



# ESF 15 Business / Nonprofit Update

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR ESF 15

### **DHS Begins Collecting 10 Fingerprints at Washington Dulles International Airport**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is now collecting additional fingerprints from international visitors arriving at Washington Dulles International Airport (Dulles). The change is part of the department's upgrade from two- to 10-fingerprint collection in order to enhance security and fingerprint matching accuracy. Department of State (DOS) consular officers and DHS Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers collect biometrics – digital fingerprints and a photograph – from all non-U.S. citizens between the ages of 14 and 79, with some exceptions, when they apply for visas or arrive at U.S. ports of entry. The department's US-VISIT program checks this data against a joint Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)-DHS watch list of criminals, immigration violators and known or suspected terrorists. Watch list data comes from several sources, in particular the Department of Defense (DOD), FBI, DHS and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. Dulles became the first port of entry to collect additional fingerprints from visitors on Nov. 29. Nine other ports of entry will begin 10-fingerprint collection during the next few months, and the 278 remaining ports will begin this process by the end of 2008. This announcement is the result of an interagency partnership among DHS, FBI, DOD and DOS.

[http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr\\_1197300742984.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1197300742984.shtm)

### **SBA Disaster Loans Available**

Federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration are available to small businesses in the Commonwealth as a result of drought conditions that started May 15 and continue. Small businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply for SBA loans: Alleghany, Augusta, Bath, Bland, Clarke, Craig, Frederick, Giles, Highland, Loudoun, Rockingham, Shenandoah and Tazewell.

The SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program is available to small business concerns and small agricultural cooperatives that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this drought. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible to apply to the SBA, but nurseries are eligible to apply for losses caused by drought conditions. Interested business owners should contact the SBA Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or (800) 877-8339 for the hearing-impaired Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Loan applications are available at <http://www.sba.gov>. Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than July 7, 2008.

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<http://www.vaemergency.com/emupdate/index.cfm>

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### **Travelers Reminded of New Document Requirements Beginning Jan. 31, 2008**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of State remind the traveling public that as of Jan. 31, 2008, all adult travelers will be required to present proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate, and proof of identity, such as a driver's license, when entering the United States through land and sea ports of entry. DHS will be issuing a notice in the Federal Register formally announcing the change. Furthermore, DOS reminds the public that the current turnaround time for a passport is four to six weeks, so Americans planning international travel may wish to apply now. For information on obtaining a U.S. Passport visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) or call 1-877-487-2778.

[http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr\\_1196711811270.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1196711811270.shtm)

### **Snow Removal from Roadways**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (703-383-8368) is responsible for removing snow and ice from the thousands of miles of public roads (interstate, primary and secondary) in Fairfax County. Clearing is done on a priority basis, with interstates and high volume roads cleared first. Once the most heavily traveled roads and emergency routes are adequately clear, snow crews move to



less-traveled roads and subdivisions. Public roadways maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation can typically be identified by a route number sign (a small rectangular sign with black numbers on a white background) posted at the intersection with other streets. Please contact the Northern Virginia District Office for additional information (703-383-8368, TTY 711). For additional information and VDOT service levels see:

<http://www.virginiadot.org/about/resources/NoVa-Snow-Brochure.pdf>

### **Snow Removal from Neighborhood Sidewalks**

While not legally obligated, residents and business owners are asked to keep sidewalks safe. As soon as feasible, please clear snow off sidewalks in front of your property so that all pedestrians including school children, people with disabilities and the elderly may walk securely. Neither the Virginia Department of Transportation nor Fairfax County has the resources or ability to clear snow or ice from public walkways or trails.

### **New Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator**



Governor Timothy M. Kaine recently announced the appointment of Constance McGeorge to serve as the Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator within the Governor's Office of Commonwealth Preparedness. She succeeds Chris Essid, who has resigned to become Director of the Office of Emergency Communications within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Interoperability is the ability of emergency responders, using different communications systems, to speak to one another and share information during emergencies and disasters. McGeorge has served in the Governor's Office of Commonwealth Preparedness since 2002, most recently as Statewide Critical Infrastructure Coordinator, and has chaired the National Capital Region's Critical Infrastructure Working Group. She has also been a member of the State Interoperability Executive Committee since its creation. She has a B.A. in foreign languages from Tulane University and an M.B.A. from Auburn University. She is also a volunteer with the Goochland County Fire and Rescue Department. Her appointment is effective immediately.

<http://www.governor.virginia.gov/MediaRelations/NewsReleases/viewRelease.cfm?id=555>

### **Fact Sheet: Select Department of Homeland Security 2007 Achievements**

The fact sheet highlights Homeland Security's achievements in 2007 including protecting critical infrastructure while protecting the nation from dangerous people.

[http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr\\_1197477138027.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1197477138027.shtm)

### **Proposals Will Expand Mental Health Emergency Services**

On Friday, Dec. 14, Governor Timothy M. Kaine announced budget and legislative proposals to improve the Commonwealth's mental health system by offering care to more people who need it and enhancing the quality of those services. The Governor stood with elected officials from both parties and mental health care advocates as he unveiled a proposal that includes nearly \$42 million to hire new case managers, therapists and clinicians, improve and expand emergency services, and provide for more accountability in the system. "The tragedy at Virginia Tech in April of this year has drawn attention to our mental health care system in an unprecedented way," Governor Kaine said. "Now is the time for us to work together to make the changes and to provide the funding and the accountability our mental health system needs." Many of the Governor's recommendations are based on the report of the Virginia Tech Review Panel, released earlier this year. The Panel's report highlighted the need to strengthen the community services board system, recommending expansions for its emergency services capacity, as well as its case management capacity.

<http://www.governor.virginia.gov/MediaRelations/NewsReleases/viewRelease.cfm?id=565>

## **PLANNING / PREPAREDNESS**

### **SBA and Nationwide Launch Small Business Disaster Preparedness Guide**

The US Small Business Administration and Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company have teamed up to launch a disaster planning guide for small business owners. SBA Deputy Administrator Jovita Carranza and Nationwide's Associate Vice President for Safety Bill Windsor made the announcement during an event at the National Press Club. The 10-page guide provides information business owners need to develop an effective plan to protect customers and

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employees in the event of a disaster. The guide provides key disaster preparedness strategies to help small businesses identify potential hazards, create plans to remain in operation if the office is unusable, and understand the limitations of their insurance coverage. Hard copies of the guide will be distributed by SBA field offices, its resource partners around the country and disaster field offices. Nationwide will make additional copies available to its agents for distribution. An electronic version of the guide is available (PDF) is available at:

[http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba\\_homepage/serv\\_disprep\\_planningguide.pdf](http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba_homepage/serv_disprep_planningguide.pdf)

### **Weather Watches, Warnings and Advisories**

Are you a weather watcher? Want to keep up with the latest weather watches, warnings and advisories from the National Weather Service? Then visit this page (<http://www.weather.gov/alerts/va.html>), which contains watches, warnings and advisories that are in effect for Virginia and is usually updated about every two minutes. You can also receive the same info from the RSS feed for Virginia (<http://www.weather.gov/alerts/va.rss>).

### **Are You Ready**

“Are You Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness” is FEMA’s most comprehensive source on individual, family, and community preparedness. The guide has been revised, updated and enhanced to provide the most current and up-to-date disaster preparedness information available. “Are You Ready?” provides a step-by-step approach to disaster preparedness by walking the reader through how to get informed about local emergency plans, how to identify hazards that affect their local area, and how to develop and maintain an emergency communications plan and disaster supplies kit. Other topics covered include evacuation, emergency public shelters, animals in disaster and information specific to people with disabilities.

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

Full PDF document: [http://www.fema.gov/pdf/areyouready/areyouready\\_full.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/areyouready/areyouready_full.pdf)

Spanish version: [http://www.fema.gov/spanish/areyouready/index\\_spa.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/spanish/areyouready/index_spa.shtm)

### **Ernst & Young Report: Execs Still Disconnected from Security**

Ernst & Young recently released the results of its 10th Annual Global Information Security Survey, which polled nearly 1,300 organizations in 50 countries about security practices and concerns. The survey results suggest that businesses are improving the way information security fits within the overall risk management framework and in enabling business initiatives. The number of organizations that have either partially or fully integrated information security functions with risk management operations jumped from just 40 percent in 2005 up to 82 percent this year. Six out of 10 organizations also noted that information security was instrumental enabling strategic initiatives. However, consultants at Ernst & Young believe that information security is not running at optimum performance due to a lack of communication with the top of the food chain. Half of the organizations it surveyed meet with their board of directors only once a year or not at all. And 20 percent say their security departments never meet with corporate executives.

<http://www.baselinemag.com/article2/0,1540,2232264,00.asp>

### **We’re All at Risk of Attack, Cyber Chief Says**

Private industry and governments need to make cyber security a priority, no matter what the cost, in order to defeat hackers and terrorists and to keep operations running during a crisis, a federal official said. Private industry owns and operates more than 85 percent of the country’s critical infrastructures. “That means the federal government cannot address these cyber threats alone,” said Greg Garcia, the Homeland Security assistant secretary who heads the national cyber-security division. Garcia addressed the New York City Metro InfraGard Alliance blocks from the World Trade Center site attacked by terrorists Sept. 11, 2001. InfraGard is a partnership between the FBI, local law enforcement and the private sector aimed at protecting critical infrastructures, including technology systems. “You all know our adversaries will stop at nothing to destroy the infrastructures we all work so hard to protect. ... We’re all at risk, we’re all responsible and there’s much more we have to do to protect our critical systems,” Garcia said.

[http://www.govexec.com/story\\_page.cfm?articleid=38798](http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=38798)

### **Digital Footprints: Online Identity Management and Search in the Age of Transparency**

The Pew Internet Project's latest report, “Digital Footprints,” finds that 47 percent of internet users have searched for

their own name online, up from 22 percent five years ago. Yet, even as internet users are becoming more aware of their digital footprint, few monitor their online presence with great regularity. Just 3 percent of self-searchers report that they make a regular habit of it and 74 percent have checked up on their digital footprints only once or twice. Indeed, most internet users say they are not concerned about the amount of information available about them online, and most do not take steps to limit that information. Fully 60 percent of internet users say they are not worried about how much information is available about them online. Similarly, the majority of online adults (61 percent) do not feel compelled to limit the amount of information that can be found about them online.

[http://www.pewinternet.org/PPF/r/229/report\\_display.asp](http://www.pewinternet.org/PPF/r/229/report_display.asp)

### **Deck The Halls With Kits And Radios**

Searching for a helpful and fairly inexpensive holiday gift idea? Officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) suggest the gift of preparedness with a disaster kit or a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio. A fully-stocked disaster kit would make a sensible holiday gift for any family or business owner. The disaster kit should be stored in an easy-to-carry container such as a duffel bag, camping backpack or large covered trash container. It's also wise to have important papers, such as driver's license, Social Security card, proof of residence, etc., in a waterproof case or bag ready to take along. During the critical time immediately after a disaster, individuals and families need essentials such as food, fuel and cash.

FEMA urges all individuals, families and businesses to include a NOAA weather radio as part of their disaster kit.

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=41975>

## **MEDIA ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

### **Virginia Among Best-Prepared States for Health Emergencies**

Virginia has received a perfect score on a report ranking how well states have prepared for public health emergencies. Virginia was among just seven states that performed adequately in each of the 10 categories measured in the report by the Trust for America's Health, a research group. The other states that received a 10 out of 10 ranking are Illinois, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. D.C. and Maryland each scored eight out of 10 this year. The report noted Virginia would run out of hospital beds within two weeks of a moderately severe influenza pandemic outbreak. The state also lost a point last year for having a nursing staff shortage.

<http://www.wtop.com/?nid=600&sid=1312321>

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=66483>

### **Emergency Responders Face Deep Aid Cuts**

The Bush administration intends to slash counterterrorism funding for police, firefighters and rescue departments across the country by more than half next year, according to budget documents obtained by The Associated Press. The Homeland Security Department has given \$23 billion to states and local communities to fight terrorism since the Sept. 11 attacks, but one document says the administration is not convinced that the money has been well spent and thinks the nation's highest-risk cities have largely satisfied their security needs.

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory?id=3938206>

### **Study: Expanding Tropical Belt Could Affect Climate**

The Earth's tropical belt – approximately the area between the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn – has widened over the past quarter century as the planet has warmed, and could change precipitation patterns that would affect ecosystems, agriculture and water resources, according to research by a NOAA scientist and colleagues. The findings were published on Dec. 3 in the first edition of the new publication Nature Geoscience.

[http://www.noanews.noaa.gov/stories2007/20071203\\_tropicalbelt.html](http://www.noanews.noaa.gov/stories2007/20071203_tropicalbelt.html)

### **Maryland High School Teaches Homeland Security**

The nation's first comprehensive high school homeland security program, a three-year course to help kids land jobs in the growing anti-terrorism industry, is in its infancy ... at Maryland's Joppatowne High School, reports USA Today. The article notes that schools and education departments in more than a half-dozen states are interested.

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2007-12-10-homeland\\_N.htm?loc=interstitialskip](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2007-12-10-homeland_N.htm?loc=interstitialskip)

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### **Satellite System Pinpoints Firefighters in Burning Buildings**

A new tracking system to pinpoint people inside smoked-filled buildings has been developed in a move that should slash the risks faced by firefighters, reports Reuters. The Indoor Positioning System by French aerospace company Thales was aimed initially at helping fire services although it could also be used by the police and armed forces. The U.S. Homeland Security Department is also developing a 3-D locator system with L-3 Communications Corporation.  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/technologyNews/idUSL1263470020071212>

### **CPR/AED Week**

Congress has passed a bill designating the first week of June “National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Awareness Week.” The passing of this resolution shines a national spotlight on how important it is for all Americans to learn critical lifesaving skills such as how to perform CPR, how to use an AED and the need to increase public access to AEDs.  
<http://www.webwire.com/ViewPressRel.asp?aId=55109>

### **Survey Says Workers Ignore Security Policies**

It’s one thing to have a companywide information security policy in place. But it’s a whole different ballgame to get employees to actually follow the policies – even those that are IT types. A startling number of technology professionals often knowingly ignore security policies or break them because they are unaware of them, according to a survey of more than 890 IT professionals by the Ponemon Institute LLC.  
[http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyId=14&articleId=9051483&intsrc=hm\\_topic](http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyId=14&articleId=9051483&intsrc=hm_topic)

### **One-Fourth of Small Business Unconcerned About Data Security**

AT&T has announced that although the majority of small businesses secure its computer systems, one-fourth (24 percent) are unconcerned about computer and online data security, and one in 10 (10 percent) has taken no action to secure their data, according to a survey conducted by AT&T Inc. Similarly, one-third (32 percent) of small businesses are unconcerned about wireless data security, and one in six (17 percent) small businesses that use wireless technology has taken no precautions against wireless threats.  
<http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=109&STORY=/www/story/12-06-2007/0004717916&EDATE=>

### **Upcoming Report Will Help Protect Businesses Against Identity Theft, Fraud**

With the holiday shopping season in full swing, banks, card issuers, and retailers, among others, are mindful of the dangers of identity theft and the importance of protecting their customers’ personal financial data. A report coming in January will help businesses and other organizations arm themselves from the theft and fraudulent use of such information. The report is being prepared by the Identity Theft Prevention and Identity Management Standards Panel (IDSP). Sponsored by the American National Standards Institute and the Better Business Bureau and spearheaded by nine leading companies, the panel has spent the past year defining a set of cross-sector standards and best practices to address this critical issue. The panel’s collective findings and recommendations will be issued on January 24. The IDSP will host a Webinar that day to formally announce the release of the report and engage key analysts and industry leaders in a roundtable discussion of the panel’s findings.  
<http://www.secprodonline.com/articles/56866/>

### **Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council Chairman Receives Award for Leadership**

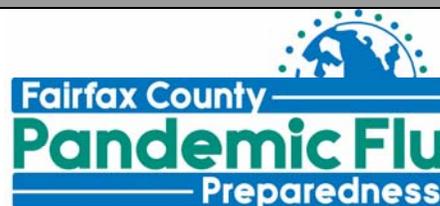
Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council Chairman Andrew S. Levy was the inaugural recipient of the Leader of the Year Award from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. Levy was presented the award at the Virginia Public Safety Outreach Conference on Nov. 14. The award recognizes leadership on a statewide level for an individual manager, coordinator or council member who exemplifies the Citizen Corps mission. Levy was given the award to recognize more than 1,000 documented hours of volunteer work in 2007. In addition to working full-time, Levy is also the creator and main contributor to the Fairfax County Citizen Corps blog, (<http://citizencorps.blogspot.com>), which has been accessed by users in 44 states and 25 countries.  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2007/268.htm>

## PANDEMIC FLU

### Fairfax County Pandemic Flu Preparedness

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

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/pandemicflu/>



### Pandemic Influenza COOP Resources Online

VDEM has created guidance to assist in continuity of operations planning for pandemic influenza. The online manual, worksheets and template focus on the efficient and effective management of expected limited human resources. The guidance manual focuses on pandemic influenza, though it can apply to scenarios involving loss of workforce from other highly communicable diseases. The worksheets help to gather the raw data needed to develop a pandemic influenza COOP annex. They can be modified to fit the needs of an agency, institution, locality or department. The template provides agencies and institutions with the basic annex itself. The template, in collaboration with the manual and worksheets, will assist in completing a cohesive and comprehensive pandemic influenza annex to a COOP plan. The pandemic influenza resources are available on VDEM's online COOP Toolkit at <http://www.vaemergency.com/library/coop/index.cfm>. In addition, VDEM has developed new resources for local governments and for institutions of higher education, also available in the COOP Toolkit.

### Bird Flu Conference Predicts Long-Term, Heavy Costs

Bird flu is a potentially lethal problem that will persist for years as the H5N1 virus strain continues to spread, pandemic experts were told in early December at the International Partnership on Avian and Pandemic Influenza conference in New Delhi, India, reports the Associated Press. "The global economic costs could be between 1.5 [and] two trillion dollars," Peter Harrold, acting Vice President of the World Bank, told the more than 600 delegates from 105 countries ... reports Agence France-Presse. "All countries need to be prepared to institute non-pharmaceutical interventions to mitigate the impact of a pandemic on communities before a vaccine is available through various forms of social distancing such as school closings, isolation and quarantine," [said] Ambassador John E Lange, [U.S.] Special Representative on Avian and Pandemic influenza, according to the Press Trust of India.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/22096732/>

### Bird-flu Expert Calls for Changes in Early Warning System

The international science community is not doing enough to track the many avian influenza viruses that might cause the next pandemic, the co-director of the \$18.5 million Center for Rapid Influenza Surveillance and Research says. The current surveillance strategy in wild birds is piecemeal and risks missing important virus sources or subtypes, the researcher wrote. He claims surveillance has focused too heavily on Europe and North America, where few wild birds are infected. More emphasis should be placed on areas where the virus is endemic, such as China, Southeast Asia and Africa, he argues. He also wrote that the "narrow focus on H5N1 misses other viruses that also pose pandemic risks," and that samples and data on viruses must be shared more promptly.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/12/071207091915.htm>

## TRAININGS / EXERCISES / CONFERENCES

### Disability and Special Needs Technical Assistance Conference

Jan. 8-9, 2008; Washington, D.C.

The Emergency Preparedness Initiative with the Homeland Defense Journal, will co-host the Disability and Special Needs Technical Assistance Conference Jan. 8-9, 2008, at the Capitol Hilton in Washington, D.C. The conference will provide technical assistance on aspects of emergency management planning and response for people with disabilities and special needs. Information provided will be applicable to the workplace, and private businesses as well as large corporations must have considered and implemented preparedness plans that meet the needs of their employees. This conference will bring together experts to discuss challenges in planning for vulnerable populations.

<http://www.governmenthorizons.org/emergency-preparedness-and-response08.htm>

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### **2008 Railway Security Forum and Expo**

Jan. 28-29, 2008; Arlington, Va.

Speakers and panels will cover resiliency, emergency preparedness, lessons from tragedy and handling major events, security funding, intelligence sharing, and security for infrastructure, rolling stock and hazmats. Security technology vendors will host tabletop exhibits. The conference runs concurrently with Maritime & Port Security 2008.

[http://www.railwayage.com/conference1.html#\\_About](http://www.railwayage.com/conference1.html#_About)

### **Maritime & Port Security 2008**

Jan. 28-29, 2008; Arlington, Va.

Speakers and panels will cover container security, scanning, seafarers as a link in the maritime security chain, and more. Security technology vendors will host tabletop exhibits. The conference runs concurrently with the 2008 Railway Security Forum and Expo.

<http://www.marinelog.com/PDF/msecbroch.pdf>

### **Medical Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties**

March 9-14; Aberdeen and Ft. Detrick, Md.

This course is conducted by the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense. It is designed for Medical Corps and Nurse Corps officers and physician assistants, Medical Service Corps officers, and other selected medical professionals. It comprises classroom, laboratory, and field training.

[https://ccc.apgea.army.mil/courses/in\\_house/BrochureMCBC.htm](https://ccc.apgea.army.mil/courses/in_house/BrochureMCBC.htm)

### **EMS Today Conference & Expo**

March 25-29; Baltimore. Md.

The conference offers numerous workshops for emergency medical services personnel, covering the latest clinical advances and treatment protocols; many workshops are good for continuing education credits. Exhibits will display the newest EMS equipment.

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

### **Field Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties**

March 31-April 4; Aberdeen, Md.

This course is conducted by the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense. It is designed for Medical Service Corps officers and noncommissioned officers in medical or chemical specialties. It comprises classroom, laboratory, and field training.

[https://ccc.apgea.army.mil/courses/in\\_house/brochureFCBC.htm](https://ccc.apgea.army.mil/courses/in_house/brochureFCBC.htm)

## LINKS

### **Disaster Help**

DisasterHelp.gov is a Web site of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that provides current updates and news and disasters across the country, disaster assistance information and resources. There is a news section as well as helpful articles on various threats and how to respond to them.

<http://www.disasterhelp.gov/start.shtm>



### **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/>

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### **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 continue to submit content comments or make suggestions by contacting the DHS Daily Report Team by telephone at 202-312-5389 or by e-mail at [NICCRports@dhs.gov](mailto:NICCRports@dhs.gov). You can access the Daily OSIR at: [http://www.dhs.gov/xinfoshare/programs/editorial\\_0542.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xinfoshare/programs/editorial_0542.shtm).

### **Fairfax County Government Emergency Information Web Page**

The county’s emergency information page features easy navigation and a clean look so that residents can easily find emergency information.

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/)

### **Fairfax County Government Emergency Information Line**

The emergency information line features up to three pre-recorded emergency preparedness messages, and is answered during normal business hours and 24/7 in an activation during an emergency incident.

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/infoline.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/infoline.htm)



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If you have any suggestions on how to improve this update or other communications between Fairfax County and the business/nonprofit community, please contact Merni Fitzgerald, Director of the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs, at 703-324-3187, TTY 711, or by e-mail at [merni.fitzgerald@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:merni.fitzgerald@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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