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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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Ice Storm Aid to Maine Tops \$1 Million

Release Date: February 23, 2009
AUGUSTA, MAINE --

More than \$1 million in federal aid has been disbursed to help Maine communities recover from last December's ice storm after the presidential disaster declaration on January 9th made local governments and municipalities in seven counties eligible for federal assistance.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA and the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) are continuing to work to assist local recovery efforts in the state through FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program. This program provides funding to local communities for the repair, replacement, or restoration of public facilities, as well as the cost incurred for disaster cleanup or emergency actions taken to protect lives or property.

"We're pleased with the speed of the recovery process and are engaged with the State to ensure assistance to Maine communities continues to flow as efficiently as possible," said Nick Russo, FEMA's federal coordinating officer.

The federal share of eligible recovery costs is at least 75 percent, while the remainder is split between the state and local government. The PA Program is

only activated following a presidential disaster declaration and provides grant assistance to applicants including state agencies, local governments, and certain non-profit organizations.

FEMA's PA Program may only provide assistance for projects that are located in a disaster-declared area and are the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant. The program cannot provide assistance for projects that are under the jurisdictions of other federal agencies, such as roads and bridges that are part of the federal highway system or facilities located on federal lands like wildlife refuges and national parks.

FEMA leads and supports the nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation, to reduce the loss of life, and property and protect the nation from all hazards including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

The Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has statutory responsibility for statewide coordination of emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. MEMA is a bureau of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

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.

HSGP Funding to Facilitate Use of Mobile Electric Power

Recent experience with prolonged power outages has highlighted the fact that emergency shelters are not the only important facilities that may need power, at least periodically, during an outage. However, while the number of important facilities without back-up power capacity may be significant, the amount of available funding is severely reduced from what the State had access to in the past.

In recognition of both the need and the limited available funding, the State is prepared to allocate a portion of the remaining FY2006 HSGP Grant Funding to help alleviate this problem. Funds will not be used for the acquisition of permanently installed generators, but rather, this funding initiative will be focused primarily on the installation of pre-wired generator transmission switches and external sockets in our most critical facilities and to a lesser extent, acquisition of mobile electric power. Critical facilities are those that are necessary to provide a service to the general public that is relative to safety, security, or basic human needs and that require electricity to provide that service.

To help facilitate prioritization of funding allocations and expedite execution of this program, the State will look to the Counties to consolidate requirements of the individual municipalities. Municipal Applications are forwarded to the County. Consolidated municipal lists will be prioritized by the County based on the individual County needs. The consolidated lists will then be forwarded to MEMA. Based on the total dollar amounts of the submitted requests and the priorities identified by the Counties, MEMA will adjudicate final allocations of the funding.

Applicant Communities must be 100% compliant with current (FY2008) NIMS Compliance Objectives not later than, March 31, 2009. All applications must be received by MEMA not later than close of business on, April 15, 2009.

For more information regarding this program, please contact Cumberland County EMA.



Hospital HazMat Operations Level Training (2-day Class)



The Maine Emergency Management Agency Hospital HAZMAT Training Course will be offered to physicians, physician extenders, nurses, nursing techs, security, engineering, housekeeping personnel and others that may be called to help during a large incident. Each two day class is designed to give participants the knowledge to successfully pass an exam covering the Hazardous Materials Operations Level training so that they can safely respond to persons exposed to chemical, biological and radiological materials. There will be a hands-on portion using the Decontamination equipment.

To Register:

Via Email: E-mail completed registration form to: rmushrall@emh.org

Via Fax: Fax completed registration form to the attention of: Roxanne Mushrall at (207) 973-5738

Registration Form available at: www.smrrc.org

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| April 6, 2009 Monday (2-day Course) | 9:00 to 4:00 | Brown Conference Room 2nd Floor—EMMC 489 State Street Bangor, Maine 04401 |
| April 7, 2009 Tuesday | 8:00 to 4:00 | Mason Auditorium 2nd Floor—EMMC 489 State Street Bangor, Maine 04401 |

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| May 4, 2009 Monday (2-day Course) | 9:00 to 4:00 | Brown Conference Room 2nd Floor—EMMC 489 State Street Bangor, Maine 04401 |
| May 5, 2009 Tuesday | 8:00 to 4:00 | Mason Auditorium 2nd Floor—EMMC 489 State Street Bangor, Maine 04401 |

Bunker Laughs



NIMS Alert

Release of Public Health and Medical Resource Typing Definitions and Job Titles

FEMA—NA: 01-08 January 12, 2009

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) efforts to strengthen the Nation's catastrophic response capabilities were further enhanced by a recent undertaking of the FEMA's National Preparedness Directorate. A Public Health and Medical Working Group comprised of subject matter experts convened to develop Resource Typing Definitions and Job Titles.

Resource typing definitions identify components and metrics that define minimum capabilities and type classifications for various resources. Focus of the Working Group was on identifying capability, composition, personnel, and equipment needed to support an interstate mutual aid-based response.

Two 30-day feed back periods were conducted involving various stakeholders from National and State associations, related organizations and individuals with a professional interest in initiatives supporting resource typing and credentialing. The Public Health and Medical Team resource typing and job titles have been finalized, and incorporated into Tier 1 NIMS Resource Typing.

Public Health and Medical Resource Typing Definitions are located at:

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/ResourceMngmnt.shtm#item4>

Public Health and Medical Job Titles are located at: <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/ResourceMngmnt.shtm#item3>

Questions and comments can be directed to the Incident Management System Integration Division at: FE-MA-NIMS@dhs.gov or (800) 621-FEMA.

HMGP Deadline

All applications for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program are due by the close of business on, Friday, May 29, 2009. For more information, visit MEMA's Mitigation Grant page at:

www.maine.gov/mema/mitigation/mema_mit_grants.shtml
Contact: JoAnn Mooney—MEMA
(207) 624-4400 / 800-452-8735

SCIP Monthly Update

March 2009

MEMA—March 20, 2009

State's Interoperability Vision

The State of Maine will have a firmly established, formally managed and maintainable communications environment, based on technology, protocols, training and usage, that will provide seamless communications capability to all emergency management, first responder, and response support organizations at the local, regional and State levels, enabling them to exchange information via voice and data means, as required by standard NIMS response procedures, to provide effective, coordinated and timely all hazards response to our citizens.

State Interoperability Communications Coordinator

Steven Mallory has joined our team as the Interoperability Coordinator. He was able to participate in the County Workshops that took place during March, giving him a great opportunity to get a feel for issues across the state.

Training & Exercises

There are currently no scheduled communications training classes at this time. If you are interested please contact Mike Grant at 624-4400.

Many of you met Jeremy Damren during the county communications tours. If you would like assistance in developing a communications specific exercise please contact him at 624-4400.

County Communications Tour

The March county communications tour went very well. At this point, 14 of the 16 counties have hosted our staff and participation was well over 150 attendees to date. We realize that many items were outside of our knowledge area however, we are compiling a list of action items to follow up with other state agencies.

We also handed out a communications survey that is due back to Steven Mallory by April 1, 2009. If you were unable to attend and are interested in the Communications Survey and the overall presentation, they are available on the MEMA website.

We also handed out a standard template for the development of Communications Standard Operating Procedures. We encourage counties and large communities to develop this SOP. In the very near future, MEMA will need to ensure that these SOPs have been developed in order to receive continued federal funding. An electronic template is available from the MEMA website.

For questions or comments, please contact Ginnie Ricker at (207) 624-4471 or email Ginie.Ricker@maine.gov. For more information on the SCIP update, go to www.maine.gov/mema and click on the SCIP / NEWS tab.

FY2007 HSGP Grant Funding Portable/Mobile Radio Distribution

The Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) recently made grant awards through a competitive process under the FY2007 Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant program. Approximately 240 counties and towns in Maine have already received either direct or indirect support through a PSIC grant award for interoperable communications equipment, planning, first responder training or exercises.

To further advance the objectives of the SCIP Plan, additional funding has been set aside from remaining FY 2006 HSGP funds to purchase P-25 compliant radio equipment for first responder agencies to assist communities in making the transition to new technology and communications standards.

MEMA will be using an existing contract with a Maine vendor to purchase and distribute 115 "packages" of two (2) P-25 portable radios and one (1) mobile radio, along with appropriate accessories. MEMA will distribute these radio packages to eligible communities until supplies are exhausted. **Once received, all installation, programming, ownership, maintenance and repair costs will become the sole responsibility of the Receiving Agency.**

The intent of this program is to enable first responder agencies in communities across Maine to upgrade to P-25 compliant technology and ensure future capabilities for interoperable communications. At a minimum, the six Maine CONOPS frequencies **must** be programmed into each radio, followed by the Receiving Community's own frequencies and those of mutual aid partners.

To be considered for a radio package, communities should fill out and return the Request Form. In order to benefit additional areas of the State, primary candidates for distribution of radio packages will be those communities that have not already received support through the PSIC grant program. In the event that there is not a sufficient number of primary candidates, consideration will be given to further expanding capabilities in communities that have already received PSIC funding support.

Also, due to federal grant requirements, Applicant Communities must be 100% compliant with current (FY2008) NIMS Compliance Objectives NLT March 31, 2009.

Applicants that are currently NIMS Compliant may submit applications beginning March 15, 2009. All applications must be received by MEMA NLT close of business on April 15, 2009. Applications should be mailed to:

Maine Emergency Management Agency
Attention: Lisa Cody
45 Commerce Drive
Augusta, Maine 04333-0072

or by fax to: (207) 287-3180 Attention: Lisa Cody

Spring Flood Potential

AUGUSTA, MAINE — This winter's snowpack, ice conditions, stream flows and headwaters storages have combined to create flood potential that is near normal for the time of year, according to Maine's River Flow Advisory Commission. However, flood potential may elevate in the coming weeks. The Commission met on, March 5, 2009, in Augusta, and reviewed information on current hydro-logic conditions across the state, as well as short-term weather forecasts.

"The snowpack, though substantial, is not alarming for the time of year," said Bob Lent, District Chief, US Geological Survey and co-chairman of the Commission. "However, we are not likely to lose any snow over the next few weeks, and may gain some. That will likely mean an elevated flood potential later in the spring."

Areas of the headwaters of Maine's major rivers have 9 to 10 inches of water contained in the snowpack, according to this week's survey. Water content readings are 6 to 7 inches across much of central Maine, and generally less along the coast. Although for much of Maine this is in the upper 25% of historical averages, it is less than last year when record snowfalls pushed snowpack water content to historically high levels.

Currently, the snowpack can absorb some amount of rainfall. Short-term forecasts include a brief warm-up and light minor snow or rain event, transitioning to a period of below-normal temperatures and the potential for additional snow. Therefore, the state will carry a significant snowpack later into the spring, when the risk of a sudden warm-

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Maine ARC Liaison

Augusta—March 9, 2009

MEMA announces that Eunice Mommens starts (today) as the new American Red Cross Liaison. For the past eight years, Eunice worked for the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center at Texas A&M as an adjunct instructor. She is a Certified Emergency Manager with IAEM; volunteers for the Red Cross where she serves as a member of the State Consortium on Disaster Response; was a recent member of the Executive Board of the Pine Tree Chapter of the Red Cross, and volunteered as part of the Disaster Services response cadre. Please join us in welcoming Eunice to MEMA and to the larger state-wide Emergency Management team.

Contact: Dwane A. Hubert—MEMA (207) 624-4407
Director, Mitigation, Preparedness, and Recovery Division

New CSB Safety Video, "Half an Hour to Tragedy," Highlights Training Needs for Propane Emergencies

**For more information, go to: www.csb.gov
CSB Safety Video - Half an Hour to Tragedy**

Washington, DC, October 9, 2008 - The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) released a new 23-minute safety video, "Half an Hour to Tragedy," based on the deadly propane gas explosion at the Little General convenience store in Ghent, West Virginia, in January 2007.

The CSB's final written report on the tragedy, which killed two emergency responders and two propane technicians, was approved at a public meeting in Beckley, West Virginia, on September 25.

The title of the video refers to the nearly thirty minutes that elapsed between the beginning of the propane release and the moment of the explosion. During that period, no evacuation occurred, and volunteer firefighters and others entered the flammable propane cloud.

The new video can be viewed on the CSB's video site, safetyvideos.gov, as well as the agency's YouTube channel, youtube.com/uscsb. Free DVD copies will become available within the next several weeks (November 2008) and can be pre-ordered by clicking on "Request DVD" on the Board's website, CSB.gov.

The video includes a seven-minute, 3-D computer animation showing how a defective valve on a 500-gallon propane storage tank shot propane directly into the store building through attic vents, during what was supposed to have been a routine change of propane service provider.

"This video shows how a number of factors - a tank placed too close to the building, a lack of necessary training for propane technicians, and a lack of awareness among technicians and responders to order an immediate evacuation - combined to take the lives of four people," said John Bresland, CSB chairman and CEO. "Across the United States, firefighters are responding to propane emergencies almost every day. Training and preparedness are the keys to preventing tragic accidents like the one in West Virginia last year," Mr. Bresland said.

West Virginia State Fire Marshal Sterling Lewis, Jr., is featured in the video, along with CSB investigators Robert Hall, P.E., and Jeffrey Wanko, P.E., C.S.P.

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Training Announcements "preparedness through education"

- **Interoperable Communications and ConOps Training**
Maine Emergency Management Online Training Center
www.jpmaeweb.com (agency registration required)
- April 06, 2009, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Two-day Course)
April 07, 2009, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Hospital HazMat Operations Level Training
Location: Eastern Maine Medical Center (see article page 2)
489 State Street, Bangor, Maine 04401
FMI / Registration Form available at: www.smrcc.org
- April 14—16, 2009 **HSEEP Training Course**
April 14—17, 2009 **HSEEP Training Course with TTT**
Prerequisite: IS-120.A—Introductory to Exercises (required)
Recommended: IS-130, IS-139, IS-700, IS-800.B
Location: MEMA Classroom—Augusta, Maine
Contact: Jeremy Damren (207) 624-4410
Limited to 20 students, registration prior to: April 2, 2009
Audience: training officers, exercise managers, persons that will utilize the exercise and evaluation system.
- April 30—May 1, 2009
First Annual "Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness" Conference (see article—Page 6)
Location: Augusta Civil Center
Contact: Dwane Hubert—MEMA (207) 624-4400
- May 2—May 3, 2009
Cumberland County Fire / Rescue School
Gorham Middle School—106 Weeks Road, Gorham, Maine
FMI: www.gfdme.com/ccfas
- May 04, 2009, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Two-day Course)
May 05, 2009, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Hospital HazMat Operations Level Training
Location: Eastern Maine Medical Center (see article page 2)
489 State Street, Bangor, Maine 04401
FMI / Registration Form available at: www.smrcc.org
- May 12—May 14, 2009, 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
ICS 400 Advanced (must pre-register)
Location: Waterville Fire Department
Contact: Somerset County EMA—474-6788
Kennebec County EMA—623-8407
- June 24—25, 2009, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
ICS 300 Intermediate (must pre-register)
Location: North Yarmouth Public Safety Building
Contact: David B. Feeney—CCEMA
(207) 892-6785 feeney@cumberlandcounty.org
- June 26, 2009, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
ICS 400 Advanced (must pre-register)
Location: North Yarmouth Public Safety Building
Contact: David B. Feeney—CCEMA
(207) 892-6785 feeney@cumberlandcounty.org

Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference

Mark Your Calendars:

Planning is well underway for the First Annual Maine Partners in Preparedness Conference, to be held, April 30 and May 1, 2009, at the Augusta Civil Center.

Headlines:

James Lee Witt confirmed as keynote speaker

James Lee Witt is the Chief Executive Officer of James Lee Witt Associates, a part of Global Options Group. He served as FEMA Director from 1993 to 2000.

Exhibitor Packets now available:

Exhibitor packets may be downloaded in Adobe PDF format. The registration form may be filled out electronically, but must be printed and signed, and submitted by mail.

About the Event:

The Conference is a partnership between the State Emergency Response Commission, MEMA, and the Maine Association of Local Emergency Managers (MALEM). It will combine the offerings of the annual Hazardous Materials Conference, with a wide range of workshops and information sessions to benefit:

- First Responders
- Government Officials
- Emergency Managers
- Business Leaders
- School Administrators
- Health and Human Service Providers
- Faith-Based Leaders
- VOAD Members

To Register:

Registration deadline is April 21st. To register, complete the conference registration form available for download from the MEMA or Maine Prepares website. Cost of registration is \$25.00 per person....and includes materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks—checks made payable to MALEM.

www.maine.gov/mema
www.maine.gov/mema/prepare

Don't miss this two-day learning experience with statewide partners and exhibitors.

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 Division Director, Preparedness, Recovery and Mitigation
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Spring Flood Potential Near Normal

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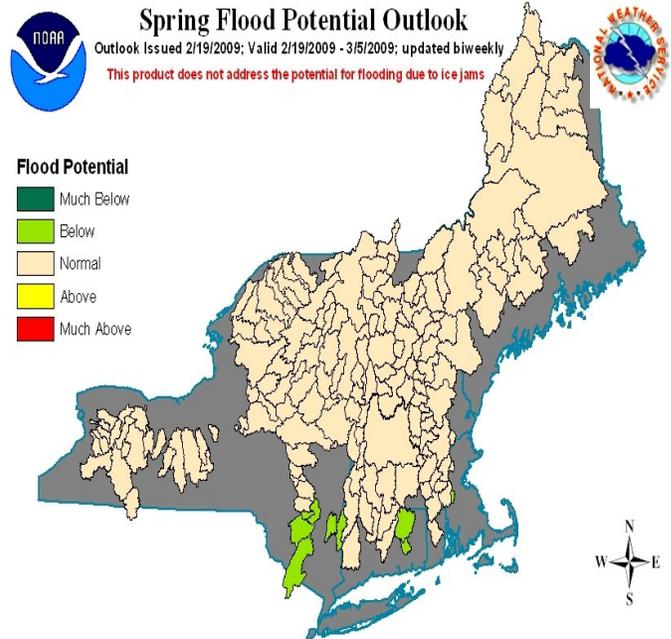
up or spring rain becomes greater. Preparedness is the key to minimizing the impact of flooding or of any emergency, according to Rob McAleer, Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency, and co-chair of the Commission. Families, schools, communities and businesses should review their plans for flooding emergencies, as well as their flood insurance coverage.

"Spring conditions can change rapidly," said McAleer. "Stay aware of National Weather Service forecasts as the spring progresses. Talk to local officials and your County Emergency Management Agency about flood preparedness in your community, and how to build an emergency plan for your family, business or school. And, it is most important to check your flood insurance coverage if you live or have a business in a flood-prone area. Most home and business owner's policies do not cover flood damages."

Commission members will stay in close communication throughout the spring season, and will meet again if conditions warrant. Snow surveys will be conducted each week from now until the snow cover is gone.

The River Flow Advisory Commission meets annually in late winter to share information, examine potential for spring flooding and to renew operational protocols. The Commission is composed of state, federal and industry representatives with an interest in hydrologic issues. The full report of the March 5 meeting is available on the Internet at <http://www.maine.gov/rfac>

Contact: Lynette Miller—MEMA (207) 624-4420



"Half an Hour to Tragedy,"

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"Our hope is that fire departments and propane companies throughout the nation will view this video and study the Board's findings and recommendations," said Mr. Wanko. "The information in this video can save lives in case of a propane emergency."

The Board recommended mandatory training for propane technicians using improved training materials, regular hazardous materials training and drills for responders, and new propane release guidance for 911 emergency operators.

The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating industrial chemical accidents. The agency's board members are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. CSB investigations look into all aspects of chemical accidents, including physical causes such as equipment failure as well as inadequacies in regulations, industry standards, and safety management systems.

The Board does not issue citations or fines but does make safety recommendations to companies, industry organizations, labor groups, and regulatory agencies such as OSHA and EPA. Please visit our website, www.csb.gov.

For more information, please contact CSB Public Affairs Director Dr. Daniel Horowitz at (202) 261-7613.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are State and local governments required to integrate anti-terrorism into mitigation planning?

A: No. There is no requirement in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 or any other FEMA program to incorporate terrorism into all-hazard mitigation planning. However, State and local governments are strongly encouraged to treat anti-terrorism as mitigation and establish or enhance the linkages between law enforcement/security, emergency management and other stakeholder organizations.

Q: What is CERT?

A: The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT

members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members are also encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. To learn more about CERT, visit their web page at:

www.citizencorps.gov/cert



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.shtm

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>

Ready America

www.ready.gov

National Weather Service—Gray, Maine

www.erh.noaa.gov/gyx

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

Southern Maine Regional Resource Center (SMRRC)

Home: www.smrrc.org

WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS OF MAINE

PO Box 1163 ★ Islesboro, ME 04848

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hauprich13@myfairpoint.net

On **Saturday, May 2, 2009**, Maine's women firefighters will be meeting at the Camden Opera House (Route 1, Camden) from 9am-12 noon.

The main focus of this meeting will be generated through roundtable discussions to share information on training and career opportunities within the fire service, and to explore possibilities such as developing a mentoring program in the state, hosting a weekend "fire camp" for teenage girls, and other issues.



The meeting will open with guest speakers, including Erin Small, Fire Planner for the USDA Forest Service for the White Mountain, Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests. Her job includes many aspects of wildland fire management, participating in interagency economic planning for suppression and hazardous fuels treatments, developing Community Wildfire Protection Plans in the Wildland Urban Interface, and integrating fire ecology science into resource management projects.

Vicki Schmidt, a firefighter and Training Officer for Buckfield Fire Department and a State Fire Instructor II with Maine Fire Training & Education (MFTE), will also be speaking on training opportunities within the state. She serves as the Maine State Federation of Firefighters appointment on the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission as a representative for Volunteer Departments. Vicki is also Training Program Coordinator for the Frandford Mutual Aid Fire Training Association, and serves as a Director for the Western Maine Fire Attack School. Her specialty in fire training and instruction focus on the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) for preplanning & response, as well as Large Animal Emergency Rescue.

A representative from the Maine Women's Lobby will also be on hand to serve as a resource and to learn more about the fire service.

This project is spearheaded by Marie Fisk and Mary Hauprich, two volunteer firefighters from Islesboro. For more information about this free event, contact them at hauprich13@myfairpoint.net or (207) 314-9613.

This meeting is made possible through the generosity of the Camden Opera House, the Camden Fire Department, and FryerFighter™, Inc. of Islesboro. ★

Future Meetings:

- **April 1, 2009, Wednesday—1:00 p.m.**
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
CCEMA, 22 High Street, Windham, Maine
- **April 8, 2009, Wednesday—8:30 a.m.**
Local EMA Director's Meeting (Note Location)
New Gloucester Fire Station
611 Lewiston Road (Route 202)
- **April 9, 2009, Thursday—10:00 a.m.**
Jet Port TTX (JetEx09) Planning Meeting
Portland Jet Port Conference Room A
- **April 21, 2009, Tuesday—6:30 p.m.**
Cumberland County ARES Meeting
CCEMA, 22 High Street, Windham, Maine
- **April 22, 2009, Wednesday—6:00 p.m.**
Cumberland County CART Team CCE-
MA, 22 High Street, Windham, Maine
- **April 23, 2009, Thursday—10:00 a.m.**
Jet Port TTX (JetEx09) Planning Meeting
Portland Jet Port Conference Room A
- **May 2, 2009, 9:00 a.m.—12 noon**
Women Firefighters of Maine
Camden Opera House Route 1, Camden, Maine
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2009 Exercise Schedule

- April 8, 2009 (Wednesday)
Point of Distribution (POD) Tabletop Exercise
MEMA/Cumberland County/Sagadahoc County
- June 4, 2009 (Thursday)
Portland Jetport Tabletop Exercise (JetEx'09)
Contact: Lt. Janine Roberts—Portland P.D.
jrob@portlandmaine.gov
- June 25, 2009 (Thursday)
MEMA EOC Tabletop Exercise
Contact: Jeremy Damren—MEMA
- October 2009 (Proposed)
Wild Fire Tabletop Exercise
Cumberland, York and Oxford Counties
- October 29, 2009 (Thursday)
MEMA EOC Functional Exercise
Contact: Jeremy Damren—MEMA

Community Events

(Large Gatherings)

- April 12, 2009 (Sunday) **East-er Sunday**
- April 20, 2009 (Monday) **Patriot's Day—Holiday**
- May 3—9, 2009 **NWS Severe Storm Awareness Week**
- May 10, 2009 (Sunday) **Mother's Day**
- May 16—22, 2009 **NWS Safe Boating Awareness Week**
- May 25, 2009 (Monday) **Memorial Day—Holiday**
- June 7, 2009 (Sunday) **Old Port Festival** (36th Annual)
Portland, Maine For Information: (207) 772-6828
- June 20, 2009 (Saturday) **Maine Blues Festival** (4th Annual)
Naples, Maine
Greater Bridgton Lakes Reg. Chamber of Commerce
(207) 647-3472 info@mainelakeschamber.com
- August 1, 2009 (Saturday) **Beach2Beacon 10K**
Cape Elizabeth, Maine
- August 9—15, 2009 **Topsham Fair 2009**
- August 13—16, 2009 **40th Annual Cumberland Arts and Crafts Show**
- August 15, 2009 (Saturday) **Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival—Maine Street**



Independent Study Program New EMI Courses Launched

- New:** IS-26 Guide to Points of Distribution
- New:** IS-100.HE Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100 For Higher Education
- New:** IS 197.EM Special Needs Planning Consideration for Emergency Management
- New:** IS-811 ESF No. 11—Agriculture and Natural Resources Annex

<http://training.fema.gov/IS>

Monthly Communications Test

April 9, 2009, at 1330 hours.

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

Cumberland County EMA Staff:



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