



# ESF 15 Business / Nonprofit Update

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR ESF 15

### February to “Not Remember” – Snowmagedon 2010

In the wake of the recent snow, businesses and residents are reminded to be cautious when solicited by people offering to provide services such as repairs to roof and decks; snow clearing; car towing, etc. The Post-Disaster Anti-Price Gouging Act makes it **illegal to charge unconscionable prices for 30 days after a declared state of emergency**. This state law prohibits price gouging for “necessary goods and services” that are in demand after a disaster. These goods and services include but are not limited to water, food, ice, gasoline, generators, batteries and building materials. The law only applies during a time of disaster when either the governor or the president declares a state of emergency in Virginia. Gov. Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency on Feb. 3. For more information about filing a price-gouging complaint, contact the Fairfax County Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection at 703-222-8435. There are several steps Fairfax County residents and businesses can take as **precautions against potential flooding from the recent snowstorms**. The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services recommends:



Fairfax County Government Center on Feb. 12.  
Photo by Michael Liberman, DCCCP

- Remove snow and debris, such as trash, from the outside openings of storm drains. Do not attempt to enter a storm drain to remove debris.
- Clear areas around downspouts and roof drains so melting water has a path to flow away from buildings when the snow begins to melt. Do not attempt to access roofs to clear the snow due to the safety concerns of slipping off the roof and exposure to electrical wires. Snow and roof safety information.
- More snow and roof safety information is available on the county Web site ([www.FairfaxCounty.gov](http://www.FairfaxCounty.gov)). The Federal Emergency Management Agency also suggests:
  - Move snow on the ground away from the house. Water from snow may cause a wet basement if allowed to run down along the basement wall. If the ground is sloped one inch per foot near the house, moving the snow just three to five feet from the house will reduce problems.
  - Examine and clean sump pumps. Test by pouring water into the pit. Make sure the discharge hose carries the water several feet away from the house to a well-drained area. Also make sure that the pipe is on sloped ground so it drains to prevent it from freezing.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/prepare/winter>

### President Declares Major Disaster For Virginia

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced on Tuesday, Feb. 16, that federal disaster aid had been made available to the Commonwealth of Virginia to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas struck by severe winter storm and snowstorm during the period of Dec. 18 to Dec. 20, 2009. Federal funding is available to the Commonwealth and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe winter storm and snowstorm, including Fairfax county and the independent cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=50423>

### **Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Report**

The Department of Homeland Security delivered the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR) Report to Congress ([http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/qhsr\\_report.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/qhsr_report.pdf) - PDF, 108 pages - 949 KB) on February 1. The QHSR outlines the strategic framework to guide the activities of participants in homeland security toward a common end. Read the executive summary of the report [http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/qhsr\\_executive\\_summary.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/qhsr_executive_summary.pdf) - PDF, 4 pages - 57 KB). The QHSR is the beginning of a multi-step process. It offers a vision for a secure homeland, specifies key mission priorities, outlines goals for each of those mission areas, and lays the necessary groundwork for the subsequent steps. The next step, which is currently underway, is a bottom-up review of the Department which will align the programmatic activities and organizational structure of the Department with the strategic framework set out in the QHSR. The third and final step of this process will culminate in the Department's fiscal year 2012 budget submission.

[http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/gc\\_1208534155450.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/gc_1208534155450.shtm)

### **FEMA Advisory Council Has Openings**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has 11 seats to fill on its National Advisory Council. The council's 35 members are recognized experts and leaders in their fields. The agency is seeking emergency managers, emergency response in-patient medical providers, cyber-security experts, state elected officials and local elected officials. Applications or résumés must be received by March 6. The NAC was established to ensure effective and ongoing coordination of Federal preparedness, protection, response, recovery, mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism and other man-made disasters. The NAC assists FEMA in carrying out its missions by providing advice and recommendations in the development and revision of the national preparedness guidance, the national preparedness system, the National Incident Management System, the National Response Framework, and other related plans and strategies.

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=47421>

### **FEMA Releases Draft National Disaster Recovery Framework**

Earlier this month, the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the interagency Long Term Disaster Recovery Working Group, issued a draft of the "National Disaster Recovery Framework" —focused on engaging state, local and tribal governments, nonprofit partners, the private sector and the public to enhance the nation's ability to recovery from disasters. The interagency Long Term Disaster Recovery Working Group was established in October 2009 by President Obama and co-chaired by Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Shaun Donovan. The Long Term Disaster Recovery Working Group—comprised of more than 20 federal departments, agencies and offices—will provide President Obama with recommendations on ways to improve the capabilities of individuals, communities and the nation's economy to withstand and rapidly recover from disasters.

For more information about, visit <http://www.fema.gov/recoveryframework>. Information about the Long Term Disaster Recovery Working Group is available at <http://disasterrecoveryworkinggroup.gov>.

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=50366>

### **NFPA 1600 (2010 Edition)**

Now available online is the 2010 edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard regarding "Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs" (NFPA 1600) This document and 14 other NFPA standards and codes have been designated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as "Qualified Antiterrorism Technology under the "Support Antiterrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002." The Emergency Management and Response—Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC) reviewed a summary (<http://disaster-resource.com/newsletter/2010/subpages/v321/meettheexperts.pdf> (PDF, 314 KB) of the major improvements in organization and content found within the 2010 edition of NFPA 1600. The summary indicated that the new edition should assist Emergency Services Sector (ESS) departments and agencies in determining how the document changes will help achieve a more comprehensive and better-performing business continuity program.

NFPA 1600 – <http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/NFPA16002010.pdf> (PDF, 757 KB)

## Share Your Ideas with DHS on How to Enhance Collaboration with the Public

DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano earlier this month announced the launch of a new online public engagement tool designed to solicit input from the public on ways to enhance transparency, participation, collaboration and innovation at the Department—part of President Obama's Open Government Directive. The new online tool, available from Feb 6- March 19, allows members of the public and interested stakeholders to submit ideas and suggestions on ways DHS can enhance transparency, participation, collaboration and innovation—while saving taxpayer money.

<http://openhomelandsecurity.ideascale.com/>



### FEMA Video – Virginia Best Practices

From the FEMA video library, hear Gloucester County, Va. homeowner Bain Schultz talks about how effective her home elevation has been.

[http://www.fema.gov/medialibrary/media\\_records/1963](http://www.fema.gov/medialibrary/media_records/1963)

## Obama appoints McDonnell to the Council of Governors

Gov. Bob McDonnell will be one of 10 governors appointed to the Council of Governors. The Council, created Jan. 11 of this year by Executive Order, will work closely with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and other defense and national security advisors to exchange views, information and advice on matters of mutual interest pertaining to the National Guard, homeland defense, synchronization and integration of State and Federal military activities in the United States, and civil support activities.

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## PLANNING / PREPAREDNESS

### Current Threat Level

- The United States government's national threat level is Elevated, or Yellow.
- The U.S. threat level is High, or Orange, for all domestic and international flights. Only small amounts of liquids, aerosols and gels are allowed in carry-on baggage. See the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Web site (<http://www.tsa.gov>) for up-to-date information on items permitted and prohibited on airlines.
- Virginia Threat Level: 



Under an elevated threat level, businesses should:

- Continue all precautions from lower Threat Conditions.
- Announce Threat Condition ELEVATED to employees.
- Review vulnerability and threat assessments and revise as needed.
- Identify and monitor governmental information sharing sources for warnings and alerts.
- Update and test call down list for emergency response teams and key employees.
- Review and coordinate and update mutual aid agreements with other critical facilities and government agencies.
- Establish and monitor active and passive security measures.
- Review employee training on security precautions (bomb threat procedures, reporting suspicious packages, activities and people).
- Conduct communications checks to ensure radio contact can be established.

At this time there is no credible information warning of an imminent, specific threat to the homeland. All Americans should continue to be vigilant, take notice of their surroundings, and report suspicious items or activities to local authorities immediately. Everyone should establish an emergency preparedness kit and an emergency plan for

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themselves and their family, and stay informed about what to do during an emergency.

[http://www.dhs.gov/xinfoshare/programs/Copy\\_of\\_press\\_release\\_0046.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xinfoshare/programs/Copy_of_press_release_0046.shtm)

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

### **Business Disaster Preparedness Plan Important**

One-fourth of all businesses that close because of a disaster never reopen, according to the Institute for Business and Home Safety. But businesses that have a disaster preparedness plan – and implement it – typically have less damage, loss and downtime than those that do not. A business disaster preparedness plan should include measures to protect the organization’s staff, building, data and inventory during a damaging event. It’s critical to plan for continuing operations if the worst happens and the main business premises are unusable due to disaster damage. A sound plan typically includes a pre-identified site where the business can temporarily relocate; means to retrieve data, including employee, customer and vendor records; and a method for operating effectively with a smaller staff of key individuals. FEMA provides a step-by-step approach to emergency planning, response and recovery for companies of all sizes in its Emergency Management Guide for Business and Industry in the FEMA publication library at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov). Additional preparedness information can be found at the Department of Homeland Security's site: [www.ready.gov/business](http://www.ready.gov/business). FEMA’s Private Sector Division serves as a central point of information and collaboration between federal disaster response/recovery efforts and the private sector – businesses, associations, for-profits, academic institutions and other non-governmental organizations. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) also has a preparedness guide for businesses at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov); search for “disaster planning guide.” The Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government’s primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property.



[www.climate.gov/](http://www.climate.gov/)

### **NOAA Unveils Landmark Climate.Gov Portal to Climate Information**

At a press conference earlier this month, Commerce Secretary Gary Locke and NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco unveiled a new Web site that will serve as a single point-of-entry for NOAA’s climate information, data, products and services. This climate portal will provide information about the impacts of climate on nearly every aspect of our lives from agriculture and energy to transportation. The site is designed to be adaptable and to respond to changes in users’ needs. Users are encouraged to offer comments and feedback; web designers will continue to update the site based on that feedback. Known as the NOAA Climate Service

Portal, the site is designed to address the needs of five broadly-defined user groups: decision makers and policy leaders, scientists and applications-oriented data users, educators, business users and the public.

[http://www.noanews.noaa.gov/stories2010/20100208\\_climategov.html](http://www.noanews.noaa.gov/stories2010/20100208_climategov.html)

## **MEDIA ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

### **FEMA Seeks Social Media Contractor**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is searching for a media services company that can deliver information from disaster areas via social media and local media news outlets, according to a contract solicitation posted on the Federal Business Opportunities Web site. FEMA needs on-demand services of a media services company with experience in deploying professional broadcast transmission equipment and crews to various locations throughout the

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continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and the commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, according to the solicitation. These services will be used during pre- and post-declared federal disasters to disseminate information to the public.

<http://washingtontechnology.com/articles/2010/02/12/fema-social-media.aspx>

### **Super-size Equipment Helps D.C. Area EMTs Move the Obese**

Local paramedics and firefighters don't need to follow television shows about a half-ton teen or biggest losers to track the obesity trend. They carry that knowledge with them. Calls for patients weighing 350 pounds come daily in the District. A patient between 400 pounds and 600 pounds is part of every workweek for many crews throughout the region. Patients topping 600 pounds are transported by emergency teams every few months. Girth is a separate challenge.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/02/07/AR2010020702666.html>

### **DHS Is Three Years Behind on ID Cards**

The Homeland Security Department is nearly three years behind in getting Personal Identity Verification (PIV) cards for its employees and contractors, that according to "Federal Computer Week," citing a new report from DHS Inspector General Richard Skinner. Under Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12), the White House ordered federal agencies to issue secure federal ID cards by October 2008. DHS was granted an extension, but now expects to miss its extended deadline of December 2010.

<http://fcw.com/articles/2010/02/17/dhs-hspd12-piv-cards-inspector-general-report.aspx>

Report: [http://www.dhs.gov/xoig/assets/mgmt/rpts/OIG\\_10-40\\_Jan10.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xoig/assets/mgmt/rpts/OIG_10-40_Jan10.pdf) (1.8MB PDF)

### **National Security Project Wants Focus on Regional Preparedness**

The Homeland Security Department should set up regional staffs to deal with preparedness issues and fund their efforts directly rather than support state and local initiatives through ineffective homeland security grants, argued a study released this month by the Project on National Security Reform as reported by "Homeland Security Today." The study, "Recalibrating the System: Toward Efficient and Effective Resourcing of National Preparedness," called upon DHS and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to set up Regional Catastrophic Preparedness staffs in the national FEMA regions as an extension of the National Preparedness System. Under the proposal, state and local governments would assign personnel to the regional staffs, which would receive direct financial support from the federal government under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act Mobility program.

<http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/12179/128/>

### **U.S. Needs to Cultivate Emergency Managers**

Many colleges and universities ... now offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in emergency management and homeland security, writes Eric Holdeman in "Emergency Management" magazine. "The challenge is getting these newly minted graduates into the governmental system so they can get experience before the old guard retires. I've heard from numerous graduates from these programs who are frustrated about not being able to get hired in government positions, especially at the state and local levels." We need "entry-level positions that allow these younger people to successfully compete for and have a career path within the discipline," added Holdeman.

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Cultivating-Emergency-Managers.html>

### **Did D.C. Snowstorms Merit Disaster Status?**

The snowstorms that left hundreds of thousands of people without electricity caught everyone in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia off guard. Now the mayor of Washington D.C. is hearing he should have declared a state of emergency, as did the neighboring states. In an article on the Washington Post Web site, Tim Craig quotes Metro's emergency management chief as saying the District's response to recent snowstorms might have run smoother if the storms had been treated as a disaster or major security threat. The district's former head of emergency management, Peter LaPorte, said snowstorms were better managed under former Mayor Anthony Williams. LaPorte described himself as the former "snow czar" and says government agencies had an easier time of coordinating response efforts back then.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/02/18/AR2010021805773.html>

## 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/>

### **Lack of Paid Sick Days Let H1N1 Spread, Group Says**

Of the 26 million Americans age 18 or older who were infected by the H1N1 flu in 2009, more than a quarter of them may have contracted it from their coworkers, according to a new briefing paper from the Washington, D.C.-based Institute for Women's Policy Research. Looking at the period between September through November 2009, the researchers – using data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics – estimated that more than 7 million workers may have infected their fellow employees. This pattern was particularly prevalent among those in industries or companies with traditionally lower paying sick-day coverage.

<http://l.pr/a4bmd/>

Paper: <http://www.iwpr.org/pdf/B284sickatwork.pdf>

### **Recommended Viruses for Influenza Vaccines for 2010-2011 Northern Hemisphere Influenza Season**

The World Health Organization (WHO) has published recommended viruses for influenza vaccines for use in the 2010-2011 northern hemisphere influenza season. WHO recommends the following viruses be used for influenza vaccines in the 2010-2011 influenza season (northern hemisphere):

- An A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like virus.
- An A/Perth/16/2009 (H3N2)-like virus.\*
- A B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus.

\* A/Wisconsin/15/2009 is an A/Perth/16/2009 (H3N2)-like virus and is a 2010 southern hemisphere vaccine virus.

[http://www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/recommendations2010\\_11north/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/recommendations2010_11north/en/index.html)

### **H1N1 Pandemic Flu Update**

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), as of Feb. 14, worldwide more than 212 countries and overseas territories or communities have reported laboratory confirmed cases of pandemic influenza H1N1 2009, including at least 15,921 deaths. WHO reports that it is actively monitoring the progress of the pandemic through frequent consultations with the WHO Regional Offices and member states and through monitoring of multiple sources of information.

[http://www.who.int/csr/don/2010\\_02\\_19/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/don/2010_02_19/en/index.html)

## TRAININGS / EXERCISES / CONFERENCES

### **Cyber Threats to National Security**

March 2; Arlington, Va.

The theme is “Countering Challenges to the Global Supply Chain.” Panels will discuss “Assessing the Role, Reach, and Limits of Cyber Warfare,” “State of the Practice Securing Federal and National Supply Chains,” and “Keeping the Armed Services Supplied ‘to the Edge.’”

<http://www.usni.org/conferences/details.asp?ID=47>



### **EMS Today**

March 2-6; Baltimore, Md.

Serving the emergency services community, EMS Today provides professionals with a combination of progressive education, developed by industry experts and “Journal of Emergency Medical Services” contributors, and the latest equipment from leading manufacturers, plus live emergency medical services games.

<http://www.emstoday.com/en/?campaignid=61556778&iusercampaignid=60779786>



### **National Emergency Management Summit**

March 3-5; Washington, D.C.

This forum on medical preparedness and response to disasters, epidemics, and terrorism will cover H1N1 experience in the United States and beyond, pandemic planning and readiness, hospital surge, supply chain management, patient evacuations, tsunami warning systems, health 2.0 tools, coordinating communitywide response, crisis standards of care, and more.

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

### **4th Annual DHS University Network Summit**

March 10-12; Washington, D.C.

This year’s conference will focus on resilience, discussing what makes an individual, an economy, infrastructure, a community, and a nation resilient. Student Day is March 9.

<http://www.orau.gov/DHSSummit/>

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

March 14-19 and May 16-21; Aberdeen, Md., 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)

### **Biothreat Agent Workshop**

March 15-16; Charlotte, N.C.

The theme of the third annual workshop is “Pathogens to Policy.” Experts from academia, government, and industry will interact and share their ideas and the latest developments, providing a forum where researchers, responders, vendors, and students can discuss advances in the fight against bioterrorism.

<http://www.cleanearthtech.com/news.htm>

### **GovSec & U.S. Law**

March 23-24; Washington, D.C.

This conference provides products, strategies, tactics, education, and networking for the professionals whose mission is to secure our nation and their communities. At its core is the convergence of information technology and physical security so that attendees will be better prepared to anticipate, prepare for, prevent, and respond to domestic and international terrorism, accidental and natural disasters, and attacks on critical infrastructure.

<http://www.govsecinfo.com/Home.aspx>

### **National Hurricane Conference**

March 29-April 2; Orlando, Fla.

The purpose of the conference is to improve hurricane preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation in order to save lives and property in the United States and the tropical islands of the Caribbean and Pacific. It also is a national forum for federal, state and local officials to exchange ideas and recommend new policies to improve emergency management.

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

### **The Relevance of Risk Management and Information-Sharing to Homeland Security**

Rescheduled – Tuesday, March 30; George Mason University, Arlington, Va. campus

The conference, postponed from its original date of Feb. 10 due to several area snowstorms, will be held at the same time of day and location on the Arlington Campus of George Mason University. The conference is co-hosted by Mason's Center for Infrastructure Protection (CIP) and the Security Analysis and Risk Management Association (SARMA), and is sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). Paid registrants who are unable to attend on the alternate conference date will be eligible for a refund of their registration fees. For questions, contact Devon Hardy of the CIP program at 703-993-8591 or [dhardy1@gmu.edu](mailto:dhardy1@gmu.edu) or Liz Salice at 703-993-4840 or [ehale2@gmu.edu](mailto:ehale2@gmu.edu).

### **2010 Virginia Emergency Management Symposium**

March 31-April 2; Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, Va.

The theme will be "Heads Up: Eye-Opening Experiences and Changes in Emergency Management." The symposium will include traditional breakout workshops coupled with new training opportunities. Tentative sessions include Intro to HAZUS, WebEOC overviews, Legislative Info 101, and Legal Concerns for Emergency Managers. Visit <http://www.vemaweb.org/content/conference/> for additional information.

### **25th Annual NSI IMPACT 2010! Conference, Expo and Awareness Fair**

April 26-28; Westfields Marriott, Chantilly, Va.

IMPACT 2010 is programmed by security professionals who are confronting the same issues, worrying the same worries and wrestling with the same problems. Register online at <http://nsi.org/impact-registration.html> or call 508-533-9099.

### **Defense Industrial Base Critical Infrastructure Protection Conference**

April 26-28; Philadelphia, Pa.

This year's theme is "Risk Reduction & Mitigation in the Defense Industrial Base." The panel topics include "Critical Infrastructure Protection/Resilience Leadership," "Threats to the Defense Industrial Base," "Cyber Security Critical Infrastructure Protection and Public-Private Partnerships," "Critical Infrastructure Protection Mission Assurance Assessments," "Effective Partnerships for Homeland Defense and Security Program Implementation," "Commercial Interdependencies Risk Management," and "Defense Industrial Base Sector Involvement in Recent and Planned Exercises."

<http://www.ndia.org/meetings/0030/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Sport Event Risk Management Workshop**

DHS has identified professional and collegiate stadiums and arenas as potential targets for terrorist activity. The Sport Event Risk Management Workshop has been specially designed for NCAA institutions to help them develop university security action teams, which are composed of specialists from five distinct areas: campus police, athletic department, emergency management, fire/hazardous materials and emergency medical/health services. The workshop will be delivered to these key personnel via regional workshops; training will be available at FedEx Field in Washington, D.C., April 27-28. Emergency managers that have an NCAA institution in their areas are encouraged to participate; contact National Center for Spectator Sports Security Project Manager Nick Nabors at (601) 266-4694 or by e-mail at [nick.nabors@usm.edu](mailto:nick.nabors@usm.edu). More information about the workshop and registration are available at [www.ncs4.com/workshop](http://www.ncs4.com/workshop).

### **Save the date: Emergency Management Procurement Forum**

VDEM's Procurement Office will host the 2010 Emergency Management Procurement Forum, May 2-4, 2010, to raise awareness about being better prepared to procure goods and services during emergencies. The conference will begin with an overview and tour of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and continue with presentations and demonstrations that address Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprises Small, Woman- and Minority-owned certification, legal issues, Small Purchase Charge Cards, prequalified contracts, ethics and more. Attendees will be able to network with state and local emergency procurement personnel from all over Virginia and to see a vendor trade show. Additional details and registration will be available soon.

### **National Capital Region Homeland Security Events**

[http://www.mwcog.org/committee/committee/events\\_homeland.asp?COMMITTEE\\_ID=134](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.redcrossna.org/Online/disaster\\_registration.php](http://www.redcrossna.org/Online/disaster_registration.php)

## **LINKS**

### **Fairfax County Blogs and Web Resources**

- Fairfax County CERT - <http://fairfaxcountycert.blogspot.com/>
- Fairfax County Citizen Corps Web Page - <http://www.fairfaxcountycitizencorps.org/>
- Fairfax County Citizen Corps Blog - <http://citizencorps.blogspot.com/>
- Virginia Citizen Corps - <http://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 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**

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

### **Emergency Management Magazine**

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

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**EMERGENCY**  
**INFORMATION LINE**

**FEMA Private Sector**

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

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