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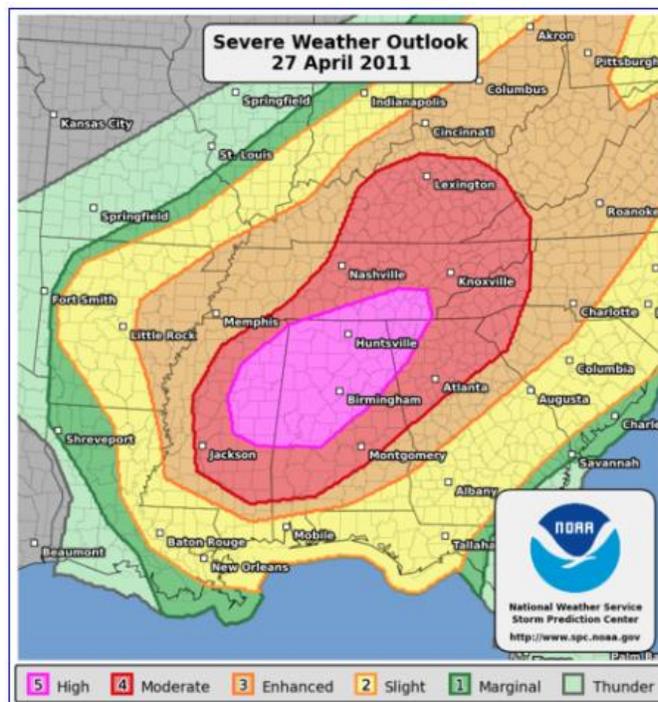
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ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR ESF 15

Experimental Storm Prediction Center Convective Outlook Change

The NWS's Storm Prediction Center (SPC) in Norman, Okla. is proposing a change in the way they show risk on their Day 1, 2, and 3 national graphics, essentially looking to go from a 3 tier to 5 tier system and what to call those tiers. The Storm Prediction Center is seeking your opinions regarding the possible change. An online survey is at www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=ECD130. The SPC is expanding the risk categories from four to five and clarifying the risk previously labeled as "See Text." That descriptor will be replaced by a categorical line and the term "Marginal" to denote areas with a 5 percent probability of severe weather. The upper end of the "Slight Risk" category will be renamed "Enhanced" (short for "Enhanced Slight") to denote a threshold 30 percent probability of severe wind or hail and/or a 10 percent chance of a tornado during the Day 1 period. For Days 2 and 3, the "Enhanced" risk category will denote a 30 percent total severe probability. The moderate and high risk thresholds will remain essentially unchanged. A 45-day public comment period regarding the proposed outlook changes will end on June 17, 2014. After assessing the feedback and incorporating any needed adjustments, a Service Change Notice will be issued at least 75 days prior to the implementation of changes to the outlook categories. Currently, a change is most likely to occur in September.

Product Description Document (PDD): https://products.weather.gov/PDD/SPC_Day_1to3_Cat_Conv_Outlook.pdf
<http://www.spc.noaa.gov/exper/dy1-3example/>



Proposed 2011/04/27 1630Z Public Severe Weather Outlook Graphic
This is an example of a proposed Public Severe Weather Outlook Graphic that includes the new categories. This graphic is enlarged on the area of greatest risk and designed for use by media partners and social media.

Northern Virginia Health Departments Are Working Together to Identify People Who Are at Risk

Out of an abundance of caution, the Loudoun and Fairfax County Health Departments are informing people who were at various locations in Loudoun County and Fairfax County between April 23 and May 1, that they may have been exposed to a person with measles. Northern Virginia area health officials are mounting a coordinated effort to identify people who may have been exposed. The Virginia Department of Health also reports that "out of an abundance of caution, health officials are investigating potential exposures to a second person with measles in the National Capital Region." New potential exposure sites and times have been identified that occurred between May 11-15. The locations in Fairfax County include McLean, Herndon, Fairfax, Reston and more. Visit the VDH website for more details. This new investigation expands the recent one of a measles case in late April in Loudoun and Fairfax Counties. The second case of measles was confirmed in a person who was a close contact of the first case. Regional health officials are mounting a coordinated effort to identify people who may have been exposed to this second case. Measles is a highly contagious illness that is spread through coughing, sneezing, and contact with secretions from the nose, mouth, and throat of an infected individual. Measles symptoms usually appear in two stages. In the first stage, most people have a fever of greater than 101 degrees, runny nose, watery red eyes and a

cough. The second stage begins around the third to seventh day when a rash begins to appear on the face and spreads over the entire body. Residents with additional questions about this measles investigation can call 1-877-275-8343. For more on measles, visit the Virginia Department of Health website at www.vdh.virginia.gov/Epidemiology/factsheets/Measles.htm.
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/news/PressReleases/2014/050614Measles.htm>
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/news/PressReleases/2014/052114Measles.htm>

Block Tick Bites and Lyme Disease

Illustration of a tick being grasped by tweezers and lifted from the skin's surface. When warm weather arrives, you might get the urge to walk barefoot through the grass. But before you stroll through your lawn or head out on a hiking trail, you'll want to protect yourself and your loved ones from ticks that often lurk in tall grass, thick brush, and wooded areas. Many ticks carry disease, so do what you can to keep ticks from taking a bite out of you. Tick-borne diseases are found in many areas across the country, and they're on the rise. The diseases are often clustered in specific regions. Rocky Mountain spotted fever, for instance, occurs mainly in the mid-Atlantic and southern states. Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne illness. It's found mainly in the Northeast and upper Midwest. Each year, more than 30,000 cases are reported in the United States, and many more likely go unreported. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that as many as 300,000 Americans get Lyme disease each year.

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<http://newsinhealth.nih.gov/issue/May2014/Feature2>

Get more information from the Fairfax County Health Department at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite

Boating Safety

Going boating today or this weekend? Don't just carry a life jacket – wear it! Accidents happen too fast on the water to reach for stowed life jackets. Most boating fatalities are drownings and 85 percent of those who drown, while boating, are not wearing a life jacket. May 17-23 was National Safe Boating Week, a great reminder to always wear your life jacket at all times while you are boating. And ask your friends and family to do the same anytime you're on the water.

<http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/>



Severe Weather Warning Alerts

The National Weather Service (NWS) uses Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) to issue warnings for seven types of severe weather:

- Tsunami Warning – Tsunami danger on the coast. Go to high ground or move inland. Listen to local news.
- Tornado Warning – Tornado Warning in the area until [time, time zone]. Take shelter now. Check local media.
- Extreme Wind Warning – Extreme Wind Warning in the area till [time, time zone, day of week]. Take shelter.
- Hurricane Warning – Hurricane Warning in this area till [time, time zone, day of week]. Check local media and authorities.
- Typhoon Warning – Typhoon Warning in this area till [time, time zone, day of week]. Check local media and authorities.
- Flash Flood Warning – Flash Flood Warning in this area till [time, time zone]. Avoid flooded areas. Check local media.
- Dust Storm Warning – Dust storm warning in this area till [time, time zone]. Avoid travel. Check local media.

Other types of alerts that NWS issues for severe weather are posted to NWS websites and broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio and may also be broadcast by local radio and TV or other local news and weather information sources. These include:

- Severe Thunderstorm Watch – Indicates when severe thunderstorms are likely to occur.
- Severe Thunderstorm Warning – Issued when severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by

radar.

- Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to those in path of storm. Gather family members and pets and take shelter immediately. Have emergency supply kit ready.
- Tornado Watch – Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms.
- Flood Watch – Flooding is possible.
- Flash Flood Watch – Flash flooding is possible. Be prepared to move to higher ground.
- Flood Warning – Flooding is occurring or will occur soon; if advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

Individuals who receive a WEA should monitor local news or NOAA weather broadcasts for more information. Everyone should make time to prepare themselves before severe weather strikes by signing up for local weather emergency alerts, understanding NWS warnings and developing an emergency action plan. For valuable tips on how to prepare for severe weather, visit www.ready.gov/severe-weather.

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Summer Safety

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department reminds residents to be careful as warmer weather – and outdoor activities – are upon us. Gas grills account for over 7,200 home fires annually, while charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were involved in an annual average of over 1,400 home fires.

- In 2007-2011, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 8,800 homes and outside fires. These 8,600 fires caused an annual average of 10 civilian deaths, 140 civilian injuries, and \$96 million in direct property damage.
- More than one-quarter (27 percent) of the home structure fires involving grills started on a courtyard, terrace or patio, 29 percent started on an exterior balcony or open porch, six percent started in the kitchen and five percent started on an exterior surface. Flammable or combustible gas or liquid was the item first ignited in almost half of home outdoor grill fires. In almost half (46 percent) of the home outdoor fires in which grills were involved, 53 percent were outside gas grills, and 26 percent were gas grill structure fires; the fire started when a flammable or combustible gas or liquid caught fire.
- In 2012, 16,900 patients went to the emergency room because of injuries involving grills. Almost half (7,400) of the injuries were thermal burns.

According to the National Fire Protection Administration, far more fires are reported on July 4 than on any other day, and fireworks account for more than half of those fires, greater than any other cause of fires. In 2011, fireworks caused an estimated 17,800 reported fires, including 1,200 structure fires, 400 vehicle fires, and 16,300 outside and other fires. These fires resulted in an estimated eight reported civilian deaths, 40 civilian injuries, and \$32 million in direct property damage. Learn more about fire safety only at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr.

Critical Document Protection During a Disaster

When disaster strikes, your immediate concern will be your safety and the safety of those you care about. Once the immediate danger passes, however, having your families' financial, medical records and important contact information protected and available will be critical in helping you start the recovery process. According to the 2013 Preparedness in America report (<http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/d30906c213bee483d285f16c736c2c3e/Preparedness+in+America.pdf>), only 34 percent of participants reported having stored these critical documents. It is time to increase this percent and prepare more Americans!

Take the time now to think about the priceless personal items you would want to protect from damage or take with you if you had to suddenly evacuate your home. The first step is to take an inventory of your household documents, contacts and valuables. This includes items like:

- Family identification paperwork (birth, marriage or divorce certificates, adoption or child custody papers).

- Financial and legal documentation (insurance policies, mortgage, loan documents).
- Medical information (health/dental insurance, list of medications, living will).
- Emergency or hotline contact information (employer, schools).

Once you have gathered your financial, legal and contact information, it is essential to safeguard this information. Consider storing paper copies of important documents at home in a fireproof and waterproof box or safe, in a bank safe deposit box or with a trusted friend or relative. Additionally, store electronic copies of important documents in a password-protected format on a removable flash or external hard drive in your fireproof and waterproof box or safe, or consider using a secure cloud-based service.

[http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1395861094548-](http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1395861094548-8b4300b082ced42be701c089ce1640b3/Americas_PrepAthon_Safeguarding_Valuables_508.pdf)

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www.CapitalRegionUpdates.gov

Governor McAuliffe Names Members of Virginia Cyber Security Commission

On Friday, May 16, Governor McAuliffe announced the members of the Virginia Cyber Security Commission, a group established by executive order which will bring public and private sector experts together to make recommendations on how to make Virginia a leader in cyber security. The Commission includes industry leaders from across the Commonwealth as well as representatives from the McAuliffe Administration and will hold its inaugural meeting on June 11.

<https://governor.virginia.gov/news/newsarticle?articleId=4817>

SBA Honors Outstanding Disaster Recovery Efforts

A city manager who coordinated the rebuilding of Moore, Okla., in the aftermath of a tornado that nearly destroyed the city, a Long Island restaurateur who helped those struggling after Hurricane Sandy and a New York City café owner who rebuilt two locations that were nearly destroyed after Hurricane Sandy were each presented with a Phoenix Award during a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) National Small Business Week event.

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USSBA/bulletins/b8362d>

National Flood Insurance Program

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) provides coverage against flood damage and can ensure that a flood doesn't bring financial ruin. Flooding can happen at any time in virtually any location and unlike other natural hazards, flood damage is not covered by a homeowners insurance policy. While certain areas may be more prone to flooding – especially those in coastal areas or riverine environments – history has shown that almost no place is immune. Since standard homeowners insurance does not cover flooding, it is important to have protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact the United States. Congress created the NFIP in 1968 to help provide a means for property owners to financially protect themselves. It is a self-supported program that is not funded by tax revenue. The NFIP offers flood insurance to homeowners, renters and business owners if their community participates in the NFIP. Participating communities agree to adopt and enforce ordinances that meet or exceed FEMA requirements to reduce the risk of flooding. Currently, there are more than 5.5 million policy holders and 21,000 participating communities which agree to enforce minimum flood plain standards, flood maps and other ordinances that meet or exceed FEMA requirements to reduce the risk of

flooding. Typically, NFIP policies have a 30-day waiting period prior to the policy going into effect. Therefore, the policy should not be purchased only if flooding appears imminent but rather it should be viewed as protection against a continuing threat. On average, the flood insurance premium nationwide is about \$700 a year, which is less than \$2 a day for financial protection from what could be devastating effects of a flood to one's home or business. In March 2014, the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act was signed into law. More information about flood insurance reform can be found at www.fema.gov/flood-insurance-reform. FEMA will continue to provide updates about the changes as they become available. For more information about flood damage risks and flood insurance, visit www.floodsmart.gov or call 1-800-427-2419 to find a local agent.

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World Police & Fire Games

With 400 days to go until 12,000 public safety athletes kick-off the World Police and Fire Games, Fairfax 2015, the organizing committee for the Games, earlier this month announced the establishment of its Honorary Board, new funding commitments totaling \$5 million from public and private sources and its ceremonial venues for the Games. The World Police and Fire Games are coming to the National Capital Region for 10 full days of competition beginning June 26, 2015. Governor Terry McAuliffe announced he will chair the Games' Honorary Board. Other prominent national, regional and local leaders from the worlds of politics, business and sports have also joined Fairfax 2015 to serve as members of the organization's Honorary Board in support of next summer's World Police and Fire Games. Fairfax County tourism and hospitality officials project that Games visitors and activities will have a primary economic impact in the range of \$60 million to \$80 million. The budget to pull-off the massive 60 sport Olympic-style event is estimated at \$20 million according to Fairfax 2015 (www.fairfax2015.com). New funding to support the effort has been secured from seven new official corporate partners and from Fairfax County, who recently approved \$2 million in funding for Fairfax 2015 supplementing its prior funding and in-kind contributions. The governor has also said the Games can count on the Commonwealth of Virginia being "all in." He has requested funding in this fiscal year budget and has designated Virginia Secretary of Public Safety Brian Moran to further facilitate state efforts. For additional information on the World Police and Fire Games, visit fairfax2015.com, or call 202-480-WPFG (9734). The World Police & Fire Games is the largest single participant sporting event in the world, with athletes and public safety professionals coming to Fairfax from 70 countries. More than 12,000 sworn officers from police, fire and public safety departments worldwide will compete in Fairfax County from June 26 through July 5, 2015 in 60 different sports as well as police-and-fire-specific activities across 53 venues.



<https://governor.virginia.gov/news/newsarticle?articleId=4849>

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How to Disaster-Proof Your Business

What will it take for businesses to get it? "It" being the importance of implementing solid disaster recovery and business-continuity plans. After witnessing the devastating effects of events such as 9/11, Hurricane Sandy, and countless other earthquakes and hurricanes around the world, too many businesses still have a lackadaisical attitude about disaster recovery planning. It may be that too many of the disasters happened too far away, to other people. And there's no denying that we've all become a bit jaded about anything we see on television. Furthermore, far too few news programs cover the long-term aftermath of disasters, in which businesses struggle (and all too often, fail) to get themselves back on their feet. That is not, however, to say that sobering – even bleak – information on the reality of the challenges of disaster recovery isn't available.

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2457344,00.asp>

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78 Percent of IT Security Execs Worry about Data Breaches

According to the results of a recent Courion survey of IT security executives, 78 percent of respondents say they're anxious about the possibility of a data breach at their organization. In addressing a significant security breach, 58.8 percent said "protecting the privacy of our customers" would be their primary goal, and 62.7 percent said they worry most about "negative publicity affecting the company brand" resulting from a breach. "Managing user access" and "communicating or enforcing company policies" were among respondents' top security priorities in 2014. While respondents said 95 percent of their IT security team considers preventing security breaches a serious issue, only 45 percent of their employee base feels the same way.

<http://www.esecurityplanet.com/network-security/78-percent-of-it-security-execs-worry-about-data-breaches.html>

Security Awareness: Your Responsibility

What your employees don't know about information security could hurt you -- and your organization. A recent study of 1200 data breaches within the U.S. Government found that 95 percent of the breaches could be traced to human error. Despite this fact, security awareness training is still ignored by many organizations. If there's a common thread the experts all agree on, it's that poor training and unaware employees lie at the root of many if not most security breaches. To know more, click here <http://nsi.org/security-sense.html> for more information.

Reprinted from the National Security Institute's "News Watch" email newsletter

http://www.nsi.org/Security_NewsWatch/NewsWatch/5.14.14.html

Do You Know the 30/30 Lightning Safety Rule?

National Lightning Awareness Week is June 22-28. Summer is on the way, and that means summer storms are, too. Most lightning deaths and injuries occur in the summer months when people are caught outdoors during the afternoons and evenings. Remember the 30/30 lightning safety rule: Go indoors if after seeing lightning you can't count to 30 before hearing thunder. Stay indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder. Reduce your risk with these safety tips:



- If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.
- When you hear thunder, immediately move to safe shelter – a substantial building or a metal-topped vehicle with windows up.
- If you are anywhere you feel your hair stand on end, then squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target, and minimize your contact with the ground.
- Avoid contact with anything metal – tractors, farm equipment, motorcycles, golf carts and golf clubs, and bicycles.
- If you are in an open area or on open water, then get to land and find shelter immediately.

Lightning is one of the top three storm-related killers. It often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall. Stay informed about changing weather conditions during the summer by tuning in to local media weather reports and monitoring NOAA Weather Radio. National Lightning Awareness Week is June 22-28. For more about lightning safety, go to www.ReadyVirginia.gov or www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov.

Older Americans Get Prepared

May is Older Americans Month! Older Americans play an important role in disaster preparedness in families and communities across the Nation and can take important steps to prepare for all kinds of hazards before they strike. If you are an older American or you have a family member or neighbor who fits this category inside or outside of your home, be sure to develop an emergency preparedness plan that takes into account their requirements before, during and after a disaster. Part of this emergency plan should include building an emergency supply kit. In addition to the usual emergency kit supplies like water, non-perishable food and a first aid kit, older Americans should consider:

- Medications and medical supplies.
- Eyeglasses, hearing aids and batteries, wheelchair battery, or oxygen.
- Food and supplies for service animals.

Other preparedness suggestions for older Americans include:

- Create a network of friends, neighbors and relatives to aid them in case of an emergency and ensure their contact information is current.
- Keep a list of medical devices and equipment, including model numbers and instructions.
- Have a transportation plan in the event of evacuation.

FEMA and AARP partner to provide disaster resources and services for older adults. For more information, check out www.Ready.gov and AARP. AARP provides an opportunity for older adults with free time after retirement to find volunteer opportunities in the community to share life experience, skills and passions through Create the Good. As it is often the tradition to look to our elders for guidance, this is the perfect time for older Americans to lead future generations in emergency preparedness.

http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/olderamericans_quadfold.pdf

Reprinted from FEMA's "Individual and Community Preparedness e-Brief," May 8 edition

Emergency Preparedness for Your Business

There are resources that can help you develop a plan to protect your employees, lessen the financial impact of disasters and re-open your business quickly to support economic recovery in your community.

Create a preparedness plan for your business: <http://www.ready.gov/business>

Hurricane safety information from Ready.gov: <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

Hurricane preparedness checklist: <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

National Terrorism Advisory System

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) is a robust terrorism advisory system that provides timely information to the public about credible terrorist threats and replaces the former color-coded alert system. Under NTAS, DHS will coordinate with other federal entities to issue detailed alerts to the public when the federal government receives information about a credible terrorist threat. NTAS alerts provide a concise summary of the potential threat including geographic region, mode of transportation, or critical infrastructure potentially affected by the threat, actions being taken to ensure public safety, as well as recommended steps that individuals, communities, business and governments can take to help prevent, mitigate or respond to a threat. NTAS Alerts will include a clear statement on the nature of the threat, which will be defined in one of two ways:

- "Elevated Threat": Warns of a credible terrorist threat against the United States.
- "Imminent Threat": Warns of a credible, specific, and impending terrorist threat against the United States.

Depending on the nature of the threat, alerts may be sent to law enforcement, distributed to affected areas of the private sector, or issued more broadly to the public through both official and social media channels – including a designated DHS webpage (www.dhs.gov/alerts), Facebook and via Twitter @NTASAlerts. NTAS alerts and posters will also be displayed in places such as transit hubs, airports and government buildings. NTAS threat alerts will be issued for a specific time period and will automatically expire. Alerts may be extended if new information becomes available or as a specific threat evolves. For more information on the National Terrorism Advisory System or to receive NTAS alerts, visit www.dhs.gov/alerts.

DHS: Watch out for Introverts, Egotists, Passive Aggressive Colleagues

The DHS National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center has issued a guide meant to help organizations guard against malicious insider activity. The guide – "Combating the Insider Threat" – includes an expansive list of behavioral characteristics of insiders that could become a threat to the integrity of networks and information security. Here's what to watch out for: Introverts, greed or financial need, compulsive behavior, reduced loyalty, a penchant for minimizing one's mistakes of faults, intolerance to criticism, moral flexibility, a lack of empathy and a pattern of frustration or disappointment.

<http://www.fedweek.com/item-view.php?tbl=15&ID=183&a=b>

"Combating the Insider Threat" (PDF):

http://www.us-cert.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Combating%20the%20Insider%20Threat_0.pdf

U.S. Acts Quickly as New Virus Hits

The man arrived at the hospital with a fever and a bad cough. Relatives accompanied him through the doors, beneath the red neon sign reading "Emergency." It looked like pneumonia, but when doctors at Community Hospital learned

that the patient was a health care worker in Saudi Arabia, they began suspecting something more sinister. Swabs from the man's nose and mouth confirmed it: The United States had its first case of a new and often deadly ailment called MERS, or Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, and health experts were facing a medical drama that all of them had anticipated but none of them ever hoped to see.

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/health/US-Acts-Quickly-New-Virus-Hits.html>

Actions Are Underway, but Federal Fiscal Exposure Highlights the Need for Continued Attention to Longstanding Challenges

In ongoing work on federal resilience efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, GAO identified three high-level actions that demonstrated an intensified federal focus on incorporating resilience-building into the recovery.

- The President issued an executive order to coordinate the recovery effort and created a task force that issued 69 recommendations aimed at improving recovery from Sandy and future disasters—including recommendations designed to facilitate resilient rebuilding.
- Congress appropriated about \$50 billion in supplemental funds for multiple recovery efforts, including at least five federal programs that help support resilience-building efforts. One of these, FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), is the only federal program designed specifically to promote mitigation against future losses in the wake of a disaster; while, another, the Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program made more than \$4 billion available for transit resilience projects.
- The Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013 provided additional responsibilities and authorities related to FEMA's mitigation and recovery efforts. In response, FEMA has undertaken efforts to make HMGP easier for states to use—for example by streamlining application procedures. The act also provided additional authorities for FEMA to fund hazard mitigation with other disaster relief funds and required FEMA to provide recommendations for a national strategy on reducing the cost of future disasters to Congress, which FEMA finalized in September 2013.

For the purposes of this statement GAO reviewed studies that discuss resilience building and climate change adaptation and identified examples efforts at the state and local levels that illustrate a variety of nonfederal initiatives that may drive communities to build resilience. For example, a nonprofit group is creating report cards to assess the resilience of a building to earthquakes and plans to extend these efforts to wind and flood risk. In some localities public-private partnerships have helped promote efforts to buy properties that were at risk from repeat losses.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-14-603T>

<http://www.gao.gov/assets/670/663179.pdf>

National Rip Current Awareness Week (June 1-6)

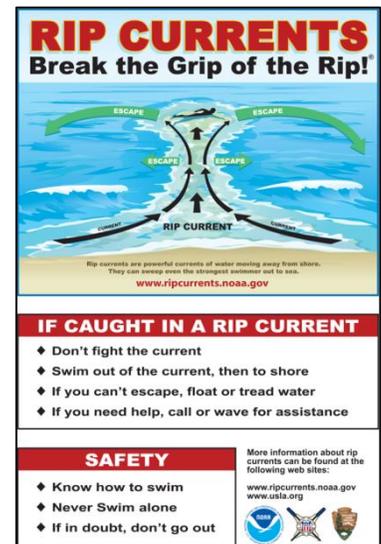
Rip currents are strong narrow currents moving away from shore. The strongest rip currents can attain speeds reaching 8 feet per second; this is faster than an Olympic swimmer can sprint. On average, more people die every year from rip currents than from shark attacks or lightning. According to the United States Lifesaving Association, 80 percent of surf beach rescues are attributed to rip currents, and more than 100 people die annually from drowning in rip currents.

www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov

Poster (PDF): http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov/signs/rip_signs-r.pdf

Building Safety Month

This May, FEMA supported the 34th Annual Building Safety Month (BSM) to promote the importance of high building standards, protecting the environment and saving energy. BSM is a public awareness campaign founded by the International Code Council (ICC). The campaign focused on public outreach and education to increase the overall safety and sustainability of buildings through the adoption of model building codes and promotion of code enforcement. An array of theme-related community events, safety demonstrations and educational outreach activities take place during BSM. The overarching theme of BSM was "Building Safety: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks." For the fourth consecutive year, President Obama proclaimed May as National Building Safety Month to underscore that safe building codes and standards have an essential role in decreasing the effects of disasters. As is articulated in



Presidential Policy Directive/ PPD-8, National Preparedness, as well as PPD-21, Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience, building safety, fire prevention, and energy codes and standards help achieve disaster resilience for our nation. For more information on FEMA's Building Science Branch, visit <http://www.fema.gov/building-science>. For more information on Building Safety Month, visit www.buildingsafetymonth.org.

Study: Major Tornadoes More Predictable

Significant tornadoes are more likely during multiday periods of tornado activity, according to a study from a Purdue University atmospheric sciences professor. The findings, which drew on 30 years of historical data on tornadoes in the United States, suggest that major tornadoes may be more predictable. Days with an outbreak of 20 or more tornadoes had a 74 percent chance of occurring during a period of tornado activity that spanned at least three days. Tornadoes rated EF3 or higher, on the scale from EF0 to EF5, had a 60 percent chance of occurring during those extended periods of tornado activity. Days with 20 or more tornadoes and tornadoes rated EF3 or higher were also slightly more likely to occur in the latter half of multiday periods of tornado activity. The study appeared in the April issue of "Monthly Weather Review," a journal published by the American Meteorological Society. Some of the deadliest U.S. tornadoes in recent years – including those in Moore, Oklahoma; Joplin, Missouri; and Tuscaloosa, Alabama – struck during multiday periods of tornado activity. For more download the study, "On the Significance of Multiple Consecutive Days of Tornado Activity" at <http://journals.ametsoc.org/doi/pdf/10.1175/MWR-D-13-00347.1> <http://www.fiercehomelandsecurity.com/story/study-major-tornadoes-more-predictable/2014-05-19>

Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN)

Get emergency alerts by email, as well as by text or pager. Sign up at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean. Businesses can also register up to five people in their organizations – such as security officers – who can receive alerts and then share that information with their workforce.

FBI Announces Child Safety Tips

In observance of National Missing Children's Day on May 25, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Washington Field Office is sharing tips on how to keep kids safe and information about how the FBI investigates instances of child abduction and exploitation. To help in child abduction recoveries, the FBI has developed the Child ID app, which provides an effective way for parents and guardians to keep their child's pictures and information on hand in case he or she goes missing. The app also includes safety tips for parents to help keep their kids out of harm's way. The app is free, and, in the event a child goes missing, parents and guardians can quickly e-mail the photos and information to authorities. No information about you or your child will be collected or stored by the FBI. To download the Child ID app, go to iTunes Apps Store on your iPhone or Play Store on your Android phone. In addition, remember to stay alert, informed and focused about personal-security issues. Being available and taking time to really know and listen to your children helps build feelings of safety and security. Be sure your child knows what to do in case of an emergency and how to reach you by phone. Children should have a trusted adult, whom you know, to call if they are scared or there is an emergency. In addition to these safety tips, the FBI has developed tips for employers who are hiring for summertime positions that have interaction with children. These tips along with the FBI's "Parent's Guide to Internet Safety" (<http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/parent-guide>) can be found by visiting the FBI's website www.fbi.gov/summersafety. <http://www.fbi.gov/washingtondc/press-releases/2014/fbi-announces-child-safety-tips>



MEDIA ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Report Faults Communication in Dorner Manhunt

Communication and coordination problems between at least a half dozen regional law enforcement agencies impeded efforts to stop cop-turned-killer Christopher Dorner and possibly endangered lives during his 10-day revenge mission across Southern California last year.

<http://www.officer.com/news/11443588/report-faults-communication-in-dorner-manhunt>

U.S. Forecasters Predict Slow Hurricane Season

Federal forecasters are expected to predict a slower than usual hurricane season this year. Experts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will gather in New York today to release the agency's outlook for the six-month storm season that officially begins June 1

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_HURRICANE_FORECAST?SITE=VADAR&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

Annapolis Residents Defend Emergency Management Position

The terrorist attacks of Sept., 11, 2001. The flooding of New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina and the Annapolis earthquake from 2011. These were some of the disasters cited during public testimony in front of the Annapolis City Council Monday as reasons to keep the position of city deputy director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Risk Management. “We are home to the Naval Academy, the state government,” said Gary Simpson, a former Annapolis police officer and director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Risk Management. “We are very vulnerable here.” Thirty-one people testified on the city’s proposed fiscal 2015 budget. Issues long-debated during the two-month budget process – such as the proposed \$500,000 increase in personal property tax revenue and increased parking fees – went mostly unaddressed during the meeting. Instead, testimony mostly centered on the elimination of the deputy director position and the proposed cancellation of bus routes. Allen Posey is the deputy director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Risk Management. The position would be eliminated in the budget proposed by Mayor Mike Pantelides and recommended by the council’s Finance Committee. About 10 people testified on the need to keep Posey’s position, citing his grant-writing ability and the need for a second director during potential emergencies. The testimony also cited the need to keep the multiagency radio channel in the budget. Simpson, a professor at Anne Arundel County Community College, said Annapolis needs to prepare for a possible attack.

http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/annapolis/annapolis-residents-defend-emergency-management-position-bus-routes/article_c29c5af6-a808-59ac-9425-ccd3de269edd.html



Flood Disaster Sparks Idea for Bike-powered Emergency Response

Jim Turner was stranded by floods last September. Neighbors were borrowing his small generator to charge phones. Roads were washed out, passable only on foot and bike. In the chaos, the Boulder creator of the popular Optibike electric bicycle sparked on an idea: a bike-pulled, emergency-response trailer that could swiftly bring help to people stranded by natural disaster. It would have batteries to charge electronics and filters to clean water, and it could, in a pinch, even extract injured people. Earlier this month, Turner’s ad hoc research design team presented potential ideas for the development of an emergency-response trailer that could convert his high-performance, off-road electric bikes into rescue vehicles. The innovative ideas flowed from two dozen Metropolitan State University of Denver industrial design students who worked in teams to develop concept designs for Turner's Bicycle Emergency Response Trailer, or BERT. They proposed solar panels on the trailer to charge batteries that feed phones, emergency lights and the off-road Optibike. Removable battery packs provided mobile charging stations. On-board filters clean water. The trailer unfolds into a table, creating a workspace for emergency crews. Integrated tents provide weather protection. Modular drawers and bins hold medical supplies, electronics and equipment. Trailer walls become stretchers.

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http://www.denverpost.com/business/ci_25780432/flood-disaster-sparks-idea-bike-powered-emergency-response

Mock Attacks Test Emergency Response in Montgomery

The mock disaster at the South Germantown Recreational Park assumed the outdoor stadium was full of spectators watching a soccer tournament. It also assumed that the nearby indoor Discovery Center was packed with volleyball fans. In the exercise, responders dealt with 54 volunteer victims and 20 inflatable dummies. A terrorist triggers four explosions in the stadium stands, inflicting shrapnel injuries and burns on victims, while other people flee into the Discovery Center, where another terrorist has released a nerve gas, creating a lethal bottleneck at the front entrance.

<http://www.gazette.net/article/20140509/NEWS/140509137/1261/mock-attacks-test-emergency-response-in-montgomery&template=gazette>

What You Need to Know About Texting 9-1-1

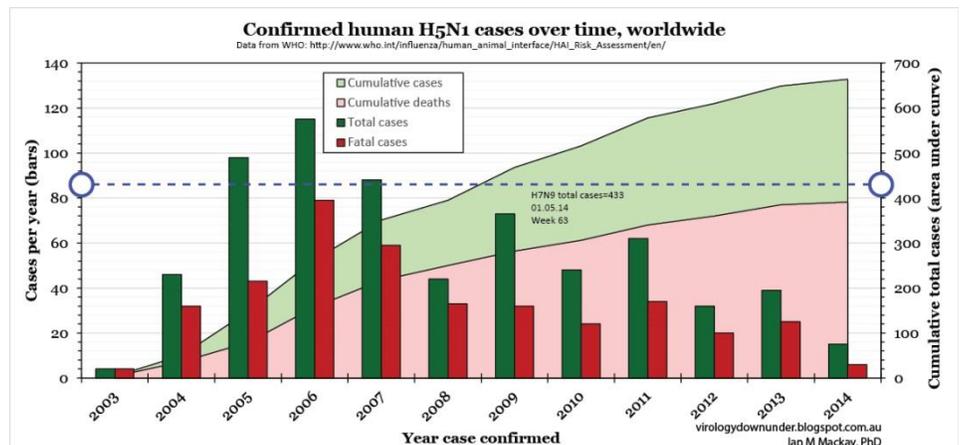
Wireless carriers are giving Americans in emergencies a new way to reach 911: by text message. The Federal Communications Commission program, which is scheduled to have a national rollout by the end of the year, began debuting this month in various parts of the country. Here's what you need to know.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-switch/wp/2014/05/15/what-you-need-to-know-about-texting-911/>

FLU

H5N1 Versus H7N9

These avian influenza A(H5N1) virus numbers have been curated since 2003 when the World Health Organization started an official tally. To that chart I've added where the current total number of laboratory confirmed human cases of infection by avian influenza A(H7N9) virus sits on the accumulating case tally (the green area-under-the-curve line). This blue dashed line highlights what we've heard before; H7N9



cases are piling up faster than H5N1 cases did. From 2003 it took H5N1 human cases nearly 6-years to reach the 430-ish mark; it's taken H7N9 about 61 weeks.

<http://virologydownunder.blogspot.com.au/2014/05/h5n1-versus-h7n9.html>

1918 Pandemic Flu Virus Mystery Solved

University of Arizona researcher Michael Worobey and his team have discovered that the key to understanding influenza pandemics may lie in flu exposure during childhood. Just as the world was recovering from the devastation of the First World War, another killer swept across the globe. A deadly flu virus attacked more than one-third of the world's population, and within months had killed more than fifty million people – three times as many as the war – and had done it more quickly than any other illness in recorded history. Until now, the origin of the 1918 pandemic flu virus and its unusual severity have vexed health experts. A UA release reports that a new study, led by Michael Worobey, professor in the University of Arizona Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology within of the College of Science, not only sheds light on the devastating 1918 pandemic, but could also improve vaccination strategies, and pandemic prevention and preparedness.

<http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20140430-1918-pandemic-flu-virus-mystery-solved>

Benefits of Flu Vaccination

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccination as the first and most important step in protecting against flu and its potentially serious complications. Millions of people have safely received flu vaccines for decades. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations and deaths. Recent studies by CDC researchers and other experts indicate that flu vaccine reduces the risk of doctor visits due to flu by approximately 60 percent among the overall population when the vaccine viruses are like the ones spreading in the community. A flu vaccination does not guarantee protection against the flu. Some people who get vaccinated might still get sick. However, people who get a flu vaccine are less likely to get sick with flu than someone who does not get vaccinated.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/general/flu-vaccine-benefits.pdf>

Sichuan Man Dies in First Human Case of H5N6 Bird Flu

A 49-year-old man in Sichuan has died of H5N6 bird flu in the first known human infection of the strain in the world. The man from Nanchong, Nanbu county, had been in contact with dead poultry that had the disease, said China News Service. He died after being diagnosed with acute pneumonia. Citing an online county government statement, Sichuan's provincial news portal reported that the man had become seriously ill by April 22, but it was not clear when he first showed symptoms or died. A sample from chickens raised by a farmer in Nanbu tested positive for bird flu on April 23. The strain was confirmed to be H5N6 by the National Avian Influenza Reference Laboratory. Though all mainland chickens should be immunized with the H5N1 vaccine, the H5 of this H5N6 may be very different from the H5 of the H5N1 vaccine, so outbreaks could still happen, Yuen said. It was also possible the vaccine had been poorly administered or not given at all. Last year three types of bird flu – H7N9, H10N8 and H6N1 – infected humans for the first time, all in China. About one-fifth of the 419 cases of H7N9 infections proved fatal. Two people contracted H10N8, while a woman in Taiwan who was infected with H6N1 bird flu recovered.

<http://www.scmp.com/news/china/article/1506142/sichuan-poultry-farmer-confirmed-dead-new-bird-flu-strain-h5n6>

Pediatric Anthrax Clinical Management

Anthrax is a zoonotic disease caused by *Bacillus anthracis*, which has multiple routes of infection in humans, manifesting in different initial presentations of disease. Because *B. anthracis* has the potential to be used as a biological weapon and can rapidly progress to systemic anthrax with high mortality in those who are exposed and untreated, clinical guidance that can be quickly implemented must be in place before any intentional release of the agent. This document provides clinical guidance for the prophylaxis and treatment of neonates, infants, children, adolescents, and young adults up to the age of 21 (referred to as “children”) in the event of a deliberate *B. anthracis* release and offers guidance in areas where the unique characteristics of children dictate a different clinical recommendation from adults.

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2014/04/22/peds.2014-0563.full.pdf>

Fairfax County Pandemic Flu Preparedness

Be sure to visit the county's flu Web page for information and news on flu and flu preparedness.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/flu>



TRAININGS / EXERCISES / CONFERENCES

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16th Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium

June 2-5; Emmitsburg, Md.

This symposium is primarily for representatives of colleges and universities that: (a) have an existing hazard, disaster, and/or emergency management (EM) program in place; or (b) are attempting to develop and implement a hazard, disaster, and/or EM program on their campuses (e.g., a degree, certificate, minor, or concentration).

<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/edu/educonference14.asp>

2014 MCMI's Regulatory Science Symposium

June 2-3; Silver Spring, Md.

FDA's Medical Countermeasures initiative (MCMi) sponsors an annual Regulatory Science Symposium to exchange ideas on MCM development; highlight work on regulatory science as it applies to developing and advancing MCMs; facilitating innovative directions; and informing stakeholders on MCM-related scientific progress and achievements.

<http://www.fda.gov/EmergencyPreparedness/Counterterrorism/MedicalCountermeasures/AboutMCMi/ucm297337.htm>

12th Annual Emerging Infectious Diseases + Biodefense Vaccines, Therapeutics & Diagnostics Summit

June 4-6; Washington, D.C.

For companies looking to work with the government and participate in the development, manufacturing and delivery of needed vaccines, therapeutics and other medical countermeasures against CBRN agents and infectious diseases threats, this summit is the place to interact face-to-face with representatives from federal agencies tasked with protecting public health in the event of a pandemic or bioterrorist attack.

<http://infocastinc.com/events/biodefense>

D.C. Metro Cyber Security Summit 2014

June 5; McLean, Va.

The Cyber Security Summit connects senior level executives responsible for protecting their companies critical infrastructures with innovative solution providers and renowned information security experts.

http://cybersummitusa.com/css_dc/

Biodefense Technologies 2014/Sensors Global Summit 2014

June 10-11; Baltimore, Md.

Biodefense Technologies 2014 is an internationally recognized meeting for experts in detection and identification of biological threats and point-of-care analytical methods. This conference will review feedback from the end-users on biodefense and biomedical technologies, explore the cutting-edge in research and development, and commercialize efforts in the field.

http://www.knowledgefoundation.com/viewevents.php?event_id=314&act=evt#oid

CNAS Eighth Annual National Security Conference

June 11; Washington, D.C.

The CNAS 2014 Annual Conference will feature discussions on national security, cybersecurity, autonomous technologies, veterans projects, U.S. energy revolution and the rebalance towards the Asia-Pacific region.

<http://www.cnas.org/CNAS2014>

Emerging Sensor Technologies for Food Safety

June 12; Baltimore, Md.

This symposium features presentations on emerging optical, nanotechnological, spectroscopic and electrochemical technologies for pathogen detection, including label-free and high-throughput methods. Novel ligands for pathogen capture will also be examined. Benefits and challenges of these new methods and their comparison with existing techniques will be discussed. Label-free approaches and the advantages of novel bioaffinity ligands will be highlighted.

http://www.knowledgefoundation.com/viewevents.php?event_id=317

Mission Command

June 23-25; Washington, D.C.

Mission Command, previously Command and Control, is now in its 8th year and while the nomenclature has changed, so has the technology requirements. For 2014, IDGA has evolved this event to reflect this change, stay current in the market and to bring to light future capability needs and solutions by facilitating industry and end user engagement. IDGA's Mission Command will focus on improving network integration and accessibility in accordance with upcoming NIEs. We will accomplish this through exchanging strategies and methods from various test and evaluation commands, acquisition executives, tactical IT technology experts, C2 directors and international communications experts

<http://www.missioncommandevent.com/default.aspx>

AFCEA Cyber Symposium 2014

June 24-25; Baltimore, Md.

The AFCEA International Cyber Symposium will engage key players, including the U.S. Government, the International Community, Industry and Academia, to discuss the development of robust cyberspace capabilities and partnerships. The operational theme "Cyber Awakening: Protecting a Nation's Cyber Security" will explore the aspects of operational security of U.S. Government, DoD and Industry Networks, cyber cooperation among Joint and Coalition partners, and discuss the training and development of the cyber workforce.

<http://www.afcea.org/events/cyber/14/intro.asp>

Police Security Expo 2014

June 24-25; Atlantic City, N.J.

The nation's largest and longest running product showcase for law enforcement, homeland security, corporate security, private security and government professionals.

<http://www.police-security.com/>

First Responders Communication Interoperability

July 14-16; Washington, D.C.

First Responders Communication Interoperability will take an in depth look at the current and upcoming advances in technology, training, and strategy for all agencies and divisions, both civil and military, involved in disaster and emergency response. There will be hands on training workshops as well as solution oriented discussion on the current national and state level preparedness measures, current capability gaps and necessary procurements for future success.

<http://www.firstrespondersforum.com/default.aspx>

2014 TacOps East Tactical Training Conference & Expo

Sept. 3-5; Washington, D.C.

The TacOps East Tactical Training Conference and Exposition will bring together officers, trainers, vendors, and departments from across the country; providing attendees with interesting and innovative law enforcement training.

<http://www.tacopseast.com/>

ASIS International 60th Annual Seminar & Exhibits (ASIS 2014)

Sept. 29-Oct. 2; Atlanta, GA

"Succeed Today by Seeing Tomorrow," is the theme for the 2014 ASIS seminar and expo. ASIS has been at the forefront of security industry's advancement by supplying the ultimate venue for the exchange of visionary technologies, ideas, and solutions - all designed to enrich professionals practicing across the physical and logical spectrums.

<https://securityexpo.asisonline.org/Pages/default.aspx>

121st Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference

Oct. 25-28; Orlando, Fla.

IACP 2014 is the best opportunity to learn, network, and problem solve at a one-of-a-kind event dedicated specifically to law enforcement professionals. Featuring renowned keynote speakers, forums, technical workshops, and the largest exhibit hall of products and services in the law enforcement community.

<http://www.theiacpconference.org/iacp2014/public/enter.aspx>

2014 Emergency Preparedness & Hazmat Response Conference

October 26-30; Valley Forge, Penn.

The Emergency Preparedness & Hazmat Response Conference is the nation's premier all-hazards conference for emergency management, public safety and industry with quality education, training and networking. The conference offers a wide variety of trainings, workshops, tours, and an exhibit hall with the latest technology & solutions.

<http://www.emergencypreparednessconference.org/index.html>

2014 Water Infrastructure Conference

Oct. 26-29; Atlanta, GA

It's time to confront America's water infrastructure challenges. This conference will address essential water infrastructure planning and reinvestment strategies that utilities need to incorporate now. Critical infrastructure protection through comprehensive emergency preparedness efforts and enhanced security measures will also be covered.

<http://www.awwa.org/conferences-education/conferences/water-infrastructure-conference.aspx>

2014 International Facility Security Officer (iFSO) Conference

Oct. 27-31; Houston, TX

The iFSO conference will provide port facility professionals from around the country and world to share their expertise as well as current and future trends. Attendees will hear from senior Coast Guard personnel and other key partners that will deliver cutting-edge insight on regulation changes with a spotlight on exemplary facilities that are leading the way.

<http://www.fsoconference.com/>

CBRNe Convergence 2014

Oct. 28-30; Long Island, NY

The 7th Annual CBRNe Convergence Congress & Exhibition is the most important annual meeting for the global CBRNE community. Growing together, staying distinct. Creating flexible CBRNE response teams for the All Hazard threat.

<http://www.cbrneworld.com/convergence2014>

2014 IEEE Conference on Communications & Network Security

October 29-31; San Francisco, Calif.

The goal of the IEEE Conference on Communications and Network Security (CNS) is to provide an outstanding forum for cyber security researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and users to exchange ideas, techniques and tools, raise awareness, and share experience related to all practical and theoretical aspects of communications and network security.

<http://cns2014.ieee-cns.org/>

IAEM 62nd Annual Conference & EMEX 2014

Nov. 14-19; San Antonio, TX

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Annual Conference provides a forum to discuss current trends and topics, share information about the latest tools and technology in emergency management and homeland security, and advance the work of IAEM. This year's theme is "Navigating the New Normal."

<http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=events/annual-conference>

EMS Today 2015

Feb. 25-28; Baltimore, Md.

EMS Today, now in its 34th year, is a unique and stimulating experience for emergency medical services (EMS) personnel worldwide. This event offers four full days of workshops, sessions, competitions, networking and so much more!

http://www.emstoday.com/index.html#showcase_3

National Capital Region Homeland Security Events

http://www.mwcog.org/committee/committee/events_homeland.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=134

Virginia Emergency Management Courses

<http://www.vaemergency.com>

FEMA Independent Study Courses

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

American Red Cross Disaster Services Training

http://www.redcrossnca.org/Online/disaster_registration.php

LINKS

Fairfax County Web Resources

- Fairfax County Emergency Information Blog - www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/blog
- Fairfax County Emergency Information Web page - www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/
- Fairfax County CERT - <http://fairfaxcountycert.blogspot.com/>
- Fairfax County Citizen Corps Web Page - www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/
- Fairfax County Citizen Corps Blog - <http://citizencorps.blogspot.com/>

Additional Web Resources

- Capital Region Updates - www.CapitalRegionUpdates.gov
- Virginia Citizen Corps - www.vaemergency.com/citcorps/index.cfm

DHS Science & Technology Directorate Newsletter

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Science & Technology Directorate has a free newsletter, "S&T Snapshots," featuring stories about current research projects and opportunities with laboratories, universities, government agencies, and the private sector. The newsletter is produced monthly by the DHS Science and Technology Directorate in partnership with the Homeland Security Institute, a Studies and Analysis Federally Funded Research and Development Center.

<http://www.homelandsecurity.org/snapshots/>

DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report (OSIR)

The Department of Homeland Security provides a Web-based "Daily OSIR," which is posted on the DHS public Web site. Accessing the report via the Web enables readers to retrieve the current Daily Report as well as 10 days of archived DHS Daily Reports. Once you arrive at the Web page you will find the most recent Daily OSIR at the top of the page, under the title "Current Report." This report is posted each morning, except for weekends and holidays. Simply click on the title "DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report." This will launch the current days report in PDF format. You can submit content comments or make suggestions by contacting the DHS Daily Report Team by telephone at 202-312-3421 or by e-mail at NICCRports@dhs.gov. You can access the Daily OSIR

at: http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/editorial_0542.shtm.

Fairfax County Government Emergency Information Line

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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/infoline.htm

Emergency Management Magazine

<http://www.govtech.com/em/toc.php>

FEMA Private Sector

<http://www.fema.gov/privatesector/>

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Please forward this ESF 15 Business/Nonprofit Update to other contacts you have inside or outside your organization. Should someone you know like to be added to our distribution list, have them send an e-mail to jim.person@fairfaxcounty.gov and ask to be subscribed to the ESF 15 Business/Nonprofit Update.

If you have any suggestions on how to improve this update or other communications between Fairfax County and the business/nonprofit community, contact Tony Castrilli, Director of the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs, at 703-324-3187, TTY 711, or by e-mail at anthony.castrilli@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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