



# ESF 15 Business / Nonprofit Update

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR ESF 15

### **Feb. 10 State of Emergency; Fairfax County and Northern Virginia Respond**

Gov. Tim Kaine declared a state of emergency on Feb. 10 in response to wildfires spread by high winds. The fires burned more than 10,000 acres in 61 localities. The governor authorized the activation of Virginia National Guard personnel and equipment to assist with fighting the wildfires. The Virginia Department of Forestry coordinated firefighting response efforts. In addition to spreading fires, high winds knocked down trees and power lines, causing widespread power outages. The State Corporation Commission reported more than 100,000 power outages during the period of highest winds. VDEM coordinated the response to local requests for assistance. In response to those fires, Northern Virginia first responders – from the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William – formed a task force and dispatched personnel and equipment to Louisa County, Va., to assist in battling a 500-acre brush fire. Prince William County Fire Department was already on the ground and joined the Northern Virginia task force. Personnel from the Northern Virginia task force responded to several fires throughout the evening. The Northern Virginia coordinated response was the result of a request from Louisa County, as part of the commonwealth's system of statewide mutual aid. In addition, the governor's office had declared a state of emergency in the area. The Northern Virginia fire task force deployed:

- Arlington County: one engine company, with four personnel.
- Fairfax County: a battalion chief, a communications officer, a fuel truck with two personnel, tanker truck and a brush truck.
- Loudoun County: two brush trucks, one tanker truck and a deputy fire chief; a total of seven personnel, both career and volunteer.
- Prince William County: a brush truck, engine and the volunteer fire chief from the Gainesville District Volunteer Fire Department, and an engine from the Nokesville District Volunteer Fire Department.

The Northern Virginia jurisdictions have joined forces to respond to a number of major incidents, including the Pentagon response on Sept. 11, 2001, and Hurricane Katrina.

### **Governor Kaine Calls Attention to Statewide Spring Burning Ban**

Governor Tim Kaine reminds residents and businesses of Virginia's annual spring fire season burning ban. The spring fire season, as defined by state code, began Feb. 15 and continues until April 30. During this period, the Commonwealth's "4 p.m. Burning Law" prohibits outdoor burning before 4 p.m. each day. Violation of the law is a Class 3 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500. Debris burning remains the number one cause of fires in Virginia. Anyone doing so should comply with the 4 p.m. burning ban, any local restrictions, and exercise proper caution to ensure their fire is safe and contained. In addition to any fines for violating the fire laws, anyone who allows a fire to escape is liable for the potentially significant costs of suppressing that fire.

<http://www.governor.virginia.gov/MediaRelations/NewsReleases/viewRelease.cfm?id=610>

### **Fairfax County Debris Management Plan Approved by FEMA**

FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, has approved the Fairfax County Debris Management Plan, making Fairfax County only the third jurisdiction in Virginia to receive FEMA approval, following the city of Chesapeake and Hanover County. The approval is part of FEMA's Public Assistance Pilot Program, a voluntary program that recognizes plans that meet FEMA's stringent requirements and rewards those jurisdictions by allowing them access to additional federal funds for eligible disaster debris cleanup costs.

*"Fairfax County is certainly not immune to the effects of natural disasters," said Joyce M. Doughty, director of Solid Waste Disposal and Resource Recovery. "In three of the last five years, Fairfax County has experienced major disasters including hurricane Isabel in 2003, a tornado in Pleasant Valley and Country Club Manor in 2004, and the flooding of our Huntington community in 2006. FEMA's approval of our debris management plan will allow us to recover more of the costs incurred as we work to efficiently and*

*expeditiously remove debris and restore the county's infrastructure in the wake of such disasters."*

Debris removal is a major component of most disaster recovery operations and can extend for months or even years past the actual disaster. Building materials and green waste, such as trees and shrubs, make up most of the volume of disaster debris. Over the past five years the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) Solid Waste Management Program has managed more than 3,000 tons of debris left by these three major disasters. The Solid Waste Management Program submitted the county's debris management plan for consideration under FEMA's Public Assistance Pilot Program in November 2007, and received approval in December. The county's new plan also will support regional debris management efforts. Fairfax County has signed a Mutual Aid Agreement for emergency support in the National Capital Region (NCR), and was the first jurisdiction to agree to the plan for regional debris management assistance. The NCR also has conducted debris removal exercises involving local, state and federal governments.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2008/024.htm>

### **Virginia Receives High Scores on Emergency Preparedness**

Governor Tim Kaine has announced that Virginia scored high marks from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the state's ability to manage public health emergencies. Virginia scored 97 out of a possible 100 for its readiness to quickly distribute lifesaving medicines and medical supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile to the site of a natural or man-made disaster anywhere in the state. Virginia's goal is to redistribute the medicines and supplies received from the Strategic National Stockpile to local communities within 12 hours. The types of medicines included in community-bound packages include antibiotics, chemical antidotes, intravenous supplies and airway management supplies. Virginia also scored high on measures related to disease detection and investigation as well as the ability of the public health laboratory to rapidly identify biological and chemical agents. For more information on Virginia's readiness to deal with emergencies visit the Virginia Department of Health's Web site at

[www.vdh.virginia.gov](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov).

<http://www.governor.virginia.gov/MediaRelations/NewsReleases/viewRelease.cfm?id=612>

### **VDEM Launches YouTube Channel**

Continuing the Commonwealth's public-private partnership with Google, VDEM has launched the "VAEmergency Channel" on YouTube.com at <http://www.youtube.com/user/VAEmergency>. The site provides public service announcements from Gov. Tim Kaine and has the potential to provide critical information to the public during emergencies. Other Virginia government organizations building their own YouTube.com channels include Old Dominion University, Roanoke County, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Virginia Tourism Authority and the Library of Virginia.

### **Fairfax County Establishes Presence on Social Networking Sites**

In an effort to spread its message to a wider and younger audience, Fairfax County has created official pages on [MySpace](#) and [Facebook](#) (personal account required to view page) and is working to create a presence on YouTube as well. The sites will contain the same information that is currently available from the county on its Web site and other mediums, and also will include photos, videos and event notifications.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=7901829756>

MySpace: <http://www.myspace.com/fairfaxcountygovernment>

### **TSA Starts Airport-Security Blog**

The federal government wants to hear – or at least read – your gripes at the 'Evolution of Security' blog the Transportation Security Administration, reports the Associated Press. But the blog, at <http://www.tsa.gov/blog>, is getting a rather 'blah' response from aviation analysts and passenger advocates who say it will do little to improve process or perception.... In the blog's initial post, TSA Administrator Kip Hawley said the goal is to provide a forum for the agency to explain why travelers must go through certain steps at checkpoints since interaction at airports is often harried and halted, resulting in "feedback and venting ... circulating among passengers with no real opportunity for us to learn from you or vice versa."

<http://www.cnn.com/2008/TRAVEL/01/31/tsa.blog.ap/index.html>

### **Business Resumption Safety Tips from the American Society of Safety Engineers**

To help businesses resume operations safely after a natural disaster, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) has written a business resumption checklist. First among the items on the list – employee communications.  
<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0551.htm>

### **DHS Publishes Details of Fiscal Year 2008 Preparedness Grants**

In Fiscal Year 2008, the Department of Homeland Security will award more than \$3 billion in grants to states, territories, urban areas, and transportation authorities under 14 programs to bolster national preparedness capabilities and protect critical infrastructure. Fiscal year 2008 grant programs provide \$376.3 million over last year to enhance the US's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies. This includes the Department's two largest grant programs: the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) totaling \$1.69 billion and the Infrastructure Protection Program (IPP) totaling \$852.4 million.  
[http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr\\_1201882312614.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1201882312614.shtm)

### **U.S. Department of Homeland Security Advances HSPD-12 Efforts**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recently announced that it will further advance the department's Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12) goals by awarding contracts to BearingPoint of McLean, Va.; EDS of Herndon, Va.; and XTec, Incorporated of Reston, Va. The three five-year contracts have a total potential value of approximately \$180 million. The three contracts will support the execution of core services for HSPD-12 implementation and support the issuance of compliant cards for DHS employees and contractors across the department. Each vendor will be required to provide services and equipment to issue Personal Identity Verification cards that meet performance, security, and operational standards. HSPD-12 calls for a mandatory, government-wide standard for secure and reliable forms of identification issued by the federal government to its employees and employees of federal contractors for access to federally-controlled facilities and networks.  
[http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr\\_1203977221837.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1203977221837.shtm)

## **PLANNING / PREPAREDNESS**

### **American Red Cross Launches Emergency Response Center**

The nation's workplaces have been found to have a positive influence on the disaster preparedness of individuals. According to a recent poll conducted by the American Red Cross and Council for Excellence in Government, businesses played a key role in increasing individual preparedness. Workplaces that have an emergency response plan and practice the plan are more likely to have employees who have taken steps to prepare themselves and their families for a potential disaster or emergency. To support the preparedness actions of workplaces and individuals, the American Red Cross developed the Emergency Response Center, a first-of-its-kind, cost-effective response station. The new Emergency Response Center is composed of 26 specialized emergency packs and is designed for employees to have instant access to the packs chosen by their employer as well as, a fully stocked first aid cabinet. The specialized emergency supply packs can be displayed in a wall-mounted racking system that can be scaled to meet the size and needs of any organization, making it an effective way for employers to provide protection to their most important assets – their employees.

[http://www.redcross.org/pressrelease/0,1077,0\\_314\\_7491,00.html](http://www.redcross.org/pressrelease/0,1077,0_314_7491,00.html)

### **U.S. Associations Working on Preparedness Framework**

A new federal law calling for the creation of a voluntary private sector preparedness standards program has resulted in the collaboration between ASIS International, the Disaster Recovery Institute International, the National Fire Protection Association, and the Risk and Insurance Management Society Inc., to prepare a report in response to the homeland security legislation. An interdisciplinary team from the four organizations combined their expertise and perspectives to develop a mechanism to address verifiable private sector preparedness called for in the new homeland security law "Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007." The interdisciplinary team's conclusions and recommendation have been released in a report titled "Framework for Voluntary Preparedness."

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news03752.htm>

### **Operation Cardinal Freeze**

On March 20, VDEM will hold Operation Cardinal Freeze, a tabletop exercise that will explore the Commonwealth's response to widespread power outages and blocked roads during a severe winter storm. Participants will assess standard operating procedures for emergency operation center management, emergency public information and warning, and sheltering impacted communities. Participants will include emergency managers, the National Weather Service, the American Red Cross, power cooperatives and Dominion Virginia Power, and nearly 30 state agencies.

<http://www.vaemergency.com>

## **MEDIA ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

### **Maryland County Abolishes Homeland Security**

Maryland's Montgomery County has decided to abolish its Department of Homeland Security amidst a nationwide trend of counties focusing on an all-hazards approach to emergency preparedness. In an article on the Gazette.net Web site, C. Benjamin Ford says that while the county must still make final approval before dismantling the department, county executive Isiah Leggett said he will shift the duties of the county's Homeland Security Department to a new Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Mike Selves, former president of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), told Ford that in the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, many counties had formed homeland security departments to receive homeland security grants from the federal government and for administration and coordination purposes. However, Selves pointed out that, "the homeland security dollars are drying up so there should be some consolidating of services, and I'm not sure that's a bad thing. It really doesn't matter what the hazard is, whether a terrorist attack or a tornado, it requires a coordinated response. The bottom line is if your house is destroyed, you don't care if it was destroyed by a terrorist or a tornado or an earthquake, you want someone there to help." Rocky Lopes, project manager for homeland security at the National Association of Counties in Washington, told Ford the change probably won't change how the county responds to emergencies. "It sounds harsh to say it's going to be abolished, like it's going away and never going to be done again," Lopes told Ford. "But they're not doing away with the functions. They're just changing how it is structured and who they report directly to."

[http://www.gazette.net/stories/022208/polinew200637\\_32365.shtml](http://www.gazette.net/stories/022208/polinew200637_32365.shtml)

### **Manassas Council OKs Federal Immigration Enforcement for Police**

The Manassas City Council unanimously authorized its police department to begin enforcing federal immigration laws. The Council's vote on Monday night, Feb. 25, authorizes police chief John J. Skinner to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Homeland Security that will give city police a broad-ranging tool to fight illegal alien criminal activity in the city. According to the city's draft memorandum, all illegal immigrants convicted of state or federal felony crimes against persons, property and society could be subject to deportation. People who commit more minor offenses including trespassing and disorderly conduct could be subject to deportation as well. This list of offenses also match those in the separate agreements that Prince William County, Manassas Park and the Prince William Sheriff's Office are negotiating with Homeland Security and are identical to the one the town of Herndon has submitted, said Skinner.

<http://tinyurl.com/27j8dm>

### **95 Percent of People are Sheep**

Have you ever arrived somewhere and wondered how you got there? Scientists at the University of Leeds believe they may have found the answer, with research that shows that humans flock like sheep and birds, subconsciously following a minority of individuals. Results from a study at the University of Leeds show that it takes a minority of just five percent to influence a crowd's direction – and that the other 95 percent follow without realizing it. The findings could have major implications for directing the flow of large crowds, in particular in disaster scenarios, where verbal communication may be difficult. The findings show that in all cases, the "informed individuals" were followed by others in the crowd, forming a self-organizing, snake-like structure.

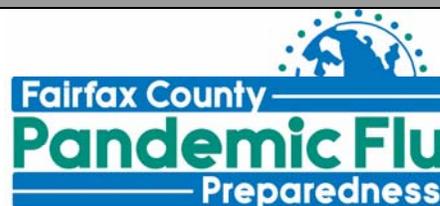
<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news03781.htm>

## 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/>



### New Light Shone on Why 1918 Flu Spread so Widely and Rapidly

MIT researchers have explained why two mutations in the H1N1 avian flu virus were critical for viral transmission in humans during the 1918 pandemic outbreak that killed at least 50 million people. The team showed that the 1918 influenza strain developed two mutations in a surface molecule called hemagglutinin (HA), which allowed it to bind tightly to receptors in the human upper respiratory tract. "Two mutations dramatically change the HA binding affinity to receptors found in the human upper airways," said Ram Sasisekharan, the Underwood Prescott Professor of Biological Engineering and Health Sciences and Technology. Sasisekharan is the senior author of a paper on the work which was published in the February 18 issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news03768.htm>

## TRAININGS / EXERCISES / CONFERENCES

### IS-800.b: "National Response Framework, An Introduction"

This newly revised, online course from the Emergency Management Institute introduces participants to the concepts and principles of the National Response Framework (NRF). This course is intended for government executives, private-sector and nongovernmental leaders and emergency managers. Those who have completed previous versions of the IS-800 course are not required to repeat the course to remain NIMS compliant, but it is recommended for those who need to implement the NRF. The course is available at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS800b.asp>.



### National Emergency Management Association Midyear Conference

March 9-13; Washington, D.C.

The conference will cover the Emergency Management Accreditation Program, Emergency Management Assistance Compacts, climate change and emergency management, and more. <http://www.nemaweb.org/?2043>

### Former Director of National Hurricane Center to Speak at Virginia Emergency Management Conference

March 11-14; Hampton, Va.

Keynote speaker Max Mayfield, WPLG-TV Hurricane Specialist and Former National Hurricane Center Director, will present during the general session on March 12 an overview of the 2007 Atlantic Hurricane Season, including impacts of the U.S. Weather Research Program's Joint Hurricane Testbed, the real meaning of hurricane watches and warnings, the need to create a culture of preparedness, a proposed national disaster network, and a process to learn from past mistakes. Immediately following Mayfield's presentation, representatives from the Dodge City National Weather Service and Kansas Homeland Security will present an overview of the weather that created last year's tornadoes in Greensburg, Kan. and the state's response efforts. The March 13 general session will feature three speakers on the bridge collapses in California and Minnesota, and one of the 20 conference breakout sessions will feature VDOT's focus on infrastructure protection in the Commonwealth. Matthew Shenk, a radio room supervisor for Lancaster County communications in Pennsylvania, will speak during the general session on March 14 about his on-scene experience at the Nickel Mines Amish School Shooting and the unique needs of the Amish community during the event. Other breakout session topics throughout the conference include understanding Islamic terrorism, search and rescue, Family Assistance Centers and debris management.

Electronic registration is available at <http://www.vemaweb.com>

### **Hospital Disaster Life Support Course**

March 12-13; May 14-15; Washington, D.C.

The ER One Institute at the Washington Hospital Center Hospital Disaster Life Support Course teaches hospital disaster management response principles for physicians, critical care and emergency nurses, physician extenders, paramedics, hospital administrators, protective services, and emergency preparedness staff. The course combines classroom discussion of all-hazards response issues with hands-on exercise simulation for conventional, chemical, and biological mass-casualty incidents. For more info, contact Rick Tappan at 202-877-4468.

[http://www.web.sitelms.org/view\\_event.php?event\\_id=2&event\\_day\\_id=17](http://www.web.sitelms.org/view_event.php?event_id=2&event_day_id=17)

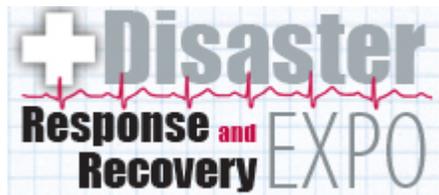


### **National Disaster Medical System Training Summit**

March 15-19; Nashville, Tenn.

This conference promotes interaction among federal, state, local, and tribal governments, the private sector, nonprofit organizations, and academia to enhance the knowledge, skills, and abilities of those involved in the management or delivery of public health and medical care during disasters. Expert faculty will discuss clinical care, public health, and disaster response.

<http://www.ndms.chepinc.org/>



### **Disaster Response and Recovery Exposition**

March 16-18; Nashville, Tenn.

Held in conjunction with the 2008 National Disaster Medical System Training Summit, the Expo gives local, state and federal public health and emergency preparedness practitioners and policy makers an opportunity to discover the latest equipment, technologies, and services.

<http://events.jspargo.com/drre08/public/enter.aspx>

### **Free Webinar on Securing Reputation**

March 18

Crises can ruin an upstanding reputation if the enterprise is not prepared to deal appropriately with the incident. A webinar, to be held on March 18, from noon to 1 pm CST, will explain why crisis communications should be part of the business resiliency program, and provide tips on what you can do before, during and after an incident to help ensure your enterprise will come out smelling like a rose.

<http://www.raconsulting.net/registration/securing.aspx>

### **Homeland Security Intelligence Workshop**

March 27-28; Arlington, Va.

This workshop explores the emerging requirements for conducting homeland security intelligence activities, focusing on practical implementation.

[http://www.homelanddefensejournal.com/hdl/Intelligence\\_Information\\_March08.html](http://www.homelanddefensejournal.com/hdl/Intelligence_Information_March08.html)



### **Hospital Security Preparedness Course**

March 31-April 3; June 2-5; Washington, D.C.

The ER One Institute at Washington Hospital Center is holding a course for hospital protective services and law enforcement. The goal is to achieve competency in handling all hazards to hospital security, from routine situations to mass-casualty incidents and terrorist attacks against the facility. Students will experience comprehensive hands-on training, live drills, and classroom instruction from faculty with extensive security and counterterrorism experience. Contact Lisa Rizzolo at 202-364-5180, ext 115.

[http://www.web.sitelms.org/view\\_event.php?event\\_id=39](http://www.web.sitelms.org/view_event.php?event_id=39)

### **Disaster Risk Management in an Age of Climate Change**

April 3; Washington, D.C.

This public workshop, organized by the National Research Council–National Academies' Disasters Roundtable, will

feature presentations by experts from the hazards, policy, and practitioner communities on key topics related to disaster risk management in the context of climate change, along with audience discussion.

<http://dels.nas.edu/dr/>

### **Situational Awareness and Crisis Communication Workshop**

June; Washington, D.C.

This workshop teaches what to consider during times of crisis and provides guidance for a seamless approach to an integrated, coordinated response in a disaster or other large-scale emergency. It focuses on information required to achieve and sustain risk-based target levels of capability and create an accurate picture of what is occurring and how to best respond, including an effective approach to understanding the emergency, communicating with the appropriate parties, responding effectively, and knowing what to do to avert the next situation.

<http://www.homelanddefensejournal.com/hdl/Situational-Awareness-Crisis-Communication.html>

### **Biodefense Graduate Program**

Year-round; Fairfax, Va.

This program at George Mason University offers MS and PhD degrees in biodefense, providing students with the knowledge and skills to assess the risks posed by natural and man-made biological threats, develop strategies for reducing these risks to national and international security, and bridge the gap between scientists and policy makers. The application deadline for the summer semester is March 15.

<http://pia.gmu.edu/grad/biod/>

## LINKS

### **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 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/xinfo/share/programs/editorial\\_0542.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xinfo/share/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**

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

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