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National Preparedness Month 2008

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is sponsored by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) *Ready* Campaign. NPM is held each September and is designed to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities.

employees and community. NPA Coalition membership is open to all public and private sector organizations. It is free to join with a commitment to spread the emergency preparedness message during the month of September. Groups can register to become a NPM Coalition Member by visiting www.ready.gov and clicking on the NPM banner.

Ready is a national public service advertising campaign produced in partnership with The Advertising Council that is designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks.

The Campaign's Web sites (ready.gov and listo.gov) and toll-free numbers (1-800-BE-READY and 1-888-SE-LISTO) provide Americans with free emergency preparedness information.

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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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- September 2008 is the fifth annual NPM. The month will focus on important preparedness steps including:
 - Get an Emergency Supply Kit
 - Make a Family Emergency Plan
 - Be Informed
 - Get Involved
- During the month, Coalition Members share preparedness infor-

Get A Kit
Make A Plan
Be Informed
Get Involved

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.

FY 2008 NIMSCAST

By: David B. Feeney

A reminder to all local NIMS Coordinators, your community's NIMSCAST account for FY 2008 must be updated by, October 1, 2008. Communities who were compliant with NIMS within FY07, must continue the process for FY08 as reflected within NIMSCAST in order to remain NIMS compliant and qualify for FY2008 Federal Preparedness Grant monies administrated by MEMA.

In accordance with the State of Maine Minimum NIMS Training Requirements, as released, April 23, 2008, completion of ICS and NIMS training is required for various disciplines, including local governmental officials with emergency management policy-making responsibilities. Completion of ICS 300 is a requirement within FY08 for Fire Chiefs, EMS Chiefs, Police Chiefs and their Chief Deputies and Technician-level members of Regional Response Teams (RRT/DST) and Incident Management Assistance Teams (IMAT).

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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Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

Submitted by: David B. Feeney

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. Additional information on the CERT Program, CERT training and resources is available at: www.citizencorps.gov/cert and/or contact D.B. Feeney at Cumberland County EMA (207) 892-6785 or feeney@cumberlandcounty.org.



Future Meetings:

- **September 3, 2008, 1:00 p.m.**
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
CCEMA, 22 High Street, Windham, Maine
- **September 10, 2008, 8:30 a.m.**
Local EMA Director's Meeting
CCEMA, 22 High Street, Windham, Maine
- **September 16, 2008, 6:30 p.m.**
Cumberland County ARES Meeting
CCEMA, 22 High Street, Windham, Maine
- **September 17, 2008, 10:00 a.m.—Noon**
Southern Maine COAD
Scarborough Public Library
- **September 23, 2008, 6:00 p.m.**
Cumberland County Community Animal Response Team (CART)
CCEMA, 22 High Street, Windham, Maine

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTLAND

THE BLUE MASS

HONORING EMS, FIRE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Sunday, September 14, 2008 10:00 AM

Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, Lewiston, Maine
(Intersection of Ash and Bartlett Streets)

Bishop Richard J. Malone invites your department to a special commemorative Mass to thank you for your service to the common good and to bestow blessings upon all who contribute to public health and safety in Maine.

All members of EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement and other Public Safety agencies and their families are invited to attend this celebratory event. Those planning to attend please do so in uniform.

If you have any concerns or questions please let us know by contacting:

Sue Bernard, (207)773-6471 Ext. 7810 or at sue.bernard@portlanddiocese.org

Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program

Submitted by: D.B. Feeney

The Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) is a capabilities and performance-based exercise program which provides a standardized policy, methodology, and terminology for exercise design, development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning. The HSEEP Policy and Guidance is presented in detail in HSEEP Volumes I-III. Adherence to the policy and guidance presented in the HSEEP Volumes ensures that exercise programs conform to established best practices, and helps provide unity and consistency of effort for exercises at all levels of government, Federal, State and locally.

The HSEEP Tool Kit is an interactive, on-line system for exercise scheduling, design, development, conduct, evaluation and improvement planning. The HSEEP Tool Kit provides resources for the development of the Situation Manual (SitMan), Exercise Plan (ExPlan), Controller and Evaluator Handbook and the Master Scenario Events List (MSEL), as well as player handouts and exercise evaluation guides.

A benefit of using HSEEP is that it features consistent terminology that can be used by all exercise planners, regardless of the nature and composition of their sponsoring agency or organization. It reflects lessons learned and best practices of existing exercise programs, and can be adapted to a variety of scenarios and incidents. HSEEP is also consistent and in line with all of the current national initiatives and policies including the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the National Preparedness Goal, the Target Capabilities List (TCL) and the Universal Task List (UTL).

Utilizing HSEEP, communities are able to meet NIMS compliance requirements for the development of an exercise program, including the use of After Action Reports and Corrective Action Plans.

One of the components of HSEEP is the National Exercise Schedule (NEXS). NEXS serves as a manage-

ment tool and reference document for exercise planning and scheduling. It provides information on exercise date, location, scenario, scope and participants. It allows users to schedule exercises and view the existing calendar of exercises occurring by State or across the nation. Federal, State and local exercises should all be reflected in the NEXS.

To register into HSEEP, <https://hseep.dhs.gov>

The HSEEP is maintained by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Preparedness Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

Maine Prepares

The following information is from: *Maine Prepares*.
www.maine.gov/mema/prepare

Home and Family: Getting Started

The best things in life are free..

Like being ready as a family for any emergency. Here are some simple steps to get your started. And they are absolutely free.

- Talk about what might happen: blizzard, fire, flooding, etc.
- How would you find out about it?
- Do you know how to contact each other?
- What would you need if you couldn't get out for a few days?
- What are the most important things to take with you if you had to leave your home? If you go to a shelter, you may need pillows, blankets, and snacks to eat until the shelter is fully functioning. Think about financial papers, check books, credit cards, etc.
- Is there a blanket or special toy loved by a child?
- Is there a member of your family who requires special accommodations?
- Plan for your pets as well. They are a part of your family, too.

Low Cost, High Value

Once you have talked through how you would deal with an emergency as a family, there may be a few things that you don't have on hand, that you want to pick up.

- Flashlights or a battery radio if you don't have one.
- Fresh batteries for your flashlights and radio.
- Non-perishable food for your home supply kit, or "Go Kit".

The first person at your house to help your family in an emergency... is you.



DHS Awards \$1.8 Billion in Preparedness Grants

Release Date: July 25, 2008

For Immediate Release
DHS Press Office
Contact: 202-282-8010

Department of Homeland Security Grant Program Overview FY 2008

The Department of Homeland Security announced approximately \$1.8 billion in grants to bolster state, urban area and tribal government efforts to improve the nation's readiness, response and recovery capabilities for both natural and man-made emergencies. The department will award approximately \$3 billion in Fiscal Year 2008, and has provided roughly \$25 billion in grants since Fiscal Year 2002 to state, local, and tribal governments, as well as non-profit organizations.

"These awards reflect a continued and serious commitment to first responders throughout the homeland, particularly in the highest threat areas," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. "The American public understands that risk management does not mean risk elimination. Investments are made where risk is greatest, and where recipients have a clear need and plan to produce results. We have continually worked to refine the grants process, and in just a few years have enabled unprecedented capabilities building in communities around the country."

The grant awards announced include:

Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) - \$1.69 billion. HSGP is comprised of four programs:

- State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) - \$861.3 million to enhance state, territorial and local capabilities through planning, equipment, training and exercise activities. States must dedicate at least 25 percent of SHSP funds to law enforcement terrorism prevention activities. This includes planning, organization, equipment, and training and exercise activities.
- Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) - \$781.6 million to build capabilities in high-threat, high-density urban areas across the country. The seven highest risk urban areas will receive a combined total of \$429.9 million, and 53 high-risk urban areas will receive a total of \$351.7 million.
- Metropolitan Medical Response System Program (MMRS) - \$39.8 million is divided evenly among 124 MMRS jurisdictions to enhance mass casualty preparedness and response capabilities.

- Citizen Corps Program (CCP) - \$14.5 million to states and territories to engage citizens in community preparedness.

State Homeland Security Program Tribal (SHSP Tribal) - \$1.6 million will go to 12 tribes to build preparedness and response capabilities, and implement homeland security plans. This program provides supplemental funding directly to eligible tribes, pursuant to the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Act of 2007.

Operation Stonegarden Grants (OPSG) - \$60 million to land border states to enhance law enforcement border security operations. Dedicated OPSG funds will be provided, for the first time, to states on the northern border.

Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) - \$60 million to bolster catastrophic incident preparedness in designated UASI jurisdictions. Ten urban areas are receiving awards.

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) - \$15 million to support target-hardening activities at 232 non-profit organizations at high risk of an international terrorist attack.

These five grant programs support objectives outlined in the National Preparedness Guidelines, the National Incident Management System, the National Response Framework, and the National Infrastructure Protection Plan.

Please visit www.fema.gov/grants for additional information on Fiscal Year 2008 preparedness grants.

Bunker Laughs



MEMA Welcomes New Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) Director

DVEM/MEMA—July 29, 2008

MEMA has appointed Bill Akins (NT1N) as the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) Director for the State of Maine. Bill succeeds Rod Scribner in this important volunteer position.



Bill currently works full time for Maine Department of Transportation in the Office of Legal Services and volunteers extensively in Amateur Radio events. He brings to the position a great background and knowledge in many communication methods. His experience and leadership roles in the Maine American Radio Relay League (ARRL) as a District Emergency Coordinator make him an excellent fit for this liaison role between State emergency operations and the HAM radio community.

MEMA recruited statewide for candidates to fill the volunteer position of RACES Coordinator. Bill was selected by the Communication Manager at MEMA, an EMA County Director, the outgoing RACES Director and the State ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator. Bill's first task will be to prepare MEMA to participate in this year's Simulated Emergency Test (SET) in October.

Exercise Schedule:

- **September 13, 2008**
Cumberland Fair Tabletop Exercise
- **September 14, 2008**
Chebeague and Long Island 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)
- **October 18, 2008**
Simulated Emergency Test (ARES/RACES)
Amateur Radio (Ham) coordinated emergency communications test

Training Announcements

- **CPR, AED & First Aid Classes—On-going** American Red Cross of Southern Maine (207) 874-1192 ext 294, or www.maineredcross.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
- **October 4, 2008, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**
Tank Truck Rollover Training (\$25 fee)
Location: Scarborough Public Works Garage
Contact: JETCC (207) 253-8020
email: jetcc@maine.rr.com or visit www.jetcc.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 will be 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

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Weather Facts

On average, more people are killed by lightning than any other weather event. There is more than 4—5 billion dollars damage annually in the U. S. from lightning.

Nine out of ten people struck by lightning survive the events; but nearly 25% of these survivors suffer long-term psychological or physiological trauma.

The coldest temperature recorded in Maine was minus 48 degrees, set on, January 19, 1925, in Van Buren. Highest temperature recorded in Maine was 105 degrees, set on, July 10, 1911, in North Bridgton.

GOODBYE TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY EMA COMMUNITY

From Jeff Temple

Effective, September 2, 2008, I will be working for the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Rockville, Maryland. My last day as EMA Director in South Portland was August 28th.

Unfortunately, I did not get a chance to say goodbye and thanks to many of you for your help over the past four years and I wanted to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the EMA staff at Cumberland County and to each and every local EMA director in the county. We have worked together as a team to solve issues and problems, and I hope you all continue to work together to accomplish greater and greater things in emergency management.

Best personal wishes to all, and thanks once again for your invaluable help to me personally and to the City of South Portland.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey M. Temple
Incident Response and Emergency Preparedness Section
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Rockville, MD

State Communications Interoperability Plan Public Safety Interoperability Communications Grant

Grants in Review

On July 22nd & 23rd, 2008, the PSIC Grant Review Committee reviewed and prioritized all grant applications. MEMA received a total of 51 applications requesting a total of over 12 million dollars. With only \$4.01 million in available funds, this proved to be an arduous task. The committee separated into 3 teams, each team reviewing approximately 17 applications over 8 to 9 hours on Day One. On Day Two, the combined committee reviewed the results of the scoring and identified weaknesses and strengths in the applications. At the end of the day approximately 40 applications were approved to receive some level of funding. The review committee included participants from multi-jurisdictional backgrounds and provided expertise in specific areas. We appreciate their assistance in this difficult task.

MEMA submitted the updated Investment Justifications by the due date of August 15th and anticipate it will be several weeks before we receive feedback. MEMA will notify grant recipients.

Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP)

This new grant was announced recently by the Department of Homeland Security for FY 2008. Maine will be provided with \$242,875. This money is specifically allocated for improvement of leadership and governance, planning, operational protocols and emergency responder skills and capabilities related to interoperable emergency communications.

MEMA, with the support of all County Directors, will be funding a full-time Interoperable Communications Coordinator for the state. The position will assist counties and locals with the development of communications plans and standard operating procedures to align with SCIP requirements. The IECGP grant will also provide funding for meetings and printing of materials.

The Coordinator position will also help strengthen the governance boards at county level or organize new communications boards.

Starting a CERT

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors such as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs. The Community Emergency Response Team concept was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) in 1985. The Whittier Narrows earthquake in 1987 underscored the area-wide threat of a major disaster in California and

further confirmed the need for training civilians to meet their immediate needs. As a result, the LAFD created the Disaster Preparedness Division with the purpose of training citizens and private and government employees. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recognizes the importance of preparing citizens. The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) and the National Fire Academy (NFA) adopted and expanded the CERT materials believing them applicable to all hazards.

Starting

We recommend a number of steps to start a CERT:

- Identify the program goals that CERT will meet and the resources available to conduct the program in your area.
- Gain approval from appointed and elected officials to use CERT as a means to prepare citizens to care for themselves during a disaster when services may not be adequate. This is an excellent opportunity for the government to be proactive in working with its constituency.
- Identify and recruit potential participants. Naturals for CERT are community groups, business and industry workers, and local government workers.
- Train CERT instructor cadre
- Conduct CERT sessions.
- Conduct refresher training and exercises with CERTs.

For more information on CERT, visit the following sites: www.citizencorps.gov/cert
www.cert-la.com



Monthly Communications Test

September 11, 2008, at 1330 hours.

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



Important Links

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

Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook

In the August update, NOAA's Climate prediction Center has increased the likelihood of an above-normal hurricane season and has raised the total number of named storms and hurricanes that may form. Forecasters attribute this adjustment to atmospheric and oceanic conditions across the Atlantic Basin that favor storm development—combined with the strong early season activity.

NOAA now projects an 85 percent probability of an above-normal season—up from 65 percent in May. The updated outlook includes a 65 percent change of 14 to 18 named storms, of which 7 to 10 are expected to become hurricanes, including 3 to 6 major hurricanes of Category 3 strength or higher. These ranges encompass the entire season, which ends November 30, and includes the 5 storms that have formed thus far.

In May, the outlook called for 12 to 16 named storms, including 6 to 9 hurricanes and 2 to 5 major hurricanes. An average Atlantic hurricane season has 11 named storms, including 6 hurricanes and 2 major hurricanes.

According to the August report, an indicator favoring an above-normal season is a very active July, the third most active since 1886. Even so, there is still a 10 percent chance of a near normal season and a 5 percent chance of a below normal season.

Five named storms have formed already this season, Tropical Storm Arthur affected the Yucatan Peninsula in late May and early June. Bertha was a major hurricane and the longest-lived July storm (July 3-20) on record. Tropical Storm Cristobal skirted the North Carolina coastline. Dolly made landfall as a Category 2 hurricane at South Padre Island, Texas on July 25. And on August 5, Tropical Storm Edouard struck the upper Texas coast.

"It is critical that everyone know the risk for your area, and have a plan to protect yourself, your family and your property, or to evacuate if requested by local emergency managers. Be prepared throughout the remainder of the hurricane season." Gerry Bell, Ph.D., lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center said. "Even people who live inland should be prepared for severe weather and flooding from a tropical storm or a hurricane."

The Atlantic hurricane season includes activity over the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. The peak months of the season are August through October.



Tropical Storm Cristobal

Community Events (Large Gatherings)

- **September 6, 2008**
[Fall in the Village Art Festival](#)
Freeport, 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
- **October 4, 2008**
[Camp Sunshine 2008 Maine Pumpkin Festival](#)
Cumberland Fairgrounds—Cumberland, Maine

NOAA Weather Radios

The NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) system broadcasts prevent warnings and post-event information for all types of public hazards such as weather (hurricane, tornado, dam breach, flood), natural (earthquake, forest fires), technological (chemical release, oil spill), and national emergencies (nuclear, biological, chemical). The NOAA Weather Radio system is the most reliable, effective, single source available to the public for comprehensive weather and emergency information.

For a small investment NWR will warn you of approaching severe weather and other fast-breaking emergency situations. Weather Radios, like smoke detectors, alert people even while they're sleeping to possibly hazardous situations.

Broadcast coverage is almost 100% in Maine. Weather Alert Radios are useful travel accessories since they receive constantly updated local weather.

There are many manufacturers of Weather Alert Radios, offering a variety of models, features, and prices. All Weather Alert Radios include two basic capabilities: battery back up operation and a "set it and forget it" emergency alert mode. When a warning is issued, the National Weather service broadcasts a special tone that causes all Weather Alert Radios to sound a loud ten-second alert tone. The Weather Radio is then turned on to hear the broadcast. Some of the more expensive models can be set to automatically go to the voice message when an alert is transmitted. There are also models with an alarm out jack that allow the Weather Alert Radio to be tied into some home security systems.

For a slightly higher cost, weather alert radio models are available with Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME).

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Governor Requests Federal Assistance to Repair Storm Damage

August 25, 2008
Governor's Office

AUGUSTA - Governor John E. Baldacci has requested federal assistance to assist the State in recovering from major storms between August 8 and August 16th. Androscoggin, Cumberland and York Counties sustained nearly \$2.9 million in damages, primarily to road systems.

"All of northern New England has seen extraordinary weather this summer, and Maine is no exception," said Governor Baldacci. "These storms, coming on top of ground that was already saturated, literally tore roads apart."

The Towns of Freeport and Lebanon received almost \$600,000 worth of damage in a single day. State roads in Androscoggin County sustained over \$1 million in damages, and the small town of Minot had extensive road wash-outs.

The granting of Public Assistance would enable the State and affected local governments to be reimbursed by FEMA for 75 percent of the cost of repairing roads and other public property.

Under the provisions of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; the Governor requested from the President, a declaration of a major disaster for Androscoggin, Cumberland and York Counties as a result of heavy rain, hail, damaging winds, tornadoes and flash flooding which impacted the State during the time period of July 18th through August 16th, 2008, primarily during the period from August 8 through August 16, 2008 where locally heavy downpours combined with saturated ground caused flash floods and significant damage to roadways and other public and private infrastructure.

Stuff to Know

In medieval times, thunderstorms were believed to be the work of demons. Bell ringers would go up into the bell towers to ring the consecrated bells in an effort to end the storm. This practice didn't always work out well for the bell ringer.

It is commonly believed that the Eisenhower Interstate system was built where one mile in every five must be straight to be usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies. This is a myth, an urban legend.

Fewer than half of the 16,200 major league baseball players have ever hit a home run.

NOAA Radios

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This feature allows the user to limit weather radio alerts to only those that affect a specific area, and to choose which hazards will activate the Weather Radio alert tone. Add-on accessories are available for the deaf or hearing impaired, such as pillow vibrators, bed shakers, and strobe lights. For about \$60.00 a pair, one could have battery operated models, with belt clips, that have both SAME and Family Radio Service (FRS) capability. FRS allows for two-way voice communication of up to ten miles between all FRS radios that are set to the same channel.

Visit www.maine.gov/mema/prepare for additional purchase considerations and information on Weather Radios in Maine.

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