

**County of
Cumberland
Emergency
Management**

***Grant Award to Cumberland County
Emergency Management***

By: Donna Somma, CCEMA

Cumberland County has been awarded \$162,184.46 in FY2016 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funds through the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). The intent of this grant award is to improve preparedness and response capabilities for Homeland Security related events in Cumberland County. The funds will support county and municipal planning, training, exercising and equipment. The time frame for the award is September 1 2016 through August 31 2019.

MEMA specified a total of \$20,000 be made to the Decontamination Support Teams (DST) and Regional Response Team (RRT): Brunswick HazMat Team will receive \$15,000 and Presumpscot Valley HazMat Team (PVHMT) will receive \$5,000. In addition, MEMA specified that the Emergency Response Teams (EMRT) receive \$3,000 as follows: \$1,500 to the Cumberland County Animal Response Team (CCART) and \$750 to the Mid-Coast Amateur Radio (MC-ARES), and \$750 Wireless Society of Southern Maine (WSSM).

Per Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) funds were awarded as follows: \$22,453 to support exercises, additional EMRT's, and communications as follows: \$2,000 to CCEMA for Regional Sheltering Exercise; \$3,000 for the Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT); \$750 for Cumberland County Medical Reserve Corp (CC MRC); \$750 to the Southern Maine Community Organizations Active in Disaster (SMCOAD); \$4,753 to sustain the Command Van's satellite communications capability

(data, tech support, hardware maintenance); and \$11,200 for County Radio Frequency Protocol Programming.

Competitive Grant Process awarded

CCEMA invited local municipalities and partner agencies to submit through a competitive grant process of which \$116,731.46 was made available. Ten applications were received requesting approximately \$141,000. They were reviewed and ranked by a nine person committee made up of representatives from across the county.

The following awards were made:

\$12,099.56 to Cumberland County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) to purchase a DeLorme Inreach Search and Rescue Tracking capability for its Emergency Services Unit (ESU); \$7,096 to the Town of Scarborough to purchase an On-Scene Communications Data Recording System for their Regional Command Van; \$3,49.84 to the Cumberland County Regional Communications Center (CCRCC) to purchase 911 training equipment; \$18,000 to the Town of Gorham to purchase Emergency operations Center (EOC) equipment; \$18,905 to the Presumpscot Valley HazMat Team (PVHMT) to purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles; \$23,358 to the Town of Windham to install a Physical Access Control System in its Public Safety Building; \$4,508.25 to the Town of Gray to support installation of a Microwave Communications System; \$4,054.52 to the Town of Naples to purchase traffic control equipment; \$9,910.75 to the Town of Scarborough for a Tactical Combat Casualty Care training course and conduct an Active Shooter Exercise; and \$15,649.54 to the City of Westbrook to purchase Confined Space Rescue Equipment.

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Public Safety, Emergency Management and allied organizations are invited to submit articles, events, training opportunities and news. David B. Feeney, CCEMA feeney@cumberlandcounty.org

Debris Management Brief Out

By: Mary McElman, CCEMA Deputy Director

As Emergency Managers we need to think about the types of Debris created by disasters, the strategies for debris removal, the procedures for debris removal, any special circumstances associated with debris removal operations, and lastly who is responsible for debris operations? All of this translates into worker compensation time for jobs performed and the most important item, performing a detailed damage assessment that accurately reflects the amount and type of Debris.

Why do we care about Debris? Mostly because after a disaster, Debris is in our way and responders need to respond to save lives, or render aid. That is the primary goal-to preserve life safety. Another reason to think Debris early and often is because it may lay on electric lines or structures. This is the second reason we think Debris- property damage. In time we also need to return our lives back to the way we all were before the debris-mess-of-a-disaster while simultaneously keeping a solid eye and effort to protection of the environment. Our third priority with Debris Management

Sound like a plan? Overloaded yet? Good news you are not alone in this Debris issue!

According to the State Debris Management Plan, "Disaster management is best accomplished at the local level and counties and municipalities are responsible for all debris removal operations conducted within their boundaries or areas of responsibility. In the event that a municipality's resources become depleted, or are insufficient, a request for aid may be submitted to the County EOC. In the case for a county's need for additional resources, the request will be submitted to the State EOC." (State of Maine Debris Management Plan 2014)

Agencies or individuals involved could include public works, tax assessor, Environmental Protection Agency, code enforcement and public health to name a few. Here are some important things to consider now:

- What types of Debris would you find?
- What plans do you have in place TODAY?

- What Debris estimating tools or resources do you have available?
- What is remaining capacity of your landfill?
- What is your process for hiring and training Debris Monitors?
- What would you do if you found an endangered species or plant in your Debris area
- When do you begin Debris Management planning?
- When does Public Messaging begin?
- When do you begin Debris operations?
- When do you end Debris operations?
- Where are your Debris Management Sites?
- Where can you collect Debris from?
- Where are the final destinations of Debris going to be?
- How do you set up your Debris Management Site?
- How do you pay for it?
- How do you man it?
- How do you comply with Environmental Law?
- How do you document?



For more detailed information and perhaps a debris(e) fting....call Mary or Margaret at CCEMA today to learn more or visit www.town.westborough.ma.us for an excellent sample of a debris plan.

Don't be caught with this scene and without a plan in place!

Mary McElman

If you dial 9-1-1 accidentally

DO NOT HANG UP

**Please stay on the line and
speak with the
Emergency Communications Officer.**

Who Supports the HazMat Teams

Written by: Mike Shutts, CCEMA

The railroad box car and a rail tank car were hung up on the railroad siding, and smoke was showing. The chemical carboys were leaking fluorescent green liquid from one and pink from another. We've got a hazmat incident!

It takes multiple resources, specific knowledge and chemical expertise to safely and effectively manage a major incident. At the Southern Maine Hazmat Regional Response Teams (RRT) / Decon Strike Teams (DST) Full-Scale Exercise held on October 14 & 15, 2016, and located on Depot Road in Gray, a great deal of effort went into the less glamorous jobs necessary to support a well-organized Incident Action Plan. Let's look at a few incident support functions, in action, at the exercise.

The Cumberland County IMAT team prepped extensively for the exercise. The team was ready to fill all the incident needs you would expect from an experienced IMAT Team.

Staging Area Management

The team participated in a pre-exercise Staging Area Manager course, and brainstormed the staging area layout for the New Gloucester Fire & Rescue Station. In addition, a system was developed to check-in, and dispatch, the resources participating in the exercise.



Figure 3: Vehicle staging

Communications

Communications specialists for the CC IMAT team readied the agency's vehicle and communications trailer for the exercise. This effort included installing radios and equipment, and wiring it all together. At the exercise, they skillfully manned the radio equipment. It took skill because the exercise site was located on a bend in the road, in a valley, adjacent to the Royal River, and out of radio and cell phone range for many users. A few communications problems were conquered with the help of Amateur Radio Operators from the Wireless Society of Southern Maine.



Figure 4: Scarborough Command Van with Communications capability was positioned at the New Gloucester Fire & Rescue Station.

Planning Section

The IMAT Team's Planning Section group with years of real-world experience and training were ready to assist with any requests from the Unified Command, and to prepare the Incident Action Plan for Exercise Day 2.

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Figure 1: Vehicle Check-in



Figure 2: Exercise Check in for all Personnel

Who Supports the HazMat Teams

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Figure 5: Planning Section work area

At the start of Exercise Day 2, the IMAT Team Leader delivered the Operations Brief to the hazmat teams preparing for the day's exercise.



Figure 6: ICS Briefings

Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Sheryl Bernard delivers the Safety Brief. IMAT Team Leader Kevin Donovan is on deck with the Operations Brief.



Figure 7: Video monitoring by the York County UAV team.

By the conclusion of the 2-day exercise, I believe that the value of a high-functioning IMAT was becoming better understood, and appreciated by the decision makers during the exercise scenario.

Training Opportunities

Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills (G141)

Date: November 1-3, 2016
Location: Augusta, ME, CMCC
Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA
michael.f.grant@maine.gov

AMTRAK Passenger Train Emergency Response

Date: November 15, 2016—8 hour class
November 16, 2016—8 hour class
Location: Brunswick, ME—Fire Department
Contact: Captain Derek Klemanski
dklemanski@brunswickme.org

Incident Command System 339 Division/Group Supervisor

Date: November 15-16, 2016.
Location: Portland, Maine—2 Monument Square
USCG Sector Northern New England
Contact: BMC Ben Hicks
Ben.I.Hicks@uscg.mil (207) 741-5450

Incident Command System: Advanced ICS 400

Date: November 17, 2016, 8:00 a.m.
Location: Portland, Maine—2 Monument Square
USCG Sector Northern New England
Contact: BMC Ben Hicks
Ben.I.Hicks@uscg.mil (207) 741-5450

Space Weather and Utility Restoration Seminar

Date: December 8, 2017
Location: Augusta, Maine—Department of Labor
Contact: RSVP to Kevin Rousseau, MEMA
kevin.rousseau@maine.gov (207) 624-4410

Reconstitution Planning Workshop L549

Date: December 13-14, 2016, 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Location: South Portland, ME, USCG Rusty Scupper
USCG Sector Northern New England
FMI: Nate Spada, DHS-FEMA Region I
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Arn M. Hegggers, Preparedness Specialist
USCG Sector Northern New England
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ICS Train-the-Trainer Incident Command System (MGT-906)

Date: December 13-16, 2016.
Location: Bangor, Maine—Bangor Police Department
Contact: Michelle Tanguay, Penobscot County EMA
mtanguay@penobscot-county.net

Incident Command System: Intermediate ICS 300

Date: April 4-7, 2017. (4-Days)
Location: Portland, Maine—2 Monument Square
USCG Sector Northern New England

FEMA Training Form: 119-25-1 available at:
www.maine.gov/mema/training

FEMA Student Identification Number (SID)
<https://cdp.dhs.gov/FEMASID>

Cybersecurity for Electronic Devices

Submitted by: D.B.Feeney, CCEMA

Why does cybersecurity extend beyond computers?

Actually, the issue is not that cybersecurity extends beyond computers; it is that computers extend beyond traditional laptops and desktops. Many electronic devices are computers—from cell phones and tablets to video games and car navigation systems. While computers provide increased features and functionality, they also introduce new risks. Attackers may be able to take advantage of these technological advancements to target devices previously considered "safe." For example, an attacker may be able to infect your cell phone with a virus, steal your phone or wireless service, or access the data on your device. Not only do these activities have implications for your personal information, but they could also have serious consequences if you store corporate information on the device.

What types of electronics are vulnerable?

Any piece of electronic equipment that uses some kind of computerized component is vulnerable to software imperfections and vulnerabilities. The risks increase if the device is connected to the internet or a network that an attacker may be able to access. Remember that a wireless connection also introduces these risks. The outside connection provides a way for an attacker to send information to or extract information from your device.

How can you protect yourself?

- **Remember physical security** - Having physical access to a device makes it easier for an attacker to extract or corrupt information. Do not leave your device unattended in public or easily accessible areas for more information).
- **Keep software up to date** - If the vendor releases updates for the software operating your device, install them as soon as possible. Installing them will prevent attackers from being able to take advantage of known problems or vulnerabilities.
- **Use good passwords** - Choose devices that allow you to protect your information with passwords. Select passwords that will be difficult for thieves to guess, and use different passwords for different programs and devices. Do not choose options that allow your computer to remember your passwords.

- **Disable remote connectivity** - Some mobile devices are equipped with wireless technologies, such as Bluetooth, that can be used to connect to other devices or computers. You should disable these features when they are not in use.
- **Encrypt files** - If you are storing personal or corporate information, see if your device offers the option to encrypt the files. By encrypting files, you ensure that unauthorized people can't view data even if they can physically access it. When you use encryption, it is important to remember your passwords and passphrases; if you forget or lose them, you may lose your data.
- **Be cautious of public Wi-Fi networks** - Before you connect to any public wireless hotspot – like on an airplane or in an airport, hotel, train/bus station or café:
 - Be sure to confirm the name of the network and exact login procedures with appropriate staff to ensure that the network is legitimate.
 - Do not conduct sensitive activities, such as online shopping, banking, or sensitive work, using a public wireless network.
 - Only use sites that begin with "https://!" when online shopping or banking. Using your mobile network connection is generally more secure than using a public wireless network.

Article Sources: US-CERT Publications and Stop.Think.Connect™



Make a Plan



Stay Informed



Help Others



Exercise Schedule 2016

Waldo County Ice Storm Tabletop Exercise

Date: November 15, 2016, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Location: Belfast, ME, Waldo County EMA

Contact: Dale Rowley, Waldo County EMA

Active Shooter Tabletop Exercise

Date: December 7, 2016.

Location: Windham, Maine

Public Mental Health Concerns: People in Crisis

Emergency responders interact with people who have mental health concerns regularly. Sometimes those interactions don't go as well as they could. Ensuring you and others in your department have good training is the first step to managing these calls appropriately and to serving people with mental illness safely and with respect.

There are several new resources on this topic available for law enforcement agencies. The Bureau of Justice Affairs gathered best practices and resources together in the Police-Mental Health Collaboration Toolkit, which serves as a comprehensive, go-to source of information. This toolkit focuses on forming collaboration teams between law enforcement and mental health agencies to ensure people with mental health issues receive proper care.

The Bureau of Justice Affairs Smart Police Initiative is presenting a webinar focusing on the role of policing in helping to address community mental health concerns. It will also talk about successful collaboration programs across the country, and three large departments will talk about their response models and how they manage high utilizers of services. This webinar will be Wednesday, November 2nd from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern; please register if interested.

As shown in last year's study of EMS calls, psychiatric calls account for about one-third of patients admitted to the emergency room. EMS providers transport many of these patients despite receiving minimal training on handling behavioral health emergencies. The Firefighters Support Foundation (FSF) video "Interacting With the Mentally Ill at Emergency Scenes" discusses identifying people who may be mentally ill and outlines a 5-step process for communicating and interacting with them effectively.

Disasters can often be a cause or trigger of mental health concerns. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has numerous available resources for communities who are interested in ensuring this at-risk group is fully incorporated into any emergency plan. The Disaster Behavioral Health catalog lists out the free resources available for order. (Source: PMHC)

Maine Turnpike Safety Patrol Announcement

Beginning, October 1, the Turnpike will be offering a safety patrol sponsored by State Farm to assist disabled motorists, and respond to crashes and other emergencies.

The safety patrol will offer the following hours and patrol areas:

Memorial Day – Columbus Day

Monday through Thursday, Exit 32 to Exit 48, from 1530-1900

Fridays: 1300-2100 from the NH state line to Exit 25

Saturday, Sundays and holidays: 1100-1900 from the NH state line to Exit 25

Columbus Day – Memorial Day

Monday through Friday, Exit 32 to 48, from 1530-1900



The vehicle will be operating on our maintenance channel as Truck 10 and is outfitted with an arrow board and other safety equipment. Fire/EMS departments operating on the Turnpike may work directly with the driver or communicate with him via radio so I wanted to make you all aware of the program.

Please let myself or Greg Stone at the Turnpike know if you have any feedback as this is a new program.

Thank you,

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State Drought Task Force Says No Relief in Sight

Released: MEMA, October 6, 2016

The State's Drought Task Force (DTF) held its third meeting in 2016 today to discuss the current drought conditions across the state. This time, drought conditions have worsened considerably since early September, moving farther north and east.

"We're not yet in a state of emergency, but if conditions continue to worsen, we may have to consider that," said Bruce Fitzgerald, Director of Maine Emergency Management Agency. "Although conservation measures are voluntary at this point, it's important that everyone take steps to conserve to help prevent worsening conditions."

A representative from the Department of Health and Human Services Drinking Water Program advised against importing water from other sources into dry wells due to the fact that water may be contaminated posing a health risk and because the water will only remain in the well temporarily. The use of a temporary storage container is recommended instead. The container and the water should be clean.

The National Weather Service reported that all counties in Maine have experienced a deficit of precipitation since April except Aroostook County, which has seen a decrease in the last month.

"The drought is expected to continue and expand," said Tom Hawley of the National Weather Service in Gray. "September rainfall was well below average for the entire state. Many locations in southern Maine received less than one inch for the month."

The forecast is calling for drier and warmer than normal weather for October and beyond.

The U.S. Geological Survey reported that nearly the entire state is in some sort of hydrologic drought, with the southern two-thirds of the state showing surface water levels at the lowest ten percent of all data gathered over a period of 60-100 years. Groundwater levels for most of Maine are at the lowest 15 percent of all data gathered over the last 11-35 years.

Restrictions have been placed on water usage in some areas but all citizens are encouraged take steps to use water wisely, including:

- Take shorter showers
- Don't run water while brushing teeth or shaving
- Fix leaky sinks and toilets
- Run full loads of laundry and dishes
- Avoid peeling vegetables under running water
- Discontinue outdoor watering, unless absolutely necessary
- When washing your car, wet it quickly, use a bucket to wash, then rinse quickly

More information on water conservation is available at **Maineprepares.com**.

Those experiencing dry wells or other drought-related problems should call 2-1-1 or go to 211maine.org to reach 2-1-1 Maine, a state-wide resource for helping Mainers with all types of health and human services issues. A representative will record your information in an effort to gauge how widespread the drought problem is in Maine. Citizens are encouraged to report drought-related problems, although there is no guarantee of assistance. Resources are posted at **Maineprepares.com** and will be updated as more become available. More resources may become available as conditions worsen, so reporting is very important.

The Task Force will continue to monitor the situation and plans to meet again in November. Reports will be available online at **www.maine.gov/mema** or can be obtained from MEMA by calling 207-624-4400.

Release provided by: Susan Faloon, MEMA

November Drought Task Force

The State's Drought Task Force will convene on **Thursday, November 3 at 9:00 am** to discuss current drought conditions, the weather outlook and next steps. The meeting will be hosted by Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the US Geological Survey (USGS). Participants may join by phone or in person at MEMA in the Emergency Operations Center. This meeting will also be available remotely via Adobe Connect; web address and call in.

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2016

Time: 9:00 am

Location: MEMA EOC

45 Commerce Drive, Suite 2
Augusta, Maine 04333

Thomas Redstone, Natural Hazards Planner
Maine Emergency Management Agency
Office: 207-624-4428

FEMA Announces Notice of Funding Opportunity for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

October 12, 2016

WASHINGTON - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today the annual funding opportunity for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG).

The Fiscal Year 2016 AFG program will award \$310.5 million to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters against fire-related deaths and hazards.

FEMA awards AFG funding to fire departments,

nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Service (EMS) organizations, and state fire-training academies. In addition, FEMA awards funding to other nonprofit organizations recognized for their experience and expertise with respect to fire prevention, fire safety programs and activities, and firefighter research and development programs.

Since 2002, FEMA has awarded \$6.8 billion in fire grants to more than 62,300 recipients. Historically, 84 percent of awards go towards purchasing personal protective equipment, vehicles, and other operational equipment.

The application period is open through Nov. 18, 2016. The grant guidance is posted at www.grants.gov. Fire departments and other applicants who need additional information or assistance may contact the help desk at firegrants@fema.gov or by calling 866-274-0960.

Save the Date!



9th Annual

Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference "Threats to People & Infrastructure"

Augusta Civic Center

Tuesday & Wednesday • April 25 – 26, 2017

Visit www.maineprepares.com/conference for updated information.



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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

MARINE SAFETY ALERT

Inspections and Compliance Directorate

October 18, 2016
Washington, DC

Safety Alert 15-16; Update 1

Heed This Call! **Samsung Galaxy Note 7 Smartphone Safety Recall**

This safety alert reminds vessel owners, operators, charterers, merchant mariners, passengers, and all others throughout the maritime domain of safety concerns associated with Samsung Galaxy Note 7 Smartphone. This alert includes phones recently replaced by manufacturer. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), as of last month there have been at least 92 reports of batteries overheating, including 26 reports of customer burns and 55 reports of property damage. The primary concern is the phone's Lithium-ion battery which stores significant energy. During normal use and charging, devices have overheated and ruptured. The recalled devices have a 5.7 inch screen and were sold in the following colors: black onyx, blue coral, gold platinum and silver titanium with matching stylus. The word 'Samsung' appears across the top front of the phone with Galaxy Note 7 printed on the back.



(Photo credit: money.cnn.com)

The recalled devices have a 5.7 inch screen and were sold in the following colors: black onyx, blue coral, gold platinum and silver titanium with matching stylus. The word 'Samsung' appears across the top front of the phone with Galaxy Note 7 printed on the back.

All Samsung Galaxy Note 7 Smartphones including those recently replaced are recalled. The Coast Guard **strongly recommends** immediately powering down and ending all use of Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phones. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) ordered banning the recalled devices from airplanes starting on October 15, 2016. Maritime operators should review potential fire hazards related to the recall, **especially for operations that include checked baggage or unattended vehicles** as on ferries. The Coast Guard recommends taking the following actions in instances where a Galaxy Note 7 is **discovered** on a vessel:

- Turn off the phone;
- Disconnect the phone from any charging equipment;
- Disable all applications that could inadvertently activate the phone such as the alarm clock;
- Protect the power switch to prevent it from being turned on;
- Keep the device accessible under constant supervision.

This safety alert is provided for informational purpose only and does not relieve any domestic or international safety, operational, or material requirements. Developed and distributed by the Office of Investigations and Casualty Analysis. Questions or comments may be sent to HQS-PF-fldr-CG-INV@uscg.mil.

WebEOC Updates

Release: October 3, 2016, MEMA

For the purpose of the Incident Log, Shelters Board and RRDM to display in the new vMaine, these boards have been coded to place points on a map. We all need to remember to click the "Find Location On Map" button to add the lat/long before the entry is saved. If this is not done the lat/long will not be saved and therefore not seen on vMaine.

Process:

- New Entry
- Fill in all fields.
- Enter address, Event Type, Priority and select Town from dropdown list
- Click "Find Location On Map"
- Save Location (this adds the lat/long to the entry)

Note: If the point is not quite where it should be you can click to where you think it is more accurate and it will write that lat/long to WebEOC. (dragging point will not work). Example. Plane Crash. We don't have an address so you can map an address close by and then click where you think the plane is.

DUTY OFFICERS BE AWARE THAT IF YOU SEND A POST TO THE INCIDENT LOG YOU NEED TO REMEMBER TO ENTER THE ADDRESS, TOWN, PRIORITY, EVENT TYPE AND THEN CLICK THE "FIND LOCATION ON MAP BUTTON" AND SAVE THE LOCATION SO IT WILL DISPLAY ON VMAINE. IF YOU ARE ONLY SAVING TO THE DUTY OFFICER BOARD, SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR THE HEALTH CARE LOG, YOU DO NOT NEED TO MAP THE ENTRY. THE REASON BEING THESE THREE BOARDS ARE NOT ON VMAINE.

Feel free to test this on the Test Server (<https://gatewaytest.maine.gov/eoc7>)

Also, we are about to upgrade to WebEOC 8.2 (done on Test) in the next couple weeks. Following are some new features:

New Close All Tabs Option

If you have multiple tabs open and would like to close them all simultaneously, you can navigate to the open tabs menu button on the right side of the tabs bar and click **Close All Tabs**. This option is always at the end of the list, making it consistently easy to locate and access.

Improved Management of New Sessions

If you attempt to open a new session of WebEOC when you are already logged in to the solution via another tab or browser window, the system clearly alerts you that another session is currently running in the same browser. A prompt allows you to proceed with the log in, which will log you out of the current session, or close the window and keep the existing session open.

Expanded Size of Control Panel Menu

The width of the control panel menu has been expanded, allowing for the proper display of boards with longer names.

Added Ability to Click Control Panel Notifications

Similar to when a notification is received from the *Messages* plugin, when a notification generated from a status board appears on the control panel, it contains a clickable link. Clicking the link takes you to the board record so you can view and interact directly within the status board from which it originated

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WebEOC

Notifications

System-wide Message

Maine Emergency Management Agency



Please be aware that a new security policy has been applied. Accounts will be locked out if they are not logged into at least once every 45 days. At that time you will need to call MEMA (207-624-4400 or Alana at 207-624-4431) to have them unlocked.

AMTRAK Passenger Train Emergency Response



The 8 hour (3 1/2 hours classroom, 3 hours hands on, time given for lunch) Emergency Responder training class is designed to give emergency responders an overview on how railroads operate and how to respond safely to passenger railroad emergencies. It is designed for Firefighters, Law Enforcement, Coroners, Emergency Managers and Dispatchers who may respond to or be involved in Amtrak Emergencies.

Presented By: Brunswick Fire Department
Instructed by: Steve Pugsley, Senior Manager
 Amtrak Emergency Management & Corporate Security

THIS IS A FREE CLASS

Dates: November 15 & 16
Times: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Location: Brunswick Fire Department
 284 Bath Road, Brunswick, ME 04011
 207-725-5541

Contact: Captain Derek Klemanski
Email: dklemanski@brunswickme.org

Passenger Train Emergency Response Topics Covered:

RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY

- Recommendations and suggestions: How Emergency Responders can do their job safer
- Passenger & Freight Railroad relationship
- Emergency phone numbers
- The average frequency of passenger & freight trains
- Passenger loads
- Train speeds

TRAIN CREW ORIENTATION

RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY SAFETY CONCERNS

- Right-Of-Way dangers
- Ballast-unstable footing
- Always step over the tracks
- Switches- on the main line track are controlled remotely and can open and close in 1-5 seconds

HOSES & RAILS

Hazards of Working On or Near Railroad Tracks

- Power lines, natural gas, petroleum pipelines, fiber optic cables
- Locomotives can be very quiet
- Railroad mileposts, signal locations, crossings, and flagging distances
- Do not park emergency vehicles on tracks with flashing lights to stop trains
- Access points to the railroad; secondary access points if primary is blocked
- Trespassing on railroad property
- DO NOT crawl underneath or climb between cars
- Do not cross tracks less than 30 feet from the end or front of the equipment obstructing railroad tracks

Additional Topics:

- BENT RAIL
- PRE-PLANNING
- PNEUMATIC & ELECTRICAL HAZARDS
- EQUIPMENT SCHEMATICS
- TUNNELS
- BRIDGES

To Register: please follow the links below. Please make sure you press control and click on the appropriate date you wish to attend. The registration form should pop up. Each session is limited to the first 30 participants to register.

Any questions please let me know.

Captain Klemanski

November 15:

https://amtrak.quickbase.com/db/bj2qkngex?a=API_GenAddRecordForm&fid_26=1150&ifv=0

November 16:

https://amtrak.quickbase.com/db/bj2qkngex?a=API_GenAddRecordForm&fid_26=1151&ifv=0

Farm Operators, Small Businesses and Small Non-Profit Organizations Affected by Drought

MEMA, October 12, 2016

Re: Farm Operators, Small Businesses and Small Non-Profit Organizations Affected by Drought

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The Secretary of Agriculture designated as primary natural disaster areas the counties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, Lincoln, Kennebec, Oxford, Sagadahoc and York. Franklin, Knox, Somerset and Waldo are named as contiguous disaster counties. This declaration makes farm operators eligible to be considered for assistance from the federal Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Program. A listing of Maine Farm Service Agency County Directors and their contact information is enclosed here or may be located at this web address:

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=me&agency=fsa>.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and private nonprofit organizations in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Oxford, Sagadahoc and York counties as a result of the drought.

The Maine Emergency Management Agency website advises the following:

www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/prep_display.shtml?701117

- Contact 2-1-1 to report your dry well. This will allow the state to see how widespread this problem is.

- Contact a well driller to discuss options. Options include well replacement, lowering an existing well pump deeper into the water table, or deepening the well itself. For informational guidance on licensed well drillers in Maine, see the Maine Well Driller's Commission.
- The following resources may be available during severe water shortages: Farm Service Agency's Disaster Assistance Program (USDA)
- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans for drought effects.
- The Water Systems Council is a non-profit organization focused on private wells, and operates the wellcare Hotline, a free service that can answer questions on wells and well water.

Private Well Owners with Dry Wells

MEMA, October 12, 2016

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Private Well Owners with Dry Wells

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The following resources may be available to qualifying homeowners:

- Maine State Housing's Home Repair Program
www.mainehousing.org
- USDA's Single Family Housing Loans and Grants.
www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services

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www.wellcarehotline.org or 888-395-1033

Additionally, when responding to calls to our office we are suggesting residents contact their municipal General Assistance Officer regarding General Assistance that may be available under 22 M.R.S.A. § 4308: "A municipality may provide emergency assistance when the municipality determines that an emergency is imminent and that failure to provide assistance may result in undue hardship and unnecessary costs (22 M.R.S.A. § 4308(2))." We note two sections in the statute:

- "emergency" is defined as, "any life threatening situation or a situation beyond the control of the individual which, if not alleviated immediately, could reasonably be expected to pose a threat to the health or safety of a person(22 M.R.S.A.§ 4301(4))" and;
- a person who does not have sufficient resources to provide one or more basic necessities in an emergency is eligible for emergency general assistance, even when that applicant has been found ineligible for nonemergency general assistance because the applicant's income exceeds the municipalities standard of need (22 M.R.S.A.§ 4308(2)).

Meetings

Cumberland County Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) meeting

Date: November 4, 2016, 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine

Cumberland County Local EMA Directors meeting

Date: November 9, 2016, 8:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine

County EMA Directors meeting

Date: November 16, 2016
Location: Augusta, ME—MEMA

SMRRC Regional Healthcare Coalition meeting

Date: November 18, 2016, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Location: Brunswick, ME —Brunswick Hotel & Tavern
Contact: Paul Weiss, SMRRC Director
director@smrrc.org

Maine—New Hampshire Traffic Incident Management

Date: December 9, 2016, 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
Location: Saco, ME Fire Department
Contact: Tom Reinauer, SMPDC
treinauer@smpdc.org

SMRRC Regional Healthcare Coalition meeting

Date: December 16, 2016, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Location: Alfred, ME—York County EMA
Contact: Paul Weiss, SMRRC Director
director@smrrc.org

County EMA Directors meeting

Date: December 21, 2016
Location: Augusta, ME—MEMA

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

you



Maine Prepares
www.maine.gov/mema/prepare



Maintaining Public Safety Communications Reliability and Interoperability in the 700 MHz Band



October 3, 2016

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) submitted this position paper to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Maintaining Public Safety Communications Reliability and Interoperability in the 700 MHz Band NPSTC Recommends Against Mixing Narrowband and Broadband Technologies in the Same Spectrum Segment

Introduction and Executive Summary

NPSTC understands that some jurisdictions have expressed potential interest in converting the 700 MHz narrowband spectrum to broadband use. Doing so would result in a mix of narrowband and broadband operations across different jurisdictions in the same block of 700 MHz band spectrum. Based on information currently available, NPSTC recommends against mixing broadband and narrowband operations in the same spectrum, as doing so can negatively impact both public safety communications reliability and interoperability.

Based on recommendations from the public safety community and direction from Congress, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted rules for the 700 MHz spectrum that provide the opportunity for both reliable broadband and narrowband operations with nationwide interoperability in each set of operations. As shown in Figure 1 in the position paper, narrowband public safety operations are conducted in a designated 6 +6 MHz block of paired spectrum while broadband operations are being planned in a designated 10 +10 MHz paired block of spectrum licensed to the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet).[1] A 1 +1 MHz "guardband" also licensed to FirstNet separates narrowband and broadband spectrum. Although Section 6102 of Public Law 112-96 provides that the FCC may allow flexible use of the narrowband spectrum, it does not

Require the FCC to do so. Furthermore, for interoperability, the FCC designated Project 25 (P25) as the technology required for narrowband interoperability channels and Long Term Evolution (LTE) as the technology for broadband operations.

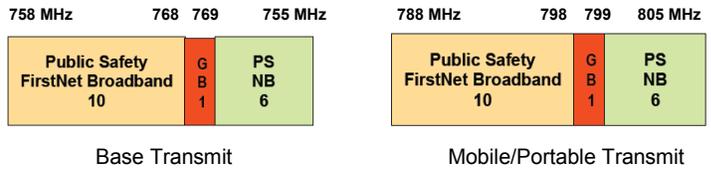


Figure 1: 700 MHz Public Safety Bandplan (Paired Spectrum)

Article submitted courtesy of Jim Fraser, CCIMAT

Virtual Tabletop Exercise Active Shooter College Campus with Hostages

Course: V-0025A - Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) – Active Shooter (College Campus with Hostages)

Exercise Date: December 6, 7, and 8, 2016;
 Location: Virtual Exercise – Multiple Locations.
 (Note: Three separate offerings to accommodate as many site applicants as possible.)

Exercise Length: 4 Hours. Start time is 12:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time (EST) and end time is 4:00 P.M. EST.

Exercise Description:
 This VTTX will simulate an active shooter event in a college/university environment and can be used to assess plans, policies, training, and procedures.

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Train - Exercise - Educate

National Fire Academy Resident Program

The National Fire Academy (NFA) holds six-, ten-, and two-day residential courses at its campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and off-campus courses throughout the country.

Courses are geared toward middle- and top-level fire officers, fire service instructors, technical professionals, and representatives from other allied professions including law enforcement and EMS. Operated by the U.S. Fire Administration, the NFA has 270 total courses under topics such as fire/arson and explosion investigation, fire prevention, EMS, incident management, command and control, hazardous materials, information management, and wildland urban interface (WUI).

The application period for the 2017 second semester (April 1st – September 30th, 2017) is currently open and will close December 15th, 2016. Those interested in courses should review the online course catalog and read “Eight Tips for Completing a Successful NFA Application” (PDF, 256 Kb) before filling out the application (PDF, 780 Kb). All applicants must have a Student Identification Number (SID). (Source: NFA)

MEMA Space Weather and Utility Restoration Seminar

Thursday December 8, 2016, 10:00-3:00

Department of Labor Conference Room
(across the hall from MEMA)

45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine



FEMA

- Presentation on Space Weather Emergency Management with a NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center Official from Boulder, Colorado.
- Presentations on Long-term Restoration and Recovery from Central Maine Power, Emera, Fairpoint, U.S. Cellular and Verizon Wireless.

Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Maine Emergency Management Agency

For more information and to RSVP contact:

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Utilities Get a New Tool Against Solar Storms

The Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate (DHS S&T) recently released a new Online Geoelectric Field Calculation Tool to be used by utilities to plan and prepare for solar storm events.

All other sectors rely on the Energy Sector's ability to function and maintain services. Solar storms can be powerful enough to knock out service and, depending on the storm, they could be out of commission for a while. Emergency managers at electrical utilities may include this new tool into their planning, ensuring the grid keeps humming.

DHS S&T is also working on a real-time forecasting tool, which is not yet complete and will be transitioned to the National Oceanic and Aerospace Administration (NOAA) Space Weather Prediction Center by the end of this year. To learn more about the effects of space weather, see the Solar Storm Mitigation Fact Sheet. (Source: DHS S&T)

<http://kauai.ccmc.gsfc.nasa.gov/efieldtool/>



November 11, 2016



November 6, 2016

Important Links

Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency
Home: www.cumberlandcounty.org/EMA

Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Home: www.cumberlandcounty.org/EMA/lepc.htm

Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)
Home: www.maine.gov/mema

Maine Information and Analysis Center (MIAC)
Phone: (207) 624-7280
Email: miac@nespin.riss.net

Boston FBI
Phone: (617) 742-5533
Home: <http://boston.fbi.gov>



Maine Prepares
Home: www.maine.gov/mema/prepare

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Home: www.fema.gov

Domestic Preparedness Support
U. S. Department of Homeland Security www.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

National Weather Service—Gray, Maine
Web Page: www.weather.gov/gyx
Operations Phone: (207) 688-3216

Central Maine Power—Power Outages
www.cmpco.com/outages



2-1-1 Maine www.211maine.org

5-1-1 Maine (Maine DOT Travel Information)
Home: www.511maine.gov

American Red Cross of Southern Maine
Home: www.maineredcross.org

Southern Maine COAD
P.O.Box 7192, Scarborough, ME (207) 228-4777
Home: www.southernmainecoad.org



Volunteer Maine
Home: www.volunteermaine.org

Northern New England Poison Center—Portland, ME
<http://www.nnepc.org> 1-800-222-1222

Sector Northern New England
U. S. Coast Guard—South Portland, ME
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