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Public Safety and allied organizations are invited to submit articles, events, training opportunities and news.

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## MEMA Launches School Preparedness Portal

July 15, 2008

As school comes back into session, the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has launched a new web portal for school emergency planning resources, at Maine Prepares.

The Maine Department of Education (DoE), MEMA, the Maine School Management Association (MSMA) and the Maine Principal's Association have collaborated on new revisions of planning guidance. These newly updated resources, along with documents from the US Department of Education, are all available via Maine Prepares portal.

"An Act To Ensure the Integrity of School Crisis Response Plans" was signed into law by the Governor this year. It broadens the definition of school emergency plans to include all hazards, and directs schools to work cooperatively with local public safety and emergency management officials to build their plans. This legislation is online at: [www.tinyurl.com/5KK8BA](http://www.tinyurl.com/5KK8BA).



### MEMA and DoE offer the following tips for successful planning:

1. Involve representatives from all the emergency agencies who might respond to a crisis at your school (police, fire, EMS).
2. Use our self-assessment, a sort of "pop quiz" to determine where you are in your preparedness process.
3. Complete a risk assessment to determine what particular types of emergencies you should have a plan for.
4. Build your plan to fit your community, your circumstances, and your resources. Our sample plan posted at Maine Prepares can help.
5. Practice, practice, practice. Contact your County Emergency Management Agency for guidance on how to conduct a realistic exercise that will help you determine if your plan will work in an actual event, and how to improve it.

**Maine Prepares — School Preparedness**  
[www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/schools](http://www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/schools)  
Source: [www.maine.gov/mema](http://www.maine.gov/mema)  
Contact: Dwane Hubert (207) 624-4400

## 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.**

## *NIMS Alert !*

**Submitted by: D.B. Feeney**

The Incident Management Systems Integration (IMSI) Division of FEMA has announced FY 2008 and 2009 NIMS Implementation Objectives for Healthcare Organizations. FEMA's NIMS Alert Number 07-08, dated, June 10, 2008, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and other healthcare stakeholders, identifies 14 activities for FY08/FY09 that clarified language to ensure the 14 objectives are most applicable to healthcare organizations. These implementation objectives are intended for all hospitals regardless of size, location, or financial support. Included within the 14 NIMS Objectives are:

- Adoption of NIMS
- Mutual Aid Agreements
- Training and Exercises
- Incident Command System
- Adopt Public Information Principles

As with the FY 2007 NIMS Implementation Activities for Hospitals and Healthcare Systems, we (IMSI) continue to strive towards a cohesive working relationship between hospitals and their respective local governments, public health, and other emergency management and response agencies. The complete FY08/09 NIMS Implementation for Healthcare Organizations can be found on-line at:

[www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims\\_alert.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims_alert.shtm).

## *Preparing Your Pets for Emergencies*



If you are like millions of animal owners nationwide, your pet is an important member of your household. The likelihood that you and your animals will survive an emergency such as a fire or flood, tornado or terrorist attack depends largely on emergency planning done today. Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an animal emergency supply kit and developing a pet care buddy system, are the same for any emergency. Whether you decide to stay put in an emergency or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make plans in advance for your pets. Keep in mind that what's best for you is typically what's best for your animals .

If you must evacuate, take your pets with you if possible, however, if you are going to a public shelter, it is important to understand that animals may not be allowed inside. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for both you and your pets. Make a back-up emer-

gency plan in case you can't care for your animals yourself. Develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends and relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evaluate your pets if you are unable to do so. Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer. Preparing for your Pets Makes Sense. Get Ready Now.

<http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/pets.html>

## *Future Meetings*

- **August 4, 2008, 9:30 a.m.**  
Region I Full Scale Exercise Planning Meeting  
South Portland Emergency Operations Center
- **August 6, 2008, 1:00 p.m.**  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
CCEMA, 22 High Street, Windham, Maine
- **August 13, 2008—Notice**  
There will be **No** local EMA Director's meeting in August.
- **August 19, 2008, 6:30 p.m.**  
Cumberland County ARES Meeting  
CCEMA, 22 High Street, Windham, Maine
- **August 20, 2008, 9:00 a.m.**  
County EMA Director's Meeting  
MEMA, Augusta, Maine
- **September 10, 2008, 8:30 a.m.**  
Local EMA Director's Meeting  
CCEMA, 22 High Street, Windham, Maine
- **September 17, 2008, 10:00 a.m.—Noon**  
Southern Maine COAD  
Scarborough Public Library

## *Stuff to Know*

Lightning strikes about 6,000 times per minute on this planet.

In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all the world's nuclear weapons combined.

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.

## *Exercise Schedule:*

- **September 13, 2008**  
Cumberland Fair Tabletop Exercise
- **September 19, 2008**  
Region I Full Scale Exercise (Day 1)  
(York/Cumberland County)
- **September 20, 2008**  
Region I Full Scale Exercise (Day 2)  
(York/Cumberland County)

## *Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program (PSIC):*

By: David B. Feeney

Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency received four PSIC Grants applications for review and to forward to the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for final review and consideration of award. The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) offered the PSIC Grant as a one-time opportunity to increase interoperability between public safety entities. To qualify for this grant, MEMA was required to complete a State Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). Maine received a total of \$7.5 million for the PSIC grant; nearly \$4.1 million dollars is available for Competitive Grants for public safety. The remainder is allocated to the Strategic Technology Reserve, State Level Funding, SCIP/PSIC Development, Training, Administration and Maintenance. The deadline for grant applications submission was, July 1, 2008. Local governments applying for the grant, had to be NIMS compliant, and participate in the Communications Assets Survey and Mapping (CASM) program. The Cumberland County PSIC Grant review committee met on, Thursday, July 10, 2008, to ensure all requests met the application requirements. Grant applications received include:

1. Cumberland County Regional Communications Center —\$525,532
2. City of Portland and South Portland—\$225,000
3. Cumberland County—\$555,803

(Baldwin, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Gray, Harpswell, New Gloucester, North Yarmouth, Raymond, Scarborough, Sebago,

Please see PSIC page 4

## *Where to Get Help In An Emergency*



The following information is from: *Organizations in Disaster Network Guide*, (Maine Center for Public Health).

### **2-1-1 Maine**

50 Monument Square  
Portland, Maine 04101  
2-1-1 or info@211maine.org

### **Primary Contact**

Karen Turgeon  
(207) 221-8623

2-1-1 Maine's mission is to provide accurate health and human service referral information to the residents of the State of Maine. Services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for day to day needs and during times of disaster.

### **Services**

2-1-1 Maine has a protocol in place with MEMA that designates who they communicate with in EMA depending on the level of emergency. They collaborate with other services to maintain accurate up to date information in order to best assist residents during these times. They maintain resource information, such as shelter options, water and food availability, clean up safety, and other basic necessities. In an effort to help organize the declaration process with FEMA, 2-1-1 Maine has acted as the Point of Contact for residents to report their damage. They have also collected information from callers looking for assistance if there is an organized effort to provide help. In addition, 2-1-1 Maine has played an integral role in long term recovery efforts after a disaster.

### **How to Activate Services**

Dial 2-1-1  
info@211maine.org  
Karen Turgeon, Program Director  
(207) 221-8623  
kturgeon@211maine.org

*2-1-1 Maine, Inc. is a nonprofit organization formed in partnership with United Ways of Maine and Ingraham to develop a health and human services information and referral service system to serve the entire State of*

## PSIC

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Windham, Maine Medical Center, Mercy Hospital, Sheriff Department, and Southern Maine EMS).

4. University of Southern Maine —\$78,658

All PSIC grant applications were forwarded to MEMA on, July 15; MEMA's Grant Review Committee met, July 22 & 23 to review and score applications. MEMA submits to DHS for approval and funding on, July 31. It is anticipated DHS funding approval will be received early September 2008.

## Weather Facts

### Lightning

Men are struck by lightning four times more often than women. According to a study conducted between the years 1959 to 1994 by the National Severe Storms Laboratory and the National Weather Service, males account for 84% of lightning fatalities and 82% of injuries.

Maine ranks number 14 in the U.S. for deaths caused by lightning, based on the death rate per million people.



In 2005, Maine experienced 65,124 Cloud-to-Ground flashes of lightning. The Maine average per year is approximately 33,000.

Lightning often strikes more than three miles from the thunderstorm. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning.

When you see lightning, count the seconds until you hear thunder. If that time is 5 second the thunderstorm is a mile away; 10 seconds—2 miles, 15 seconds—3 miles, etc.

Most cars are reasonably safe from lightning, however, the rubber tires used on cars do not insulate you from the ground. It is the metal roof and sides that protect you. Thus, convertibles and cars with plastic or fiberglass shells offer no lightning protection.

## Monthly Communications Test

**Thursday, August 14, 2008, at 1330 hours**

- CityWatch—1330 hours
- Conference Call—1345 hours
- Radio Check—1400 hours

## FY 2008 NIMSCAST

**By: David B. Feeney**

FY 2008 NIMSCAST is online now with the new requirements; unfortunately, not all data from FY 2007 assessment transfers to 2008, therefore, jurisdictions will need to complete the entire assessment to remain compliant. The FY2008 NIMSCAST Assessment must be completed by, October 1, 2008, in order to remain NIMS compliant and qualify for FY2008 Federal Preparedness Grant monies administrated by MEMA.

Within FY08, there is one new objective, which falls under the Resource Management Metric. Compliance Objective 23, is described as follows:

*"Initiate development of a jurisdiction-wide system to credential emergency management/response personnel to ensure proper authorization and access to an incident including those involving mutual aid agreements and/or assistance agreements."*

You will also note within your NIMSCAST account; a slight change in format, and additional requirements beyond FY07, such as, the designation of a Single Point of Contact for each department/agency within your jurisdiction for the continued implementation of NIMS.

In addition to previous year training requirements, ICS 300 must be completed within FY08; ICS 400 must be completed by the end of FY09. I urge all jurisdictions to review the State of Maine Minimum NIMS Training Requirements, as released, April 23, 2008, to assess who within your community, may need to complete NIMS-related training prior to, October 1, 2008.

Please see NIMSCAST page 5

## Bunker Laughs



*"Department of Homeland Security, Economic Recovery Division.  
We have a report that you left the shopping mall without buying anything."*

# NIMSCAST

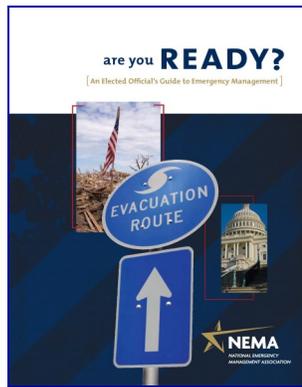
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Please contact David B. Feeney at Cumberland County EMA should you have any questions, need guidance, or to gain access to your NIMSCAST account in event you have lost or forgotten your sign-in information.

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## Are you Ready? An Elected Official's Guide to Emergency Management

The National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) announced its latest publication "Are You Ready—An Elected Official's Guide to Emergency Management." This short primer is designed to educate and inform elected officials at all levels of government on the basics of emergency management and the roles and responsibilities of elected officials. Limited copies were made available to NEMA State Directors; however, a copy can be made available in electronic format by contacting D.B.Feeney at Cumberland County EMA. feeney@cumberlandcounty.org.



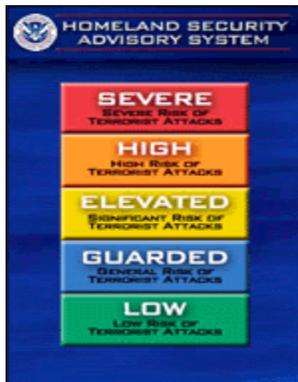
## Homeland Security Advisory System

### Current Threat Level

July 28, 2008 — The United States government's national threat level is **Elevated**, or **Yellow**.

The U.S. threat level is **High**, or **Orange**, for all domestic and international flights. Only small amounts of liquids, aerosols and gels are allowed in carry-on baggage.

See the [Transportation Security Administration \(TSA\) website](http://www.tsa.gov) at: [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) for up-to-date information on items permitted and prohibited on airlines.



## Upcoming Training and Workshops

- **CPR, AED & First Aid Classes—On-going** American Red Cross of Southern Maine (207) 874-1192 ext 294, or [www.maineredcross.org](http://www.maineredcross.org)
- **August 21—August 23, 2008 (2 1/2 days)**  
**ICS 300—Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents**  
Location: North Yarmouth Public Safety Building  
Contact: D.B.Feeney—Cumberland County EMA (207) 892-6785 - feeney@cumberlandcounty.org
- **August 26, 2008, 6:00 p.m.**  
Workshop in Emergency Management  
**Train-the-Trainer (G250) - CONOPS**  
York County EMA,  
5 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfred, Maine  
(207) 324-1578, [ema@co.york.me.us](mailto:ema@co.york.me.us)
- **August 28, 2008, 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**  
Workshop in Emergency Management  
**Train-the-Trainer (G250) - CONOPS**  
Location: Town of Yarmouth  
Contact: D. B. Feeney Cumberland County EMA (207) 892-6785 - feeney@cumberlandcounty.org
- **September 9, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**  
Augusta Civic Center  
**September 10, 2008, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Holiday Inn Express—Saco **Special Interest Terrorism & Clandestine Labs** Presented by Bill Schaubel—CDP Contact: CMRRC for information (207) 795-2962 Kris Gammon or [gammonkr@cmhc.org](mailto:gammonkr@cmhc.org)
- **October 9, 2008, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**  
**EOC—ICS Interface Course (G191)**  
Location: Westbrook Public Safety Building  
Contact: D.B. Feeney—Cumberland County EMA (207) 892-6785 - feeney@cumberlandcounty.org

### ICS 300 and 400 Class

Lincoln County EMA will be hosting the following classes, and are open to Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Knox and Northern Cumberland County. Classes are held at the Lincoln County Communications Center in Wiscasset.

**ICS 300** 4 - Wednesday evenings: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
August 27, September 3, September 10, and September 17.

**ICS 400** 3 - Wednesday evenings: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
October 22, October 29, November 5.

Contact: Tim Pellerin—Lincoln County EMA Director  
Office (207) 882-7559 / (207) 882-7550 fax

# Maine Information and Analysis Center

The Maine Information and Analysis Center (MIAC), also known as the Fusion Center, is a cooperative effort between the Maine State Police and the Maine Emergency Management Agency, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The MIAC exists to evaluate information and intelligence about potential terrorist activity in Maine. The MIAC ensures that critical information is shared promptly with all appropriate agencies. MIAC is also a resource to help Maine citizens do their part in helping to keep Maine safe. It is a place that



## Important Links

- **County of Cumberland Emergency Management Agency**  
[www.cumberlandcounty.org/EMA](http://www.cumberlandcounty.org/EMA)
- **MEMA Site**  
[www.maine.gov/mema](http://www.maine.gov/mema)
- **FEMA**  
[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- **MEMA Forms & Publications**  
[www.maine.gov/mema/mema\\_library.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/mema/mema_library.shtml)
- **American Red Cross of Southern Maine**  
<http://southernmaine.redcross.org>
- **2-1-1 Maine**  
[www.211maine.org](http://www.211maine.org)
- **Volunteer Maine**  
[www.volunteermaine.org](http://www.volunteermaine.org)
- **5-1-1 Maine**  
[www.511Maine.gov](http://www.511Maine.gov)
- **Cumberland County**  
[www.cumberlandcounty.org](http://www.cumberlandcounty.org)
- **NIMS**  
[www.fema.gov/emergency/nims](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims)
- **Federal Homeland Security Grants**  
[www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtm)
- **FEMA On-Line Training**  
<http://training.fema.gov/IS/>
- **Southern Maine EMS**  
[www.smems.org](http://www.smems.org)
- **Emergency Essentials**  
<http://beprepared.com/>
- **PROP**  
[www.wherepeoplecomefirst.org](http://www.wherepeoplecomefirst.org)
- **GPCOG**  
[www.gpcog.org](http://www.gpcog.org)



## Maine Information and Analysis Center

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people may contact when they observe or learn of suspicious persons, incidents or activity that may arouse their concerns. Information shared with the MIAC will be evaluated as previously described and referrals will be made to the proper parties, if a referral is indicated.

### To Report Suspicious Activity:

Use the online form at: [www.maine.gov/miac](http://www.maine.gov/miac), or call, 24 hours a day: 877-786-3636 (toll free throughout New England) / 207-624-7287, TTY: 877-789-0200 / 207-629-5793.

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## Director Spotlight:

Jeff M. Temple

- South Portland EMA Director



Jeff Temple currently serves as the fulltime Director of Emergency Management for the City of South Portland. In this position, he is responsible for developing comprehensive emergency plans and procedures, conducting and evaluating drills and exercises, conducting training, engaging the community in emergency preparedness activities, and managing a large Homeland Security grant that South Portland receives. Jeff also helps the Maine Emergency Management Agency with training, drills and exercises; having managed the first exercise of the State of Maine Emergency Response Team (ERT) in the new State Emergency Operations Center (an electrical blackout exercise), and most recently managing a series of two-day exercises to test the states preparedness for a Seabrook nuclear power plant emergency event.

Prior to his assignment in South Portland, Jeff served for a short time as an Assistant Project Director for Community Research Associates, Inc. in Alexandria, Virginia, where he worked with a team to develop and deliver homeland security exercises and training around the country for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Jeff worked at the Maine Yankee nuclear plant in Wiscasset for 22 years, serving as Security Director, Security Supervisor, Human Resources Coordinator, Licensing Assistant, and Senior Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. As the Senior EP Coordinator, he worked with local, state and federal agencies to provide nuclear training, as well as manage small drills and large regional exercises required by the federal government for 15 plus years.

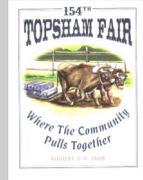
Jeff received a BA degree in Political Science from the University of Maine at Orono, and a Masters in Public Administration from UMO. 23 years later, he received a Certificate of Advanced Studies degree from USM in Education/Adult Learning.

He lives in Gardiner with his wife Debbie, and his son, Andrew. He is active in community affairs, having been elected to the Gardiner City Council 3 times (total of 8 years), and then elected to the MSAD #11 School Board of Directors two times. He has served as a police officer, a radio announcer and a newspaper reporter and served as an intern for U.S. Senator Edmund Muskie in the US Senate in Washington DC.

## Community Events

(Large Gatherings)

- **August 2, 2008**  
Beach to Beacon Race  
Cape Elizabeth, Maine
- **August 2—3, 2008**  
MS Bike: Bike to the Breakwater 2008  
Standish, Maine
- **August 3—9, 2008**  
154th. Topsham Fair  
Topsham, Maine [www.topshamfair.net](http://www.topshamfair.net)
- **August 7—10, 2008**  
39th Annual Cumberland Arts @ Craft Show  
Cumberland Fairgrounds
- **August 9, 2008**  
Tri For A Cure  
Southern Maine Community College—South Portland  
[www.mainetriforcure.com](http://www.mainetriforcure.com)
- **August 15—17, 2008**  
St. Peter's Italian Street Festival and Bazaar  
Portland, Maine
- **August 16, 2008**  
Maine Highland Games & Scottish Festival  
Brunswick, Maine
- **August 23, 2008**  
Maine Hospice Bike Event  
Brunswick, Maine
- **August 28—31, 2008**  
30th Annual Bluegrass Festival  
Thomas Point Beach—Brunswick, Maine
- **September 6—7, 2008**  
2008 Great State of Maine Air Show  
Brunswick Naval Air Station
- **September 21—27, 2008**  
136th Cumberland Fair
- **September 28—October 5, 2008**  
Fryeburg Fair [www.fryeburgfair.com](http://www.fryeburgfair.com)
- **October 4, 2008**  
Camp Sunshine 2008 Maine Pumpkin Festival  
Cumberland Fairgrounds—Cumberland, Maine

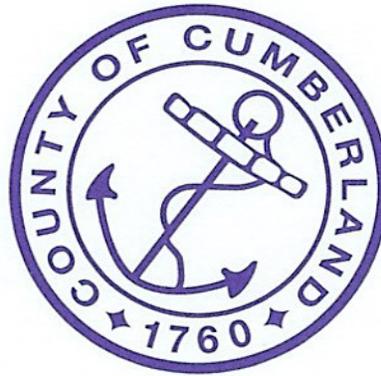




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[www.cumberlandcounty.org/EMA](http://www.cumberlandcounty.org/EMA)

**September is...**

# **National Preparedness Month**

Publications and supplies available through  
Cumberland County EMA