrees of complexity and interaction. The purpose HSEEP is to build self-sustaining exercise programs and provide a standardized methodology for designing, developing, conducting, and evaluating all exercises. The HSEEP Volumes are:

*Volume I: HSEEP Overview and Exercise Program Management*

*Volume II: Exercise Planning Process*

*Volume III: Exercise Evaluation and Improvement*

*Volume IV: Sample Exercise Documents and Formats*

## HSEEP Training Course Modules and Objectives

This HSEEP Training Course is organized into seven modules. Each module is broken down into a series of lessons. All seven modules will be delivered during the course.

### Module 1: Introduction

Participants will learn the purpose, background, and scope of the HSEEP Training Course.

### Module 2: Exercise Program Management

Participants will learn exercise program management fundamentals to provide the foundation necessary to successfully develop and manage a self-sustaining HSEEP.

### Module 3: Foundation

Participants will learn how to build a foundation for an HSEEP exercise, including organizing the Exercise Planning Team, scheduling planning conferences, and outlining a project management timeline.

### Module 4: Design and Development

Participants will learn the conceptual and logistical differences between the design and development phases of discussion-based and operations-based HSEEP exercises.

### Module 5: Conduct

Participants will learn how to successfully execute discussion-based and operations-based HSEEP exercises.

### Module 6: Evaluation

Participants will learn how to evaluate discussion-based and operations-based HSEEP exercises to identify areas for improvement.

### Module 7: Improvement Planning

## Who Can Attend the HSEEP Training Course?

Individuals involved in exercise programs and/or exercise design, development, conduct, control, evaluation, and improvement planning are encouraged to attend the HSEEP Training Course. The intended audiences for this course are:

- Exercise program managers
- Exercise planning team members
- Controllers/facilitators
- Evaluators
- Senior officials



## Participant Preparation

Because the HSEEP Course is an intermediate-level course, participants should come to the course with basic-level knowledge of exercise design and HSEEP terminology. Therefore, participants are *required* to complete the Independent Study (IS)-120.A, *An Introduction to Exercises* before attending the HSEEP Training Course. It should take approximately 3-5 hours to complete.

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## HSEEP Training

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- Location: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>
- Scroll down and select IS-120A.

Additionally, the training course will briefly cover other DHS initiatives. As such, it is *recommended* participants complete the following IS courses:

- IS-130, Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning
- IS-139, Exercise Design
- IS-700, NIMS, An Introduction
- IS-800, NRP, An Introduction

Primary Instructors for the Course are Lauren Demarco, Region I Exercise Manager, and Chris Lynch, Region I Exercise Officer.

### Upcoming HSEEP Course:

#### **When:**

July 27-29, 2010

#### **Time:**

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. each day

#### **Where:**

FEMA Region 1  
99 High Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room  
Boston, MA, 02110

Please check-in at Security Desk.

### Registration Information:

Federal Employees please email or fax your signed SF 75-5, request for attendance to Chris Lynch, FEMA Region 1, [christopher.lynch@dhs.gov](mailto:christopher.lynch@dhs.gov), fax 617-956-7538.

All other 75-5's (local, state and private sector) need to go through **your respective State Training Officer or State Exercise Officer** by July 16, 2010. Acceptance will be based upon a first come, first serve, basis. Also attendees need to complete IS 120A prior to registration and submit proof of completion by 16 July.

#### Maine

Jeremy Damren [jeremy.damren@maine.gov](mailto:jeremy.damren@maine.gov);  
Mike Grant: [michael.f.grant@maine.gov](mailto:michael.f.grant@maine.gov)

For a copy of the HSEEP Training Course Announcement, Registration Form and a FEMA 75-5 Application Form, please contact D.B. Feeney—CCEMA [feeney@cumberlandcounty.org](mailto:feeney@cumberlandcounty.org)

For more information on the training, please contact Chris Lynch, Region I Exercise Officer at 617-832-4795 or email: [christopher.lynch@dhs.gov](mailto:christopher.lynch@dhs.gov)

## Save the Date 2010 CERT Jamboree!!

**September 18 and 19, 2010**

**Mount Vernon, Maine**

### **CERT Jamboree:**

This 2-day event is an annual event that provides training and exercise to all of our CERT, CART, SAR, and ARES/EMCOMM groups. There will be several new classes along with a traditional CERT course.

### **Target Audience:**

Team members who are a formal/recognized CERT, CART, SAR, or ARES/EMCOMM team.

### **Course Location:**

The event will be held at Camp Laurel in Mount Venon, Maine, Located on Route 41.

### **Registration:**

Registration information will be posted at a later date.

### **Contact:**

Jeremy Damren—MEMA, (207) 624-4400

## Meetings

- July 2010  
**Note: There will be no July 2010 Local EMA Director's Meeting**
- July 14, 2010, 10:00 a.m.  
**IMAT Meeting**  
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- July 20, 2010, 6:30 p.m.  
**Cumberland County ARES**  
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- July 22, 2010, 6:00 p.m.  
**Midcoast CERT/ARES Meeting**  
**Merrymeeting Amateur Radio Association**  
Location: Midcoast Chapter American Red Cross  
16 Community Way, Topsham, Maine
- July 28, 2010, 6:00 p.m.  
**Cumberland County CART**  
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- August 2010  
**Note: There will be no August 2010 Local EMA Director's Meeting**

## More Narrowbanding Information

Article extracted from: MEMA SCIP Newsletter June 2010 by Steven Mallory.

All FCC Part 90 VHF (150-174 MHz) and UHF (421-512 MHz) Private Land Mobile Radio licensees are required to convert their current wideband voice or data radio systems to narrowband operation no later than, January 1, 2013.

Typical Part 90 VHF & UHF radio system licensees would include:

- Many Small & Large Private Business Enterprises
- Industrial Plants, Manufacturing & Warehousing Facilities
- Electric, Gas, Energy & Water/Wastewater Utilities
- Mining & Natural Resource Exploration Companies
- Transportation, Railroad, Subway, Taxi, Bus & Delivery Services
- Airport Tarmacs, Facilities & Security Operations
- Marine Terminals, Ports, Shipping & Logistic Operations
- Automobile Towing & Heavy Recovery Companies
- Garbage, Refuse, Recycling & Disposal Services
- Farming, Ranching, Agricultural & Nursery Services
- Construction & On-Site Facilities Maintenance Services
- School Districts, Universities & Colleges
- Convention Centers, Hotels & Hospitality Services
- Coliseums, Arenas & Sports Stadiums
- Hospitals, Ambulance & EMS Providers
- Local Municipal Government & Public Works Agencies
- Public Safety, Disaster Response & Emergency Management Agencies
- City, County & State Government Agencies
- Wireless Data, SCADA, Telemetry & Private Radio Paging Networks

### All about Narrowband

MEMA has added a Narrowband specific site:  
[http://www.maine.gov/mema/programs/icommmema\\_prog\\_icomm\\_narrowband.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/mema/programs/icommmema_prog_icomm_narrowband.shtml)

Please check for more updates

For a complete copy of the MEMA June SCIP Newsletter, please visit the MEMA webpage: [www.maine.gov/mema](http://www.maine.gov/mema) <Communications> or <News> Tab.



Currently there are three formally recognized COML in the State of Maine. If you have completed the COML course please complete your task book and have your application signed off by your respective County EMA Director. If you need a COML Recognition and Guidance Packet please contact me. Have you received the Maine's Communication Unit Leader and Resource Package DVD? This DVD is used as a tool to better educate communication professionals. If you would like to have a copy, please contact me...

**Steven Mallory MEMA**  
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## 2010 Exercise Schedule

- July 28, 2010, 6:00 p.m.  
**Incident Command—Aircraft Tabletop Exercise**  
 Location: Waldo County EOC—Belfast, Maine  
 Contact: Dale Rowley, Waldo County EMA Director (207) 338-3870 [emadirector@waldocountyme.gov](mailto:emadirector@waldocountyme.gov)
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:emadirector@waldocountyme.gov)
- October 16, 2010, Saturday  
**Maine Section Simulated Emergency Test (SET)**  
 (Amateur Radio State Emergency Communications Test).  
 Contact: Bryce Rumery, [k1gax@juno.com](mailto:k1gax@juno.com)
- October 23, 2010, Saturday  
**Tri-County Wild Land Fire Functional Exercise**  
 Contact: David B. Feeney—CCEMA

## *First Responder Safety at a Small Aircraft Accident*

As small aircraft and helicopters have become more complex, technology has provided systems that have enhanced operational safety. In the event of an accident, many of these systems have presented additional hazards to first responders or any potential rescuer at an aircraft accident scene. The FAA, in cooperation with General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA), various manufacturers and first responder professional organizations, has developed training for safety at an aircraft accident scene. While the material was initially developed for firefighters, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and police, it provides useful information for any persons that may come across an aircraft accident. Flash Player is required to view each module.

[http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/gen\\_av/first\\_responders/](http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/gen_av/first_responders/)

### **Module 1 Systems and Material Hazards**

- Recommended for firefighters and EMS.

Primary module that identifies hazards unique to aircraft accidents.

### **Module 2 Aircraft Type Familiarization and Mission Specific Hazards**

- Recommended for firefighters and EMS.

Outlines aircraft variations in service and hazards associated with certain aircraft usage.

### **Module 3 Command and Recovery**

- Recommended for firefighters, EMS and law enforcement for aircraft accident protocol development.

Recognizes operational protocol for managing an accident scene and requirements related to the investigation of the accident.

### **Module 4 Ballistic Parachute System Familiarization**

- Recommended for firefighters and recovery personnel.

Provides information that will detail the installation, operation and techniques used by manufacturers to disable a Ballistic Parachute System so that the first responder will have a better understanding if tasked by the manufacturer to disable the system.

### **Module 5 Systems and Material Hazards for Rescuers**

- Recommended for police, airport and the aviation community or others that may be tasked with initial rescue.

**Provides material from Module 1, however recognizes that Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) may not be equivalent to firefighter/EMS Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and does not address extrication.**

### **Additional Accident And Training Resources:**

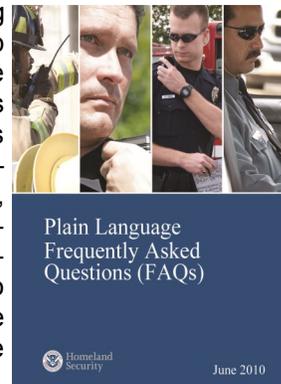
- GAMA website for manufacturer specific information: General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA)  
<http://www.gama.aero/firstresponders>
- FAA Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) for additional FAA guidance.  
[http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport\\_safety/aircraft\\_rescue\\_fire\\_fighting/](http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_safety/aircraft_rescue_fire_fighting/)
- FAA Aircraft Registry  
[http://registry.faa.gov/aircraftinquiry/NNum\\_Inquiry.aspx](http://registry.faa.gov/aircraftinquiry/NNum_Inquiry.aspx)

### **Reporting an accident:**

- To the FAA: Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO)  
[http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/field\\_offices/fsdo/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/field_offices/fsdo/)
- To the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)  
<http://www.nts.gov/aviation/report.htm>

## *NIMS—Plain Language Frequently Asked Questions*

Last year the Office of Emergency Communications sponsored a Plain Language Working Group. This Working Group developed the Plain Language Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to highlight key challenges presented when moving from coded substitutions to plain language, along with examples of how agencies have handled these challenges in the past. I am pleased to announce the Plain Language FAQs are now available on the SAFECOM website:



[http://www.safecomprogram.gov/SAFECOM/library/interoperabilitybasics/1617\\_plainlanguage](http://www.safecomprogram.gov/SAFECOM/library/interoperabilitybasics/1617_plainlanguage)

<http://www.safecomprogram.gov/SAFECOM>

The information developed by the working group supported multiple educational and outreach efforts. We have conducted media interviews, including one with NBC

<http://media.bulletinnews.com/playclip.aspx?clipid=8cc554a5ff88843&pub=dhs>, produced an awareness video and briefed multiple stakeholder groups, including members of Congress and officials within the Administration. In addition, a number of published articles addressed the topic of plain language, including those in

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## Plain Language

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March 2010 in:

### OnScene

<http://www.iafc.org/displayindustryarticle.cfm?articlenbr=42048>

### PoliceOne

<http://www.policeone.com/police-products/communications/articles/2015922-A-phased-approach-to-improve-radio-communications>

OEC is delighted to announce that there will be a Plain Language panel at this year's APCO conference in Houston, Texas, on Monday, August 2, at 4:30 pm. We look forward to seeing many of you at the conference.

In the months ahead, I look forward to enhancing our partnership with you as we work toward improving interoperability nationwide. Please let me know if you have additional input for the Plain Language FAQs or others.

With best wishes for a safe and enjoyable July 4th holiday weekend.

Sincerely,

Chris Essid, Director  
Office of Emergency Communications

## President Grants Request for Federal Assistance

July 2, 2010—Augusta

Governor John E. Baldacci has learned that President Obama has granted his request that a major disaster be declared for York and Hancock counties for severe storms that occurred between, March 12, and April 1, 2010.

The request for federal assistance, originally sought in May, was denied. Governor Baldacci appealed that decision on June 4. The appeal was granted on July 1.

"The intense rain, wind and storm surge during March lead to significant damage in Maine," Governor Baldacci said, "I'm pleased that upon further review the President and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have agreed to grant assistance. FEMA has always been a strong partner with Maine, and this decision demonstrates the agency's willingness to work with states to

help them recover from disasters."

The Federal assistance will reimburse State and local governments 75 percent of the costs for emergency response efforts and to repair or replace storm-damaged public property and infrastructure, including roads and bridges in Hancock and York counties. In addition, all counties in Maine are eligible to apply for hazard mitigation assistance.

## 2010 Training Opportunities

- Hurrevac 2010 Webinar Training (See article page 3)
- First Responder Safety at a Small Aircraft Accident (See article page 6)
- July 27—29, 2010, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
**HSEEP Training Course**  
Location: FEMA Region 1, Boston, Massachusetts  
Contact: Jeremy Damren, MEMA (207) 624-4400  
jeremy.damren@maine.gov  
FEMA 75-5 Form required
- 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](http://www.mass.gov/mema)
- 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
- 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](mailto:dseigars@mcd.org) Website: [www.mcd.org](http://www.mcd.org)  
Audience: Health Care Practitioners, Laboratorians,  
and Public Health Partners.

# NOAA Expects Busy Hurricane Season

An “active to extremely active” hurricane season is expected for the Atlantic Basin this year according to the seasonal outlook issued today by NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center – a division of the National Weather Service. As with every hurricane season, this outlook underscores the importance of having a hurricane preparedness plan in place.

Across the entire Atlantic Basin for the six-month season, which begins June 1, NOAA is projecting a 70 percent probability of the following ranges:

- 14 to 23 Named Storms (top winds of 39 mph or higher), including:
- 8 to 14 Hurricanes (top winds of 74 mph or higher), of which:
- 3 to 7 could be Major Hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of at least 111 mph)

“If this outlook holds true, this season could be one of the more active on record,” said Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D., under secretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator. “The greater likelihood of storms brings an increased risk of a landfall. In short, we urge everyone to be prepared.”

The outlook ranges exceed the seasonal average of 11 named storms, six hurricanes and two major hurricanes. Expected factors supporting this outlook are:

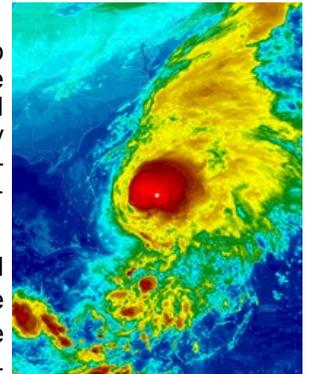
- **Upper atmospheric winds conducive for storms.** Wind shear, which can tear apart storms, will be weaker since El Niño in the eastern Pacific has dissipated. Strong wind shear helped suppress storm development during the 2009 hurricane season.
- **Warm Atlantic Ocean water.** Sea surface temperatures are expected to remain above average where storms often develop and move across the Atlantic. Record warm temperatures – up to four degrees Fahrenheit above average – are now present in this region.
- **High activity era continues.** Since 1995, the tropical multi-decadal signal has brought favorable ocean and atmospheric conditions in sync, leading to more active hurricane seasons. Eight of the last 15 seasons rank in the top ten for the most named storms with 2005 in first place with 28 named storms.

“The main uncertainty in this outlook is how much above normal the season will be. Whether or not we approach the high end of the predicted ranges depends partly on whether or not La Niña develops this summer,” said Gerry Bell, Ph.D., lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center. “At present we are in a neutral state, but conditions are becoming increasingly favorable for La Niña to develop.”

“FEMA is working across the administration and with our state and local partners to ensure we’re prepared for hurricane season,” said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. “But we can only be as prepared as the public, so it’s important that families and businesses in coastal communities take steps now to be ready. These include developing a communications plan, putting together a kit, and staying informed of the latest forecasts and local emergency plans. You can’t control when a hurricane or other emergency may happen, but you can make sure you’re ready.”

The president recently designated May 23-29, 2010, as National Hurricane Preparedness Week. NOAA and FEMA encourage those living in hurricane-prone states to use this time to review their overall preparedness. More information on individual and family preparedness can be found at [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) and [www.hurricanes.gov/prepare](http://www.hurricanes.gov/prepare).

NOAA scientists will continue to monitor evolving conditions in the tropics and will issue an updated hurricane outlook in early August, just prior to what is historically the peak period for hurricane activity.



NOAA’s mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth’s environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources.

## WebEOC Update

### WebEOC 7.1

MEMA will be transitioning to new WebEOC servers in mid-July. This transition will impact the web address (URL) used to access WebEOC. Beginning July 1, the current training server will no longer be active. The new web address will be shared with authorized users when it is available.



**City of Amherst**  
# Amherst Jamboree

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Management Agencies**



To Present - The 4th Annual  
**Community Emergency Response Team  
Jamboree**

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Camp Laurel ([www.camp Laurel.com](http://www.camp Laurel.com))  
Mount Vernon, ME  
Saturday & Sunday • September 18 & 19, 2010

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## 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.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtm)  
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: <http://southernmaine.redcross.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

July 8, 2010, at 1330 hours.

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

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