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## *FEMA Offers New Approach to Flood Mapping—Maine*

Released Date: October 1, 2010

BOSTON, Mass. -- FEMA Region I announced today a new initiative aimed at improving the Flood Mapping process in York and Cumberland Counties in Maine. Working closely with the Maine Congressional delegation, FEMA Headquarters in Washington and stakeholders in York and Cumberland Counties, FEMA has consistently recognized the need for close collaboration on this important project.

FEMA has proposed that the stakeholders convert to a new program known as Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP). This new program provides communities with flood information and tools they can use to enhance their mitigation plans and better protect their citizens. Through more accurate flood maps, risk assessment tools and outreach support, Risk MAP builds on Map Modernization and strengthens local ability to make informed decisions about reducing risk.

Working in close collaboration with the affected communities who have agreed in principle to review the transition to Risk MAP, FEMA will now withdraw the

the current appeal process. The affected local governments will now be asked to co-sign a "Project Charter" and FEMA will work closely with these communities to improve the current preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps incorporating all available data. FEMA will then reissue the improved maps as a part of a new appeal process.

Through collaboration with State, Tribal and local entities, Risk MAP will deliver quality data that increases public awareness and leads to action that reduces risk to life and property. Risk MAP will focus on products and services beyond the traditional Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). FEMA will work with officials to help use flood risk data and tools to effectively communicate risk to citizens and enable communities to enhance their corresponding mitigation plans.

This process involves increased collaboration and improved information sharing in the production of new flood maps and will allow FEMA to address any appropriate issues in the appeals process that will follow.

## *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.***

## *New FEMA Web Resources Promote Public-Private Partnerships Nationwide*

Release Date: September 8, 2010  
Release Number: HQ-10-179

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As part of its ongoing efforts to cultivate public-private partnerships at the state and local level, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently launched a new web page for state and local officials and their private sector partners to provide them with resources and the opportunity to share practices and ideas. The goal of the new page (<http://www.fema.gov/privatesector/ppp.shtm>) is to build a national resource that will benefit emergency management professionals and their constituents in communities nationwide.

The new Public-Private Partnerships page is just the latest of FEMA's many initiatives to engage the private sector in the nation's preparedness, response, and recovery. The page provides templates and models of successful programs around the country. These partnerships include regional, state and city examples.

"Public-private partnerships are an important tool in increasing preparedness and keeping communities safe," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. "No matter how much those of us in government do to prepare, we will only be successful if we engage the private sector as part of the team. By utilizing their established supply networks and services, we can get information and supplies to people quickly and effectively before, during, and after a disaster."

Under Fugate's leadership, FEMA is actively instituting a team approach to emergency management, including not just government, but the private sector, non-profit organizations, and the general public as well. Last year, FEMA added new positions to the Private Sector Division to further engage the private sector as part of the team. Private sector representatives have participated in FEMA exercises, preparedness efforts and operations.

The new web page already includes partnership models contributed by ChicagoFirst, Ill.; San Diego, Calif.; Providence, R.I.; New York City, N.Y.; California; Iowa; Louisiana; Missouri; Utah; Washington; All-Hazards Consortium; Northeast Disaster Recovery Information X-Change; Southeast Emergency Response Network; Ready Campaign; Citizen Corps. We will continue to update the models as submissions arrive.

FEMA created the web page to not only recognize partnerships but also provide tools to establish and

strengthen partnerships in communities nationwide. Additional tools include a list of benefits of starting a program, online resources, and information on grants and funding options.

Visit the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Private Sector Resources Catalog for more information on the full range of tools, training and resources available across DHS: [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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### *Meetings*

- **October 12, 2010, 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**  
Hazmat Team Chief's Meeting  
Location: Augusta, Maine—MEMA
- **October 13, 2010, 8:30 a.m.**  
Local EMA Director's Meeting  
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- **October 13, 2010, 10:00 a.m.**  
IMAT Meeting  
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- **October 19, 2010, 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**  
Training and Exercise Planning Workshop  
Location: MEMA, Augusta, Maine  
Contact: Jeremy Damren (207) 624-4400
- **October 19, 2010, 6:30 p.m.**  
Cumberland County ARES  
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- **October 26, 2010, 6:00 p.m.**  
Cumberland County CART Team  
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine  
Contact: Bonnie Canfield, CCEMA (207) 892-6785
- **October 28, 2010, 6:00 p.m.**  
Midcoast CERT/ARES Meeting  
Merrymeeting Amateur Radio Association  
Location: Midcoast Chapter American Red Cross  
16 Community Way, Topsham, Maine

## “Maine Prepares” 2010 Special Newspaper

September 24, 2010

Maine Emergency Management Agency, in partnership with the Bangor Daily News, has published a special insert to educate Maine citizens on the importance of disaster awareness and individual preparedness. This is the fifth annual edition of "Maine Prepares".

The special insert, published the weekend of September 18-19 2010, reached as many as 300,000 households and businesses across the State by running in the Bangor Daily News, Maine Sunday Telegram, Lewiston Sun Journal, and other major weekend newspapers.

If you missed it in your paper, the insert is available on the Bangor Daily News website: <http://www.bangordailynews.com>

This edition of Maine Prepares features checklists to make it easy for you to do the three basic steps in emergency planning. September is National Preparedness Month, the ideal time for you to get serious about preparing for emergencies and disasters.



Preparedness is important all year round. This year's insert offers a guide to get Mainers started in disaster planning.

Contact: MEMA  
207-624-4400

## NIMSCAST

October 1, 2010 begins the Fiscal Year 2011 reporting cycle to maintain and progress towards Jurisdictional NIMS Compliance. Each community, to remain or become NIMS compliant, must report within NIMSCAST their status and be 100% compliant in order to be eligible when applying for various Federal and State grant funding opportunities. Within NIMSCAST, each jurisdiction has identified a single point of contact (POC) to represent their community and to receive updates or inquire regarding NIMS, and is often the administrator who maintains the on-line account as needed. The POC may also designate other users to gain access to NIMSCAST with full or limited administrative rights to make any further changes.

When changes are made in personnel assignment; upon leaving the position or retirement; it is the jurisdiction's responsibility to ensure the reassignment of the single

## Narrowbanding

**Narrowbanding = Reducing the amount of spectrum a radio uses to transmit a message.**

In December of 2004, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced requirements to narrowband radio frequencies. We are now quickly approaching the deadline for compliance with that order, **January 1st, 2013**.

By this date, all radios and radio systems covered by the narrowband order must be compliant with the order. Those failing to be compliant will face a cease and desist order on their radio systems or potentially fines (up to \$10,000) from the FCC.

The narrowband order affects license holders:

- In the Public Safety Conventional (PW) frequency pool; and
- In the Industrial/Business (IG) pool operating in frequencies between 150-174 MHz and 421-512 MHz.

If your organization holds a license in this frequency range you should check into this further by contacting your radio vendor and/or working with a FCC frequency coordinator.

To begin the transition to narrowband you will need to consider the following points:

1. Assess/inventory current equipment and radio systems
2. Plan/budget for new equipment
3. Apply for new/modified license
4. Establish timetable for new equipment
5. Implement your transition plan
6. Implement new equipment/systems

The Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) maintains additional information and resources on Narrowbanding on the MEMA website, including a link to a WAGM-TV 8 Video Clip, narrated by journalist Laura Thomas, explaining why some small towns are lagging behind.

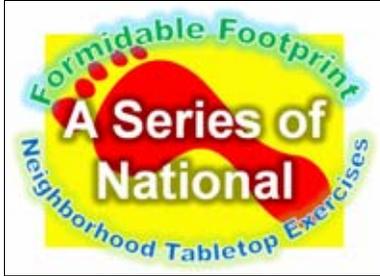
More on Narrowbanding and State-wide Communications at: [www.maine.gov/mema](http://www.maine.gov/mema) and mouse clicking on <Programs> <Communications> tabs.

# A National Neighborhood Exercise Series

## Formidable Footprint—A National Neighborhood Exercise Series

### Exercise Overview

The Disaster Resistant Communities Group has undertaken an effort to develop, facilitate and evaluate a series of disaster exercises for neighborhoods entitled:



"Formidable Footprint - A Neighborhood Tabletop Exercise".

This series of exercises will serve as an opportunity for:

- Citizen Corps
- Community Emergency Response Teams
- Neighborhood Associations
- Neighborhood Emergency Response Teams
- Neighborhood Watches

along with other community and neighborhood organizations to assess the ability of neighborhood residents to work together to prepare for, respond to and recover from a variety of natural disasters which can affect the lives of neighborhood residents.

There is **NO CHARGE** to participate in one or several of the neighborhood exercises.

The series of Formidable Footprint Tabletop Exercises will be facilitated via an internet based application entitled **ON-Line eXercise (ONX)** System which will allow each participating neighborhood to take part in the exercise from a computer in a neighbors home.

Information on the **ONX** System can be found at: [ONXSystem.com](http://ONXSystem.com).

### Exercise Scenarios

The scenarios for the Formidable Footprint National Neighborhood Exercise Series will include:

- Earthquake
- Flood
- Hurricane
- Influenza Pandemic
- Tornado
- Wildfire

Each scenario will have a full exercise devoted to neighborhood actions that would need to be taken to reduce damage and loss of life and to assist in disaster response recovery.

For neighborhood and community organizations planning to participate in the one or several of the exercises it is recommended that a minimum of three individuals participate in the exercises working together as part of a disaster planning / response team. By working together as a team you will be able to strengthen the disaster readiness and enhance the knowledge of neighborhood residents and/or members of your organization on the roles they could assist with during a disaster.



All individuals that will be participating in the exercise will need to register as important situational awareness materials will be e-mailed to them prior to the beginning of the exercise.

### Exercise Schedule

Date	Time	Scenario
October 30 2010	9:00AM - 12:00PM CDST	Hurricane
January 29 2011	9:00AM - 12:00PM PST	Earthquake
February 26 2011	9:00AM - 12:00PM CST	Flood
March 26 2011	9:00AM - 12:00PM CDST	Wildfire
April 30 2011	9:00AM - 12:00PM CDST	Tornado
May 28 2011	9:00AM - 12:00PM MDST	Influenza Pandemic

## 2010 Exercise Schedule

- 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 16, 2010, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.  
**Sagadahoc County WMD/MCI Full Scale Exercise**  
Location: Woolwich/Wiscasset Baptist Church  
Contact: Misty Green (207) 443-8210
- October 23, 2010, Saturday  
**Tri-County Wild Land Fire Functional Exercise**  
Contact: David B. Feeney—CCEMA

## National Emergency Communications Plan and MEMA Update

As the SAA for all the Public Safety Interoperable Communications grants and Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program, we continue to be challenged to prove that we are utilizing the funds appropriately and making positive progress towards the NECP requirements.

In an effort to streamline our reporting capabilities and to ensure that we are reporting our accomplishments to the Federal Government, a new online form has been developed. This form will provide you guidance for planning your communications exercises as well as providing a reporting mechanism to help in developing an overall baseline for your jurisdiction, county, and state communications readiness.

We ask that you utilize this in the future when developing your exercise plans, to ensure you are working towards the NECP Goals 2 & 3. When requesting reimbursement for a pre-approved communications exercise, we will need you to complete this form. Once we receive this form and your invoice we will process the reimbursement request. Without this form completed, we will not be able to reimburse you for the approved exercise.

### NECP Goal 2—By 2011:

*75 percent of non-UASI jurisdictions are able to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within one hour for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions and agencies.*

### NECP Goal 3—By 2013:

*75 percent of all jurisdictions are able to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within three hours, in the event of a significant event as outline in the national planning scenarios.*

[http://www.maine.gov/mema/programs/mema\\_prog\\_icomm.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/mema/programs/mema_prog_icomm.shtml)

Reimbursement Form for Communications Event

<http://www.jotform.com/form/2690500688>

## Training Opportunities

- **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 G197  
Location: Wells, Maine—Village by the Sea  
Contact: Mike Grant—MEMA (207) 624-4400
- **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](http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstem/documents/GenAdmissApp.pdf)

## NIMSCAST

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NIMS point of contact to update NIMSCAST is identified and this information is made known to Cumberland County Emergency Management who serves as the county-wide NIMS administrator. CEEMA is able to provide assistance with adding or deleting the current NIMSCAST administrator and other authorized users of NIMSCAST upon notification from that jurisdiction. CEEMA will not add or delete, or make changes, without notice from the current point-of-contact, or from the Town Manager or town administrator, as the case may be. When requested by other local officials or persons to make changes, authorization must be received by CEEMA before doing so.

On, September 30, 2010, at the close of the business day, CEEMA electronically submitted (Roll-Up) the then current NIMS Assessments received from each of the 28 communities within Cumberland County into the State of Maine and Federal reporting and NIMS assessment domain.

The new requirements for FY 2010 (10/01/09 – 09/30/10) included additional training within the FEMA Independent Study Programs as follows and applicable and following the Minimum Requirements for Maine NIMS Compliance training guidance document (May 14, 2010)

IS-701: Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS)

IS-702: NIMS Public Information System

IS-703: NIMS Resource Management

IS-704: NIMS Communications and Information Management

In addition to the above Federal training requirements for completion in FY2010, other changes were made which affected some disciplines that were not previously required to complete within FY2009, as indicated within the Minimum Training Requirements established by the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

In the event your NIMSCAST log in information User ID and Passwords have been lost or forgotten, we are able to reset this data and the information will be sent to you at your established NIMSCAST email address by email response from the FEMA/NIMS Integration Center.

Changes or other new requirements, if any, for FY2011 (10/1/10 – 09/30/11) have not been made available to us at this time and with respect to the past few years, have not been announced until April – June.

Representatives from CEEMA are available to provide further guidance and assistance to your community upon request. Please contact us should you have questions or if your NIMS Compliance status and your NIMSCAST Point-of-Contact / Administrator are unknown to you.

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## 2010 HSGP Maine Communities

The application period for the FY2010 Homeland Security Grant officially opens today (6 October 2010).

A total of approximately \$1.584 million is available for allocation under the competitive process as follows:

- \$69,000 State Agencies
- \$977,000 non-law enforcement at the tribal, county/local level
- \$537,000 Law Enforcement, tribal, county/local

Applications will be accepted in the eight (8) task areas outlined below. Local and county applications must be submitted to the County EMA office no later than the close of business day on, Friday, November 19, 2010. Applications after the deadline will not be considered for funding. Once applications have been approved, subgrantees will have until, July 13, 2013 to complete project activities and request reimbursement from MEMA.

Among the Tasks which have been identified by Maine's Homeland Security Advisory Committee, the following have the highest priority:

1. Continue All-hazards planning
2. Improve Critical Infrastructure Protection
3. Provide WMD/Terrorism/HazMat Response Training to First Responders.
4. Improve Interoperable Communications
5. Maintain and Grow the Capabilities of the Maine Information & Analysis Center
6. Support the Statewide Exercise Program
7. Support HazMat Team Equipment Needs
8. Support Mass Care Plans, Exercises & Needs.

More information on the FY2010 Homeland Security Grant Program will be made available shortly.

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## NFIP Reauthorization Guidance

On, September 30, 2010, the President signed the National Flood Insurance Program Re-extension Act of 2010, which Congress passed on, September 24, 2010. This extends the National Flood Insurance Program until, September 30, 2011.



## 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.smrrc.org](http://www.smrrc.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

**October 14, 2010, at 1330 hours.**

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

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