



# ESF 15 Business / Nonprofit Update

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR ESF 15

### CBP, TSA Provide Reminders and Travel Tips to Summer Travelers

In anticipation of the summer travel season, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) joined efforts to provide travel tips to summer travelers. CBP and TSA recently implemented initiatives to facilitate travel while protecting the homeland against various threats. With the summer travel season rapidly approaching, the two agencies want to educate travelers about these initiatives in order to make their travel experience a more enjoyable one.

CBP reminds travelers:

- U.S. citizens traveling abroad must have approved travel documents when returning home.
- To avoid fines and penalties associated with importing prohibited items, travelers should familiarize themselves with the “Know Before You Go” section of the CBP website ([www.customs.gov/xp/cgov/travel/vacation/kbyg](http://www.customs.gov/xp/cgov/travel/vacation/kbyg)).
- Be prepared to **declare all items** acquired abroad. Travelers should prepare for the inspection process before arriving at the inspection booth and have their approved travel documents available for the inspection.
- Monitor border wait times for various ports of entry. Travelers should consult the CBP website for hourly updates when planning trips and identifying periods of light use/short waits. During periods of heavy travel, border crossers may wish to consider alternative, less heavily traveled entry routes.
- Build extra time into the trip in the event of crossing during periods of exceptionally heavy traffic.
- Know the difference between goods for personal use versus commercial use. For more details, visit [www.cbp.gov/travel](http://www.cbp.gov/travel).
- Do not attempt to bring fruits, meats, dairy/poultry products and firewood into the U.S. from Canada without first checking whether they are permitted.
- During the holiday travel season, international border crossers should continue to expect a thorough inspection process when entering the U.S. from Canada.

TSA offers the following travel tips:

- Passengers can help speed up the screening process by packing their carry-ons in an organized manner. This helps our officers efficiently see what’s inside to quickly process it through screening.
- Existing procedures like 3-1-1 and removing shoes and laptops for screening remain in place.
- TSA has Family Lanes at every security checkpoint which are designed for passengers with special needs of those who may need more time to process through the security checkpoint.
- Remember these three simple steps for security:
  - Have your ID and boarding pass out and ready.
  - Take off shoes and jackets.
  - Take out liquids (in a baggie) and laptops.



For more information, visit [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov) or [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov).  
[www.tsa.gov/press/releases/2010/0527.shtm](http://www.tsa.gov/press/releases/2010/0527.shtm)

### Hurricane Season Forecasts Issued

- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center has released its forecast for the 2010 hurricane season. The NOAA outlook calls for above-average activity and 14-23 named storms, 8-14 hurricanes and 3-7 major hurricanes, but it does not forecast the probability of landfall. The full forecast is at [www.cpc.noaa.gov/products/outlooks/hurricane.shtml](http://www.cpc.noaa.gov/products/outlooks/hurricane.shtml)

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- **Colorado State University**

CSU's Tropical Meteorology Project has updated the 2010 forecast of Atlantic hurricane season activity, raising the number of hurricanes from eight to 10. CSU also increased the forecasted number of named storms from 15 to 18 and major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5) from four to five. The probability of a hurricane making landfall on the east coast is 84 percent. Read the forecast:

<http://hurricane.atmos.colostate.edu/Forecasts/>

Both NOAA and CSU will update their forecasts in August.

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### **VDOT Warns Motorists of the Dangers of Inland Flooding**



June 1 was the first day of the Atlantic hurricane season, so it's a

good time for residents to review their personal readiness plans and know what actions to take if forced to evacuate in the face of high winds and flooding. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) reminds drivers that hurricanes don't restrict their wind and rain impacts to the coast. While some of these deaths resulted from falling trees and other circumstances, a number were caused by motorists driving into flooded roadways. A rule of thumb from the National Weather Service – if you can't see the road or its markings, do not drive through the water. Before a storm strikes, have a family disaster plan in place – it's a good idea in advance of any emergency.

- Make sure every family member is familiar with the plan.
- The best way to protect yourself and your family and to reduce delays if you must travel during heavy rains is to know the road conditions before you leave home.
- Listen to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather or other reputable weather sources.
- Check [www.511Virginia.org](http://www.511Virginia.org) before you drive or call 511 for the latest on road conditions throughout the state.

VDOT offers the following safety recommendations to drivers who must be on the road during flooding and high winds:

- Expect the unexpected. Be prepared to slow or stop quickly and without warning.
- At night, drive at a speed that enables you to stop quickly and safely within the distance illuminated by the vehicle's headlights.
- Never drive through water flowing across a road. It takes only six to 12 inches of water to float a small vehicle.
- Never drive around barricades. Remember, the road has been closed for your safety.
- Slow down when driving through standing water. Driving too fast through water could cause you to lose control of your vehicle because of hydroplaning.
- Avoid flood-prone areas, especially along creeks and other low-lying areas.
- If a flash flood warning is broadcast, seek high ground immediately.
- Be alert for tree limbs and other debris in the roadway. Even small branches and other debris can damage a car or cause the driver to lose control.
- Assume all fallen power lines are electrified and dangerous. Never attempt to drive across, step over or move fallen utility lines.
- The danger is greatest in areas where trees are near to, or overhanging the roadway. Use extra caution when driving in those areas.
- If you come across a flooded road that is not barricaded, turn around and use an alternate route. Help other motorists by notifying VDOT at 800-367-7623 at your earliest and safest convenience.

In the last 30 years, 60 percent of those who died as a result of a hurricane drowned. VDOT doesn't want to add any more drivers on its roads to those statistics, so remember, "Turn around, don't drown." For more about how to stay safe on the roads during hurricane season, visit [www.VirginiaDOT.org/hurricanes](http://www.VirginiaDOT.org/hurricanes).

### **Gulf Oil Spill Underscores Urgency**

With British Petroleum still unable to cap its gushing oil well more than a month after the pipeline broke, the Chairmen of the Senate and House Homeland Security Committees on Thursday, June 3, urged the Department of

Homeland Security to step up its implementation of a voluntary program to help private sector companies develop preparedness, response and business continuity plans. House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) and Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Joe Lieberman (ID-CT) sent a letter to DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano noting that the program was required by legislation passed by Congress almost three years ago, and still has not yet been launched. The lawmakers wrote that “private sector preparedness is a necessity not a luxury,” given that the private sector owns 85 percent of the nation’s critical infrastructure – the networks and systems that supply our energy, allow us to communicate and conduct financial operations, for example.

<http://hsc.house.gov/press/index.asp?ID=558>

Letter: <http://hsc.house.gov/SiteDocuments/20100603140321-28373.pdf>



### **The Gulf Oil Spill – Saving Wildlife in Louisiana**

Carl Pellegrin (left) of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Tim Kimmel of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service prepare to net an oiled pelican in Barataria Bay, La., Saturday, June 5, 2010. The pelican was successfully netted and transported to a facility on Grand Isle, La., for stabilization before being taken to Fort Jackson Oiled Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Venice, La., for cleaning. State and federal wildlife agencies are cooperating across the Gulf Coast to rescue wildlife affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

*Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class John Miller.*

### **Fairfax County’s CAD Interoperability in the National Capital Region**

The CAD2CAD Exchange allows the sharing of non-sensitive, fire Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) data between the operational CAD systems of Alexandria, Arlington County and Fairfax County. Jurisdictions can now view the real-time status of fire units and request resources from one another in mutual aid responses which currently occur over 40 times per day. This real-time data interface supporting 24 x 7 mission-critical emergency functions has improved mutual aid coordination, information and situational awareness, reduced dispatch times, and improved incident response times and service to the community. For more information, visit <http://www.ncrnet.us/>. Watch a video on the CAD2CAD Exchange on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMPVxDWvwCg>.

### **Emergency On TV**

There is a new site that has just been launched to take advantage of the current Gulf Oil Spill interest. Check out EmergencyOnTV.com. Eric Holdeman writes on the “Disaster Zone” blog that “this is just another example of using digital media to capture people’s attention to and interest in emergencies and disasters.”

<http://emergencyon.tv/bpOilSpill.php>

### **Virginia Awarded \$9.6 Million Through Infrastructure Protection Program**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has awarded the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness more than \$9.6 million for Virginia and National Capital Region ports, transit systems and critical infrastructure sites through the Infrastructure Protection Grant Program. The IPGP consists of programs aimed at emergency planning for terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies.

- Transit Security Grant provides grant funding to the nation’s key high-threat urban areas to enhance security measures for their critical transit infrastructures, including bus, rail and ferry systems. The Alexandria Transit Company will receive \$200,000 directly from DHS.
- Freight & Railway Grant helps freight railroad carriers and owners of railroad cars to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies. Norfolk Southern Railway will receive \$724,250 directly from DHS.
- Port Security Grant Program supports efforts to protect seaports listed on the U.S. Coast Guard’s list of critical seaports, which includes Hampton Roads. Awards are based on the port’s relative risk and the

relationship of each project to security priorities. Hampton Roads will receive \$4,280,407 and the Port of Richmond will receive \$625,000 directly from DHS.

- Intercity Bus Grant Program assists fixed-route intercity and charter bus services in obtaining the resources required to support security measures such as enhanced planning, facility security upgrades, and vehicle and driver protection. Various Bus Lines will receive \$428,385 directly from DHS.
- Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant help state, territory, local, and tribal governments to carry out initiatives to improve interoperable emergency communications, including communications in collective response to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters. The Commonwealth will receive \$1,223,500.
- Emergency Operations Center Grant helps localities improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, and interoperable Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. The city of Hopewell will receive \$250,000 and Washington County will receive \$187,488.
- Drivers Licenses Security Grant helps to prevent terrorism, reduce fraud, and improve the reliability and accuracy of personal identification documents that States and territories issue. DLSGP is intended to address a key recommendation of the 9/11 Commission to improve the integrity and security of state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards. The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles will receive \$1,098,276 directly from DHS.
- Buffer Zone Protection Grant provides funds, specifically for planning and equipment, to state and local governments to secure critical infrastructures, including chemical facilities, nuclear and electric power plants, dams, stadiums, arenas and other high-risk areas. The Commonwealth will receive \$600,000.

VDEM will act as the state administrative agency for grant programs that do not go directly to the recipient. The Office of Commonwealth Preparedness provides oversight, coordination and review of federal resources and emergency plans for the Commonwealth and its agencies. These awards are the first round of release, and fund will be available within two months. The second round of program awards is scheduled to be announced in July. More information about the IPGP and awards nationwide is available online at <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/bulletins/info342.pdf>.

### **CERT in Fairfax County**

On Saturday June 5, adjunct instructors from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy, along with volunteers, conducted a final exercise at the former Lorton Juvenile Detention Center (JDC). The exercise was the culmination of a 24-hour Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program designed to teach preparedness in the event of a large scale disaster. In this course, residents are taught the basics of incident command, disaster first-aid, hazard recognition and rescue based on the established FEMA curriculum. At the Lorton drill, 58 citizen "graduates" were dealt a mock disaster with over 100 "victims" moulaged with fake injuries. The graduates managed the incident for over two hours before handing off to fire department representatives. The course is taught several times a year throughout the county. More information on the Fairfax County CERT can be found online at [www.fairfaxcert.com](http://www.fairfaxcert.com).  
*Photo courtesy of CERT*



### **Why is NIMS and ICS the One-Size-Fits-All Response to Significant National Incidents?**

*From the Homeland Security Watch blog*

The homeland security enterprise adopted the National Incident Management System (NIMS) with limited scientific, policy or public analysis. The way I heard the NIMS creation story, several members of the U.S. Forest Service – the home agency of the planet's preeminent incident command system (ICS) expert – helped bring organization to New York City's initially chaotic response to the Sept. 11, 2001 attack. The success of their effort led directly to the federal government in 2003 mandating NIMS – with ICS at its core. In the early "ready, fire, aim" days of homeland

security, finding any needle in a haystack was better than wasting time looking for the sharpest needle. “Ready. Fire. Aim.” is not a bad way to respond to a situation that requires immediate action. Deliberation is important. But so is doing something. There comes a time however for aiming. ICS has proven its value countless times. It comes as close to doctrine as anything does in homeland security. But is there any science to support the claim it is the best way to organize a response to every nationally significant incident? When is ICS — and its NIMS encasement — the wrong way to go?

<http://www.hlswatch.com/2010/06/08/why-is-nims-and-ics-the-one-size-fits-all-response-to-significant-national-incidents/>

### Get Ready Fairfax

The Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and the Fairfax County Health Department’s Office of Emergency Preparedness hosted a free community emergency preparedness fair on Saturday, June 5, from 1-5 p.m. inside the Springfield Mall in Springfield. “Get Ready Fairfax!” was part of the Springfield Days festival held concurrently in the mall parking lot. Over 60 MRC volunteers supported the event and MRC



estimates they made contact with over 500 people/families both inside and outside of the Springfield Mall event. “We know that the potential impact of an emergency on the community can be minimized when the community is prepared,” said Gloria Addo-Ayensu, M.D., M.P.H., Fairfax County Director of Health. Whether it is a flu pandemic, a natural disaster, or a terrorist threat, it is important for everyone to have a plan. The goal of the family friendly event was to educate the public about the roles individuals and their families play in all-hazards emergency preparedness. The fair was supported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, part of the Urban Area Security Initiative program.

<https://www.fairfaxmrc.org/>

### More Than \$6 Million In Federal Funds To Virginia For Infrastructure Repair

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has obligated \$6,380,000 in Public Assistance (PA) funds to the Commonwealth of Virginia for infrastructure repair. Additional funds will be obligated as FEMA continues to process applications for costs associated with the December 2009 severe winter storm and snowstorm.

Reimbursements for the snowstorms in February will be obligated at a later date. Eligible applicants include the Commonwealth, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations. The funds are available on a 75/25 percent cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities. In addition, assistance is available for emergency protective measures, including snow assistance. The counties designated for Public Assistance funding include Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William and the independent cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=51757>

## 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.

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

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

<http://vaemergency.com/>

### **Private Sector Resources Catalog**

In order to face the new threats and evolving hazards of today's security environment, we must develop and maintain critical homeland security capabilities at all layers of our society. We all share the responsibility to build all-hazards preparedness and resiliency into our way of life. As outlined in the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Report released earlier this year, this enterprise approach is composed of multiple partners whose roles and responsibilities are distributed and shared among a broad-based community with a common interest in the public safety and well-being of America and American society. The "Private Sector Resources Catalog" facilitates your organization's access to the resources you need to participate in the homeland security enterprise and help keep our country secure. The first to be targeted specifically towards private sector partners and encompassing the entire department, this document collects the training, publications, guidance, alerts, newsletters, programs and services available to the private sector across DHS. The catalog will be updated regularly to publicize new resources and increase private sector awareness.

Private Sector Resources Catalog: [http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/private\\_sector\\_resource\\_catalog.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/private_sector_resource_catalog.pdf)

### **Emergency Planning for Employees – Add Social Media Tools**

Your employees and co-workers are your business's most important and valuable asset. There are some procedures you can put in place before a disaster, but you should also learn about what people need to recover after a disaster. It is possible that your staff will need time to ensure the well-being of their family members, but getting back to work is important to the personal recovery of people who have experienced disasters. It is important to re-establish routines, when possible. One step to take is to add social media tools to your emergency communications plan to use a variety of outlets to communicate with your employees.

<http://www.ready.gov/business/plan/emerplanning.html>

### **Lightning Safety: When it Roars, Go Indoors**

Summer is the peak season for one of the nation's deadliest weather phenomena – lightning. But don't be fooled, lightning strikes year round. In the United States, an average of 58 people are killed each year by lightning. Hundreds of people are permanently injured each year. People struck by lightning suffer from a variety of long-term, debilitating symptoms, including memory loss, attention deficits, sleep disorders, chronic pain, numbness, dizziness, stiffness in joints, irritability, fatigue, weakness, muscle spasms, depression and more. Lightning is a serious danger. Find out more at [www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov).



Toolkit for Large Venues – [http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/resources/large\\_venue.pdf](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/resources/large_venue.pdf)

Lightning Safety on the Job – [http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/resources/on\\_the\\_job.pdf](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/resources/on_the_job.pdf)

*Photo: Multiple cloud-to-ground and cloud-to-cloud lightning strokes during night-time thunderstorm.*

*Photo credit: NOAA Photo Library, NOAA Central Library; OAR/ERL/National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL). Photographer: C. Clark.*

### **Families Who Are Ready Recover Faster**

Although meteorologists can't predict exactly how tropical systems and hurricanes will affect Virginia this year, there is one prediction that will come true: *families who are ready will recover much better and faster than those who are not*. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management encourages everyone to be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least the first 72 hours – or three days – after a storm hits. Every home should have at least four basic items:

- A family emergency plan.
- Three days' of bottled water (one gallon per person per day).
- Three days' of non-perishable food.
- A hand-crank or battery-powered radio with extra batteries for listening to emergency information from local media and officials.

Store these items in waterproof containers that have wheels or that you can lift easily in case you have to leave. To see a short Ready Virginia video about getting ready for hurricane season and making a family emergency plan, go to <http://www.youtube.com/vaemergency#p/u>. You also can request a new publication, Virginia's Hurricane Evacuation Guide, by writing to [pio@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:pio@vdem.virginia.gov) or calling 1-866-782-3470. To learn more about getting ready for tropical storms, hurricanes and flooding, go to [www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov). For information in Spanish, visit [www.ListoVirginia.gov](http://www.ListoVirginia.gov). While visiting those Web sites, take a quick survey to measure Virginia's overall preparedness for disasters and emergencies. Getting ready for hurricane and flood season is everyone's responsibility. Make your plan now.

### **Disaster Planning and Preparedness Can Keep You in Business**

Small businesses should have a disaster preparedness plan in place to help them deal with disasters and the challenges they bring. These challenges often come with short or no notice. The Small Business Administration is a co-sponsor of [Preparemybusiness.org](http://www.preparemybusiness.org) where you can find excellent resources.

<http://www.preparemybusiness.org>

### **DHS Publishes Private Sector Resources Catalog**

The Homeland Security Department's Private Sector Office has gathered all the training, publications, guidance, alerts, newsletters, programs, and services available to the private sector from across the department into the Private Sector Resources Catalog where the nonprofit world, nongovernmental organizations, and the business sector can find information on any topic or office in DHS. The catalog provides information, contact numbers, email addresses and websites for almost every DHS program, office and component.

<http://blog.dhs.gov/2010/05/connecting-dhs-to-private-sector.html>

Catalog: [http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/gc\\_1273165166442.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/gc_1273165166442.shtm)

### **Transit Agencies Plan for Emergencies**

Does your agency have an emergency plan in place if a catastrophic event were to occur? "Metro Magazine" asked its readers. Yes was the answer at 83.3 percent of the transit agencies that responded.

<http://www.metro-magazine.com/PastPolls.aspx>

### **CDC Hurricane Health and Safety Tip**

Prepare for hurricane season. Remember to inventory your emergency kit from last season to ensure that items are not missing, expired or new items need to be included. For additional tips, fact sheets and podcasts, see CDC's Hurricane Preparedness website: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/>.

### **Interactive Lesson Plans**

Develop interactive lesson plans for young students regarding hurricane preparedness using the Ready Classroom tools.

<http://readyclassroom.discoveryeducation.com/#/condition/4>



### **Preparedness Tips for Small Businesses**

Closing shop for just one day can mean huge financial losses for a small business. Those that take the time to put

together a plan, just in case, are much more likely to resume operations after a disaster with minimal loss. In an article on the Rochester Business Journal website, Franklin J. Sciortino says about 75 percent of small-business owners have a plan to get employees back to work in the days following a business interruption, and roughly 28 percent have access to alternative office space, according to a survey by Agility Recovery Solutions. But America's small-business community "needs to build on those numbers and find new ways to prepare for whatever might come our way," Sciortino writes. The article lists several easy ways for small-business owners to prepare for a business interruption. These include calculating how much money it would take to cover a shutdown for a day or even up to a month; having a comprehensive emergency contact list; and brainstorming to identify the biggest conceivable risk in the vicinity of the business.

Read the article at: <http://www.rbj.net/article.asp?aID=184097>

### **DHS Performs 100 Percent Watchlist Matching for Domestic Flights**

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano earlier this month announced that 100 percent of passengers traveling within the United States and its territories are now being checked against terrorist watchlists through the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program—a major step in fulfilling a key 9/11 Commission recommendation. Before Secure Flight, airlines conducted passenger watchlist checking. Under Secure Flight, TSA prescreens passenger name, date of birth and gender against government watchlists for domestic and international flights. In addition to facilitating secure travel for all passengers, the program helps prevent the misidentification of passengers who have names similar to individuals on government watchlists.

[http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr\\_1275936513012.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1275936513012.shtm)

TSA Blog article: <http://blog.tsa.gov/2010/06/secure-flight-tsa-now-performing-100.html>

### **DHS Announces New Standards for Private Sector Preparedness**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano recently announced the adoption of the final standards for the Voluntary Private Sector Preparedness Accreditation and Certification Program (PS-Prep)—a major milestone in DHS' implementation of a program recommended by the 9/11 Commission to improve private sector preparedness for disasters and emergencies. "Private organizations across the country—from businesses to universities to non-profit organizations—have a vital role to play in bolstering our disaster preparedness and response capabilities," said Secretary Napolitano. "These new standards will provide our private sector partners with the tools they need to enhance the readiness and resiliency of our nation." PS-Prep is a partnership between DHS and the private sector that enables private entities to receive emergency preparedness certification from a DHS accreditation system created in coordination with the private sector. The standards—developed by the National Fire Protection Association, the British Standards Institution and ASIS International—were published for public comment in the Federal Register in October 2009. The adoption of the final standards was published in a Federal Register notice today following a series of regional public meetings and the incorporation of public comments. DHS will continue to accept comments on PS-Prep, the three adopted standards, and/or proposals to adopt any other similar standard that satisfies the target criteria of the December 2008 Federal Register notice which announced the program. Comments may be submitted to <http://www.regulations.gov> or [FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov), in Docket ID FEMA-2008-0017). For more information, visit <http://www.fema.gov/privatesectorpreparedness/>.

### **VDEM Gauges Citizen Preparedness**

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) has developed a new survey, open to all Virginia residents, to assess how prepared Virginians are: <http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov>. The survey asks about basic steps to prepare for emergencies, including collecting emergency supplies and making a family communications plan. In addition to helping the Ready Virginia public education campaign fine tune its outreach efforts, the survey will help determine how well VDEM is meeting one of its biennial performance measures, considered a "Governor's Key Measure":

*"Increase the percentage of individuals who demonstrate awareness of threats to Virginia and their personal readiness to react appropriately."*

A baseline survey was conducted in June -July 2008. Performance measures and data on how well each agency is doing to meet its measures are shared with the public at <http://www.vaperforms.virginia.gov>. The results of this survey will be published upon completion.

## MEDIA ARTICLES OF INTEREST

### Washington PR Firms Cashing in on BP Spill

As the environmental catastrophe in the Gulf continues, beleaguered international oil firm BP is beefing up its communications apparatus and turning to some of Washington's best known lobbyists and public relations pros. The latest addition: the bipartisan corporate communications firm of Purple Strategies. Helmed by former Bush strategist Alex Castellanos and Democratic media consultant Steve McMahon (whom some may recall from his days cutting ads for former Vermont governor Howard Dean), the company is behind BP CEO Tony Hayward's advertisement seeking to repair the company's image – and his own – according to a report in CNN, where Castellanos is also an on-air contributor. BP approached Purple Strategies about taking on the work, ABC reports. Other Purple Strategies clients have included PhRMA and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Also handling public relations for BP in Washington is its long-time firm the Brunswick Group, whose District office is helmed by Hilary Rosen, another CNN contributor. The Feehery Group, led by John Feehery -- who was for six years chief spokesman for Speaker of the House J. Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) and now appears often on CNN -- is also doing work for BP, CNN said.

<http://voices.washingtonpost.com/44/2010/06/washington-cashes-in-on-bp-spi.html>



### Researchers See Health Risks in Full-Body Scanners

Scientists at the University of California at San Francisco “have called upon the White House to take a close look at” full-body scanners, reports “Government Security News.” The technology being used puts people at increased risk of cancer, the scientists believe.

[http://www.gsnmagazine.com/article/20791/scientists\\_voice\\_concern\\_over\\_health\\_risks\\_full\\_bo](http://www.gsnmagazine.com/article/20791/scientists_voice_concern_over_health_risks_full_bo)

### Officials Look At How To Respond To Threats To Electric Grid

Officials in charge of the reliability of the U.S. electric grid are taking a closer look at how to respond to cyberattacks and other possible catastrophic events. The North American Electric Reliability Corp., or NERC, and the U.S. Department of Energy in a report have called for a range of steps— from increasing communication to ensuring the supply of transformers and other equipment—to mitigate what they described as a “high-impact, low- frequency” event on the nation’s power system. The report looked at a cyberattack, a pandemic and the detonation of a nuclear bomb at high altitudes among other possibilities. The catastrophic events the report examines aren’t necessarily the most probable, yet officials say cyberthreats are being detected currently on the nation’s grid.

<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/06/02/electricity-confronts-the-threat-from-mother-nature/?src=mv>

Report: <http://www.nerc.com/files/HILF.pdf>

### Wayneood Neighbors Gear Up for Emergencies

Bodies lying on the floor. People moaning in pain. Men and women wearing green vests and hard hats applying bandages and recording injuries. An explosion? An accident? No, it’s a group of men and women learning what to do in case there should be a disaster. The most recent training for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was held in the meeting room at the Mount Vernon Government Center during the month of March and April. The evening training course consisted of two-hour classes on five consecutive Mondays. The lead instructor is certified by the Fairfax County CERT Organization. Students learned about Disaster Preparedness, CERT Organization, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue Operations/hazards, Disaster Psychology, and Terrorism. Practical application drills enhanced the training. Members for this class were recruited from the Wayneood subdivision. Prior to the class, Wayneood had nine CERT members; with addition of the spring class, there are now 17 CERT members in Wayneood. Classes such as this are being held throughout Fairfax County and will continue to be held.

<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=341069&paper=69&cat=104>

### **Five Things All Small Businesses Should Do to Prepare for Hurricane Season**

With this year's hurricane season upon us, Travelers reminds small business owners of the importance of being prepared for hurricanes. June marks the beginning of hurricane season and Travelers has developed a list of the top five things that small business owners can do to make sure their businesses are properly protected should a storm hit.

1. Create a Business Continuity Plan and Establish an "Emergency File."
2. Back Up Your Business.
3. Protect Your Windows and Doors.
4. Trim Your Business Risk.
5. Review Your Policies.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/five-things-all-small-businesses-should-do-to-prepare-for-hurricane-season-2010-06-03>

### **Does Killing Terrorists Actually Prevent Terrorism?**

Despite all the "military operations carried out by the tens of thousands of troops each in Afghanistan and Iraq fighting counterinsurgency against Al Qaeda, the Taliban, and various affiliates and other violent organizations ... U.S. law-enforcement officials have seen a recent surge in terrorism plots inside the U.S.," writes Newsweek's The Gaggle blogger Ben Adler. "... it doesn't appear that selectively killing militants eliminates, or even necessarily reduces, the number of people seeking to do us harm." And "no matter how strong our military is, we cannot invade every hostile country that might seek nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons, and suggesting that we pick off some just encourages the others to protect themselves by acquiring them. Likewise, terrorists can be lurking in any country, including our own, and striking them with missiles is not a feasible approach to eliminating them entirely.... Intelligence gathering has helped break up plots," but "you cannot draw a line from [successful strikes] to any realistic point of total victory."

<http://www.newsweek.com/blogs/the-gaggle/2010/06/01/does-killing-terrorists-actually-prevent-terrorism-.html>

### **TSA Has Database of Very Rude Passengers**

Airline passengers who get frustrated and kick a wall, throw a suitcase or make a pithy comment to a screener could find themselves in a little-known Transportation Security Administration database, reports "USA Today." The TSA says it is keeping records of people who make its screeners feel threatened as part of an effort to prevent workplace violence.... agency spokeswoman Kristin Lee ... said attacks and threats against screeners are "rare" and the database has records from about 240 incidents. Most are screeners in conflict with other screeners. About 30 incidents involve people such as passengers or airport workers attacking or threatening screeners.

[http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2010-05-24-TSA-threatening-fliers-watch-list\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2010-05-24-TSA-threatening-fliers-watch-list_N.htm)

### **Virginia Prepares For Hurricane Season**

We are now in the first week of hurricane season. Crisis teams in Richmond and along the coast are working to make sure Virginia is ready. That means having enough money to pay for the emergency preps. Disaster management supervisors say state budget cuts will not impact Virginia's ability to respond to a hurricane and they are training to make sure nothing else will, either.

<http://www.nbc29.com/Global/story.asp?S=12592399>

### **VITA, Northrup Grumman Stage Mock Disaster to Test Back-up State IT System**

Virginia's computer agency and its embattled contractor, Northrup Grumman, staged a make-believe disaster on Tuesday, June 1, to test the readiness of the state's IT network and its back-up system. All went well, according to the Virginia Information Technologies Agency and Northrup Grumman, with the state and company scrambling through a scenario that assumed a hurricane and flood knocked out the main operations center in Chesterfield County, forcing a shift to another facility across the state in Russell County. The exercise was announced in a joint statement by the agency and company. There have been four disaster tests over the past three years. But this is the first in which VITA-NG tested the back-up capabilities of the Russell County center, in far Southwest Virginia.

[http://www2.wsls.com/sls/news/state\\_regional/article/vita\\_northrup\\_grumman\\_stage\\_mock\\_disaster\\_to\\_test\\_back-up\\_state\\_it\\_system/103567/](http://www2.wsls.com/sls/news/state_regional/article/vita_northrup_grumman_stage_mock_disaster_to_test_back-up_state_it_system/103567/)

### **Hospital Uses Armed Man in Unannounced Drill**

An off-duty cop pretending to be a terrorist stormed into a hospital intensive care unit brandishing a handgun, which he pointed at nurses while herding them down a corridor and into a room. There, after harrowing moments, he explained that the whole caper was a training exercise. The staff at St. Rose Dominican Hospitals-Siena Campus (Nevada), where the incident took place May 24, found the exercise more traumatizing than instructive. Just last year, Henderson police shot and killed an armed, hostile man in the emergency room, so security and emergency preparedness have been a focus. But in the May 24 incident, which occurred in a unit that houses the hospital's sickest patients, nurses, patients and their families did not know it was a drill, said the organizer of the California Nurses Association, which represents staff at the hospital. The union is investigating the incident. State regulators who license hospitals said May 28 the incident may warrant investigation, depending on whether patient care was compromised.

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/may/29/hospital-uses-armed-man-unannounced-drill/>

### **FBI Warns of Financial E-mail Scam**

For Southwest Virginians who got an e-mail that says the FBI wants to help them claim \$10 million from an overseas bank, a federal official has news: It is a scam. The FBI official who leads the FBI office in Roanoke — the real FBI, not the one in the scam letter — sent out his own e-mail warning June 2. The FBI official wrote that the message making the rounds — a badly written, poorly capitalized, rather incomprehensible message that says the fictitious FBI Anti-Terrorist and Monetary Crimes Division needs certain documents to help people collect millions — is a fake and a swindle attempt. The real FBI “does not contact private citizens via the Internet in this manner,” the FBI official wrote. The scam document has a letterhead with an FBI seal and a U.S. flag and is addressed “Attention: Fund Beneficiary.” An unnamed Nigerian bank is mentioned in the first sentence. The message suggests legal action if personal information is not provided. The FBI official wrote that while many people called his office with questions, he had no indication anyone had fallen for the scam.

<http://www.roanoke.com/news/roanoke/wb/249024>

### **Attempts to Infect Computers Increases**

Attempts to infect computers has increased more than 25 percent according to Kaspersky Lab. In the first three months of 2010, more than 327 million attempts were made to infect user computers in a variety of countries around the globe. From the previous quarter, this is an increase of 26.8 percent. “Cybercrime is being fueled by the spread of the Internet itself combined with ineffective legislation and growing unemployment,” according to ITNewsAfrica. The geographical areas targeted have also varied, though the main targets have remained. In the last quarter of 2009 and the first quarter of 2010, Russia, China and India were the top targets for infection. However, the first quarter saw a decrease in the number of attacks against China while the number of attempts against Russian users increased.

<http://www.thenewnewinternet.com/2010/06/01/attempts-to-infect-computers-increases/>

### **Emergency Text Messaging Signals Evolution in Public Safety Communication**

It's common knowledge that in case of emergency, you call 911. But what if you can't call out? What if you're in a hostage situation, or hiding from a burglar in a closet at home? Such questions have floated around local law enforcement agencies for years as wireless phones continue to flood the market. Taking advantage of the latest trends in technology, Marion County, Fla., has become the latest in the country to accept distress calls via text message.

<http://www.govtech.com/gt/articles/764856>

### **Volunteer Firefighters Raise Alarm Over Future Needs**

Fairfax County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department officials are pleased that volunteer firefighters significantly increased their service hours last year, but said the department still faces challenges of aging buildings, higher apparatus costs and stagnant fund-raising. Timothy Fleming, a volunteer fire chief in Franconia who serves as chairman of the Volunteer Fire Commission, presented the commission's 2009 annual report at the May 25 Board of Supervisors meeting. The price of fire apparatuses has about doubled in the past decade, thanks in part to tougher federal environmental standards, Fleming said. Another factor is the comparatively small market for fire equipment, which means engineering costs cannot be spread out over a wider group of buyers, he said.

<http://www.sungazette.net/articles/2010/06/03/fairfax/news/fe153a.txt>

### **Buyer Beware: Investment Fraud Springs Up After Oil spill**

The Gulf of Mexico oil spill is attracting another kind of potential disaster: investment fraud. Federal officials are warning investors to be wary of so-called “pump and dump” stock schemes tied to the BP oil spill. “We’re never surprised by these scams,” said the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority’s senior vice president for investor education. He said similar frauds surfaced after Hurricane Katrina and the anthrax letter scares. In a pump-and-dump scheme, a company ups its stock price by hyping its connection to a disaster, typically products or services that can aid in recovery or rebuilding. As new investors pour in, company officials cash out by dumping their inflated shares, which then drives down the price and leaves investors with over-inflated stock. At the end of May, a California company was the first to be reprimanded by the Securities and Exchange Commission for questionable tactics in touting its ties to oil cleanup efforts.

<http://www.theolympian.com/2010/06/07/1263181/buyer-beware-investment-fraud.html>

### **BP Buys Google, Yahoo Search Words to Keep People Away From Real News on Gulf Oil Spill Disaster**

In their most tenacious effort to control the “spin” on the worst oil spill disaster in the history, BP has purchased top internet search engine words so they can re-direct people away from real news on the Deepwater Horizon catastrophe. BP spokesman Toby Odone confirmed to ABC News that the oil giant had in fact bought internet search terms. So now when someone searches the words “oil spill” on the Internet, the top link will re-direct them to BP’s official company website.

<http://www.examiner.com/x-33986-Political-Spin-Examiner~y2010m6d6-BP-buys-Google-Yahoo-search-engine-words-to-keep-people-away-from-real-news-on-Gulf-oil-spill-disas>

### **US-CERT Falls Short on Cyber Preparedness, Says Inspector General**

The federal agency in charge of protecting the U.S. Internet infrastructure and coordinating defense against and responses to cyber attacks is not well prepared to do so, according to a report released June 17 by the Office of Inspector General.

Article: <http://www.executivegov.com/2010/06/us-cert-falls-short-on-cyber-preparedness-says-inspector-general/>

Report: [http://www.dhs.gov/xoig/assets/mgmt/rpts/OIG\\_10-94\\_Jun10.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xoig/assets/mgmt/rpts/OIG_10-94_Jun10.pdf)

## FLU

### **WHO Says Pandemic is Still On**

WHO reports that “the most intense pandemic activity has passed, but pandemic disease is expected to continue” and has published the WHO Director-General’s statement following the eighth meeting of the Emergency Committee ([http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/8th\\_meeting\\_ihr/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/8th_meeting_ihr/en/index.html)). Excerpt:

After extensive discussions and questions, the Committee expressed the unanimous view that from a global perspective while pandemic activity is continuing, the period of most intense pandemic activity appears likely to have passed for many parts of the world. Committee members stressed that it remains **critical for countries to continue to maintain vigilance concerning the pandemic**, including all necessary public health measures for disease control as well as influenza virus and disease surveillance. Following the advice of the Emergency Committee, the Director-General determined that while **the period of most intense pandemic activity has passed, pandemic disease is expected to continue to occur** and that a further meeting of the Emergency Committee to reassess the epidemiological situation would be convened by mid July 2010, when information from the winter influenza season in the Southern Hemisphere will be available.

WHO’s pandemic alert page ([http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/phase/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/phase/en/index.html)) is still at Phase 6. Reprinted from the H5N1 blog: <http://crofsblogs.typepad.com/h5n1>

### **Seasonal Influenza Vaccine and Pandemic (H1N1) Associated Illness Among U.S. Military Personnel**

This article reports a study of influenza-related data of military service members in the United States during April–October 2009.

<http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0010722>

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### **Study Examines Public Behavior During H1N1 Pandemic**

The recently-published results of a new Harvard study concluded that a significant portion of the American public may not be willing to get immunized with another new flu vaccine, according to a Homeland Security Today news report. The study, titled “The Public’s Response to the 2009 H1N1 Influenza Pandemic,” which was published in The New England Journal of Medicine, noted that “between July, when discussions about vaccine availability increased, and October when a limited amount of vaccine became available, the public was divided over whether they would get vaccinated.” Roughly half - 46 to 57 percent - of the public said they expected to get the vaccine, according to the Homeland Security Today report. However, a higher percentage of parents - approximately 59 to 70 percent - said they expected to get their children vaccinated, according to the study. One of the major reasons people said they would not or might not get the H1N1 vaccine was concerns about the safety of the vaccine.

<http://vaccinenewsdaily.com/news/213290-study-examines-public-behavior-during-h1n1-pandemic>

### **CSA Roundtable (Canada): What Worked, What Didn’t During H1N1**

How did Canada fare during the H1N1 influenza pandemic? What plans worked and what didn’t – and why not? What more needs to be done given the threat of future, potentially more serious pandemics? These were some of the questions CSA Standards (CSA) sought to answer when hosting a national Roundtable on Healthcare and Emergency Service Sector Pandemic Preparedness. A comprehensive white paper from the roundtable was released at the World Conference on Disaster Management. Roundtable participants concluded that the 2006 Canadian Pandemic Influenza Plan (with updates since) was a positive step toward mitigating serious illness and deaths during the mild H1N1 influenza pandemic outbreak. However, CSA roundtable participants also concluded there were some gaps and inconsistencies in protection during the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic, and changes to existing pandemic plans now need to be made in the event of future more moderate or severe influenza pandemics.

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/51492>

### **Virginia Must Dispose of Millions of Doses of Unused H1N1 Vaccine**

More than half of the swine flu vaccine that the federal government sent to Virginia has not been administered, and much of that will be sent back to the Centers for Disease Control starting this week, a Virginia Department of Health official said earlier this month. “Roughly, there are 2.2 million doses of vaccine right now, some of which is expired and will be sent back,” said Jim Farrell, Director of Immunization for the Virginia Health Department. The state received a total of about 3.9 million doses, Farrell said. Roughly 1.7 million of those were administered, although that number could grow slightly due to delays in reporting. Much of the remaining vaccine is set to expire this week, and the 3200 clinics, pharmacies, hospitals and other sites that administered the vaccine are being sent shipping labels good for returning 20 pounds of vaccine to the CDC. It can’t simply be discarded because it would be considered medical waste.

<http://www.wtvr.com/news/wtvr-h1n1-vaccine-virginia-farrell,0,5136301.story>

## **TRAININGS / EXERCISES / CONFERENCES**

### **Chemical Sector Security Summit**

July 7-8; Baltimore, Md.

Cosponsored by the Homeland Security Department’s Office of Infrastructure Protection and the Chemical Sector Coordinating Council, this event is for those involved in corporate and facility security; environment, health and safety; or transportation and distribution of chemical products. It will cover chemical security regulations, chemical industry resiliency and cybersecurity industry practices.

[http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc\\_1176736485793.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1176736485793.shtm)

### **2nd International Swine Flu Conference**

Aug. 18-19; Washington, D.C.

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The 2nd International Swine Flu Conference will be followed by all day hands-on workshops (Aug. 20) and will provide a platform for public health officials and community stakeholders to come together, to network and exchange preparedness and response efforts. To register, call 202-536-5000.

[www.new-fields.com/2ndISFC/registration.pdf](http://www.new-fields.com/2ndISFC/registration.pdf)

### **Disaster Planning for Hospitals**

Aug. 11-12; Washington, D.C.

This conference focuses on disaster planning trends along with strategies and solutions to help hospitals effectively prepare their facilities for the challenges a disaster brings. The conference will demonstrate how to create an effective disaster plan and manage the logistical and financial recovery.

<http://www.worldrg.com/showConference.cfm?confcode=HW10075>



### **2nd International Swine Flu Conference and Workshop**

Aug. 18-20; Washington, D.C.

This event will present a bird's-eye view of the global H1N1 situation, fresh updates from hard-to-reach country experts, how organizations can prepare for a pandemic, contacts with key agencies, and firsthand best practices from top organizations to create solid business continuity plans.

<http://www.new-fields.com/2ndISFC/>

### **Hazmat Conference and Expo**

Oct. 18-22; Hampton Roads Convention Center and Embassy Suites Hotel, Hampton Roads, Va.

The Virginia Association of Hazardous Materials Response Specialists, in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, has announced the 27th Annual Virginia Hazardous Materials Conference and Expo.

<http://www.vaemergency.com/newsroom/events/hazmat2010.cfm>

### **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.redcrossnca.org/Online/disaster\\_registration.php](http://www.redcrossnca.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 - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/)
- Fairfax County Citizen Corps Blog - <http://citizencorps.blogspot.com/>
- Virginia Citizen Corps - [www.vaemergency.com/citcorps/index.cfm](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,

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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.

[www.homelandsecurity.org/snapshots/](http://www.homelandsecurity.org/snapshots/)

### **DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report (OSIR)**

The Department of Homeland Security provides a Web-based “Daily OSIR,” which is posted on the DHS public Web site. Accessing the report via the Web enables readers to retrieve the current Daily Report as well as 10 days of archived DHS Daily Reports. Once you arrive at the Web page you will find the most recent Daily OSIR at the top of the page, under the title “Current Report.” This report is posted each morning, except for weekends and holidays. Simply click on the title “DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report.” This will launch the current days report in PDF format. You can submit content comments or make suggestions by contacting the DHS Daily Report Team by telephone at 202-312-3421 or by e-mail at [NICCRports@dhs.gov](mailto:NICCRports@dhs.gov). You can access the Daily OSIR at: [www.dhs.gov/files/programs/editorial\\_0542.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/files/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**

[www.govtech.com/em/toc.php](http://www.govtech.com/em/toc.php)

### **FEMA Private Sector**

[www.fema.gov/privatesector/](http://www.fema.gov/privatesector/)



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