

## DHS Announces New National Terrorism Advisory System

Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano recently announced the implementation of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) – a robust terrorism advisory system that provides timely information to the public about credible terrorist threats and replaces the former color-coded alert system.

As part of the announcement, Napolitano released a public guide outlining the new system, along with an example of an NTAS alert that would be issued to the public if the government were to receive information about a specific or credible terrorist threat.

Under NTAS, DHS will coordinate with other federal entities to issue detailed alerts to the public when the federal government receives information about a credible terrorist threat.

NTAS alerts provide a concise summary of the potential threat including geographic region, mode of transportation, or critical infrastructure potentially affected by the threat, actions being taken to ensure public safety, as well as recommended steps that individuals, communities, businesses and governments can take to help prevent, mitigate or respond to a threat.

NTAS alerts will be defined in one of two ways:

- “Elevated Threat”: Warns of a credible terrorist threat against the United States.
- “Imminent Threat”: Warns of a

credible, specific and impending terrorist threat against the United States.

Depending on the nature of the threat, alerts may be sent to law enforcement, distributed to affected areas of the private sector, or issued more broadly to the public through both official and social media channels – including a designated DHS Web page ([www.dhs.gov/alerts](http://www.dhs.gov/alerts)), Facebook and via Twitter @NTASAlerts.

NTAS alerts and posters will also be displayed in places such as transit hubs, airports and

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# Managing the Emergency: All in a Day's Work

By Roy Shrout

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management along with the Virginia Emergency Management Association hosted the annual Virginia Emergency Management Symposium March 30-April 1 in Richmond.

More than 350 members of the emergency management community participated in this year's symposium including several members of the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management. The program offered 30 break-out sessions that covered topics such as flood forecasting for emergency managers, sheltering management, special events planning, continuity of operations lessons learned, pipeline emergencies, volunteer resources management, social media in emergencies and managing community threats.

"This year's symposium gives Virginia's emergency managers the opportunity to hear first-hand accounts of large-scale events and how the lessons learned can be applied locally," said Michael Cline, state coordinator for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. "It's a lot of information that can help every member of the emergency management community, all in one place."

Participants in this year's symposium also had the opportunity to meet and hear several keynote speakers. Governor Robert F. McDonnell, (via pre-recorded video) opened the symposium. Secretary of Public Safety Marla G. Decker and Terrie Suit, assistant to the governor, Office of Commonwealth Preparedness spoke and welcomed the emergency managers.

Pat Santos, deputy director of emergency preparedness for the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness spoke about the experiences in Louisiana during the BP oil spill and Hurricane Katrina.

Charlie O'Neal, deputy director of operations for the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management provided



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insight into the 2009 ice storm that paralyzed most of the state and caused power outages for nearly 700,000 customers.

Dr. Richard Knabb, tropical weather expert at the Weather Channel was the guest speaker at the Virginia Emergency Management Association awards dinner. Knabb briefed the audience about potential tropical storm and hurricane impacts on Virginia and how the Weather Channel may be able to partner with Virginia.

During the awards dinner, several Fairfax County Emergency Management staff were recognized for the certifications they received during the past year. Michael Guditus, exercise and training analyst, received the highest certification in Virginia as Professional Emergency Manager (PEM), Marcelo Ferreira, community liaison, received the Associate Emergency Manager certification (AEM) and Bruce McFarlane, inclusive emergency planner, received the Certified Emergency Management Assistant certification (CEMA).

Each of these certifications requires extensive knowledge and expertise in emergency management to include active roles in emergency training and exercise, operational EOC experience, course work and professional development.

On the final day of the symposium, Mary Ann Tierney, FEMA regional administrator for Region III, provided an overview of FEMA Region III activities and the Whole of Community concept.

The final speaker was Paul Galanti, commissioner, Department of Veteran's Affairs (Commonwealth of Virginia) who flew 97 naval air combat missions in Vietnam before being shot down and captured. He remained a prisoner of war for nearly seven years. Galanti spoke about his experiences as a POW and his current position.

Roy Shrout, deputy coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management, holds the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) credential from the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM).

## Floods

Driving through a flooded area can be extremely hazardous. Almost half of all flash flood deaths happen in vehicles. When in your car, look out for flooding in low-lying areas, at bridges and at highway dips. As little as 6 inches of water may cause you to lose control of your vehicle. Remember – turn around, don't drown. Familiarize yourself with flood alerts:

- **Flood Watch:** Flooding is possible. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television.

- **Flash Flood Watch:** Flash flooding is possible. Be prepared to move to higher ground; listen to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television.

- **Flood Warning:** Flooding is occurring or will occur soon; if advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

- **Flash Flood Warning:** A flash flood is occurring; seek higher ground on foot immediately.

## Tornadoes

If a tornado is possible in your area, go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors and outside walls. Do not open windows. Familiarize yourself with tornado terminology:

- **Tornado Watch:** Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television for information.

- **Tornado Warning:** A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.

## Thunderstorms

Thunderstorms can bring heavy rains, winds and lightning. If you hear thunder, seek shelter indoors. Stay away from doors and windows, and move to an interior room or basement. Become familiar with thunderstorm terminology:

- **Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Tells you when and where severe thunderstorms are likely to occur. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television for information.

- **Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** Issued when severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property in the path of the storm.

More tips at [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov); mobile: [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov).

## Marcelo's Minute

### How does your business get notified of an emergency?



*Marcelo Ferreira*

Join the Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN) for businesses and receive important emergency alerts, notifications and updates during a major crisis or emergency, in addition to day-to-day notices about weather and traffic.

By registering as a business, you can designate up to five employees to receive important local alerts to their email, cellphone, text pager, satellite phone and/or wireless device.

After signing up, your business is also placed on a registry designed to facilitate:

- Distribution of information during the recovery of a disaster
- The ability of emergency management to find and utilize localized resources.
- Distribution of workplace preparedness information.

To register for CEAN for businesses, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean) and click "Register as a business."

If you or your organization are in need of a presentation about emergency preparedness or other emergency-related topics, let me know at 571-350-1013, TTY 711 or by email at [marcelo.ferreira@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:marcelo.ferreira@fairfaxcounty.gov).

*Marcelo Ferreira, OEM community liaison, holds the Associate Emergency Manager (AEM) credential from the Virginia Emergency Management Association (VEMA).*



## NG9-1-1, Moving Accessibility Forward

By Bruce McFarlane Sr.

On Friday, April 8, I attended the fourth session of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Emergency Access Advisory Committee (EAAC) in Washington, D.C. The EAAC is an advisory committee charged with developing a national survey on the next generation 9-1-1 and how it will look and be used by people with access and functional needs.

There were several reports given by committee members, including the report I gave on the tour of the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (MPSTOC) facility held on April 7 (see picture at right). Several members of the committee participated in the tour and gave very positive comments on both the facility and the information provided during the tour.

The EAAC also heard the history of some legal actions that occurred when 9-1-1 call centers are not accessible. This report confirmed the need to develop the accessibility guidelines as completely and as quickly as possible.

The afternoon session was spent with committee members split into three different breakout sessions. I participated in a session charged with looking at the survey results to begin developing possible uses of the data as support for accessibility guideline development. Information can only be transmitted to 9-1-1 call centers via three methods:

1. voice
2. data
3. video

Currently, almost all call centers can only receive voice calls, which is the core of the accessibility issue.

If you have any questions about the committee or its work, email me at [bruce.mcfarlane@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:bruce.mcfarlane@fairfaxcounty.gov).

*Bruce McFarlane Sr., inclusive emergency planner for the Office of Emergency Management, holds the Certified Emergency Management Assistant (CEMA) credential from the Virginia Emergency Management Association (VEMA).*



On April 7, several members of the FCC Next Generation 9-1-1 Committee participated in a tour of MPSTOC. Tracy Sheldon, MPSTOC general manager, provided details of the facility; OEM's Sulayman Brown gave a tour of the Emergency Operations Center and Steve Souder, director of the 9-1-1 Center, provided a well-received tour of the 9-1-1 Call Center. Bruce A. McFarlane Sr., (back center, facing camera) Fairfax County representative on the committee, arranged for the tour and provided a picture presentation on the tour at the April 8 meeting at FCC headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management is available to deliver emergency preparedness presentations to community organizations and homeowners associations. If interested, contact Marcelo Ferreira at 571-350-1013, TTY 711, or via email at [marcelo.ferreira@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:marcelo.ferreira@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## 2011 Arson Awareness Week

"Working Together to Extinguish Serial Arson" is the theme for the 2011 Arson Awareness Week, May 1-7. The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and its partners are using the week to focus public attention on the value of a collaborative effort with law enforcement, fire and emergency service departments, and the community to battle serial arsonists. Read more: [www.usfa.dhs.gov/media/press/2011releases/033111.shtm](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/media/press/2011releases/033111.shtm).

### Two Ways to Help Tornado Survivors

One of the best ways to help those who have been displaced and otherwise impacted by the devastating tornado outbreak in the Southeast is through recognized, established voluntary and charity organizations. Here are two excellent ways to donate much-needed cash to the affected families:

- Text "Red Cross" to 90999 to donate \$10.
- Text GIVE to 80888 (Salvation Army) to donate \$10.

## Being Prepared – How You Can Respond to an Active Shooter

Although we all hope never to encounter a situation where someone is actively shooting a gun in a threatening manner, preparedness is vital. The active shooter materials from DHS include a reference poster (in English and Spanish), a 13-page booklet and a pocket-size reference card. These teach employees, managers, training staff and human resources personnel how they can mitigate the risk of, and appropriately react to, an active shooter situation.

For more information, visit [www.dhs.gov/cfsector](http://www.dhs.gov/cfsector) and look under ‘Retail Subsector’ or email the Commercial Facilities Sector-Specific Agency at [CFSteam@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CFSteam@hq.dhs.gov).

## National Level Exercise 2011

The purpose of National Level Exercise 2011 (NLE 2011), May 16-20, is to prepare and coordinate a multiple-jurisdictional integrated response to a national catastrophic event – specifically a major earthquake in the central United States region of the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ).

NLE 2011 will involve thousands of government officials at the federal, state, local and tribal levels, members of the private sector and the general public. Participants will conduct simultaneous, related exercise activities at command posts, emergency operation centers and other locations in the Washington, D.C., area and the eight affected central U.S. states (Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee).

The functional exercise offers agencies and jurisdictions a way to validate their plans and skills in a real-time, realistic environment and to gain the in-depth knowledge that only experience can provide. NLE 2011 is also an opportunity to continue to highlight to the public the need to be prepared for earthquakes and specific steps they can take to be ready.

Fact sheet:  
[www.fema.gov/media/fact\\_sheets/nle2011\\_fs.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/media/fact_sheets/nle2011_fs.shtm)

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The Fairfax County Citizen Corps harnesses the power of individuals through education, training and volunteer service to make communities safe, stronger and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters of all kinds. There are five core programs:

### Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Provides support for the police department by incorporating volunteers so that law enforcement professionals have more time for frontline duty. VIPS includes auxiliary police officers, administrative volunteers, and the Citizen's Police Academy.



[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/vips.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/vips.htm)

### Neighborhood Watch

Brings private citizens and law enforcement together to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. It brings to life the simple concept of neighbors watching out for neighbors. Volunteers may join an existing group or establish one in their neighborhood.



[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/nw.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/nw.htm)

### Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Operated by the Health Department, MRC is composed of medical and non-medical volunteers trained to assist the community in dispensing medication during public health emergencies.



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

### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Trains people in neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools in basic disaster response skills, such as fire suppression and search and rescue, and helps them take a more active role in emergency preparedness.



[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/cert.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/cert.htm)

### Fire Corps

Volunteers are trained to perform non-operational administrative duties at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Headquarters and at volunteer fire stations.



[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/firecorps.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/firecorps.htm)

**Virginia's Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday | May 25-31**

**Get ready to save money!**  
Stock up on supplies for your family's  
emergency supply kit and to protect your home.

By law, the items listed below are exempt from Virginia sales tax between May 25 and May 31.

**\$60 or less**  
Shop for items in this list that have a sales price of \$60 or less:

- Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs and reusable ice
- Batteries (excluding automobile or boat batteries)
  - AAA, AA, C and D size
  - 6- or 9-volt
  - Cell phone batteries
- Any battery-powered light sources, including flashlights, lanterns and glow sticks -- no candles
- Tarpaulins, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths and other flexible waterproof sheeting
- Bungee cords and rope
- Ground anchor systems or tie down kits
- Ratchet straps
- Duct tape
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Smoke detectors
- Fire extinguishers
- Empty gas, propane or diesel fuel tanks or containers
- Water storage containers, including buckets, barrels, canteen, cans, cooler
- Nonelectric food storage coolers
- Bottled water, any size and number of bottles, including flavored, carbonated and vitamin water
- Manual can openers
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radios (including radios with an electrical power option)
- Two-way radios
- Weather band radios and NOAA Weather Radios
- Storm shutter devices that are made, rated and marketed specifically for the prevention of storm damage to windows -- no plywood
- Cell phone chargers
- First aid kits

**\$1,000 or less**  
Shop for items in this list that have a sales price of \$1,000 or less:

- Portable generators and generator power cords
- Inverters and inverter power cables

Customers can use manufacturer's coupons to lower the price of an item so that it will qualify for the \$60 or \$1,000 price cap.

The Virginia Department of Taxation's Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday Guidelines and Rules are available online at [www.tax.virginia.gov/salestaxholiday](http://www.tax.virginia.gov/salestaxholiday).

For detailed information about how to prepare your family for hurricanes and other emergencies, visit [www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov).



**Ready Virginia**  
[www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) FY2011 budget appropriation from Congress included approximately \$19 million for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). In the coming weeks, FEMA will publish the grant guidance for the FY2011 NSGP when it becomes available.

Unfortunately, due to the five-plus month congressional delay in completing the FY2011 federal budget, the time available to apply for the FY2011 NSGP will be limited, possibly only 30 days or less.

The D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (DC HSEMA), as the State Administrative Agent (SAA) for the FEMA preparedness grants, requests that prospective applicants begin working on their applications now, using the forms, guidance and information from last year's grant process.

Applications should be submitted by email in Microsoft WORD (\*.doc) or Text (\*.text) format no later than **6 p.m. on Friday, May 20**.

For more information, contact the D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency.

## Volunteer Fairfax Responds to Storm Damage in Halifax County

In response to the recent effects of a storm that blasted through seven states, Volunteer Fairfax was asked by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to fill a request for Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) operations in Halifax County.

Matt Lyttle, emergency response program manager, and Todd Damren, emergency response program intern, organized a volunteer reception center on behalf of the Halifax County Office of Emergency Management on Saturday, April 30, to register, train and deploy volunteers to help with the storm damage.

"Regardless of the disaster, it is vital that those wishing to help have a safe way to do so," says Lyttle. "Having a VRC discourages people from self-deploying, which can add more frustration to an already difficult situation. We are happy to assist another community in need."

For updates regarding Volunteer Fairfax's response to the storms in Halifax, visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org) or follow Volunteer Fairfax on Twitter @volunteerFFX.

## 2011 Hurricane Season

Forecasters at Colorado State University have predicted at least five major hurricanes with winds of more than 111 miles per hour for the 2011 Atlantic hurricane season. Overall, approximately 16 named storms are likely, with nine of them reaching hurricane status. There is a 72 percent chance that one of the major storms will strike the U.S. coast and a 47 percent chance of a Gulf Coast hit.

According to National Hurricane Center Director Bill Reed, the 2010 season had the highest number of hurricanes without a U.S. landfall. However, he emphasized that the persistent trough of low pressure off the U.S. East Coast, which in 2010 directed nearly all of the storms safely out to sea, was highly unlikely to be repeated.

Read more at [www.news.colostate.edu/Release/5656](http://www.news.colostate.edu/Release/5656).

# Save Money During Sales Tax Holiday

By Laura Southard

**P**lan to go shopping the last week of May and you will save money. During Virginia's annual Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday – May 25-31 – no sales tax will be charged on many supplies used to protect homes and businesses during hurricane and flooding season.

## Interesting Hurricane Facts

**T**he north Atlantic hurricane season begins June 1 and lasts through Nov. 30. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's "Facts for Features" on the beginning of the 2011 hurricane season:

- Arlene is the name of the first 2011 Atlantic storm. Hurricane names rotate in a six-year cycle; the 2011 list is a repeat of the 2005 names. The World Meteorological Organization retired the names of four major hurricanes that made landfall in the U.S. in 2005: Dennis, Katrina, Rita and Wilma. Stan, a Category 1 storm, was also retired after causing extensive loss of life in Central America. They were replaced by Don, Katia, Rina, Sean and Whitney.

- The Weather Bureau officially began naming hurricanes in 1950.

- There were 12 hurricanes during the 2010 Atlantic hurricane season, five were major hurricanes at Category 3 strength or higher. None of these made landfall in the U.S., though Alex made landfall just south of Texas in Mexico and Earl brushed the East Coast.

- In 2005, one of the busiest Atlantic hurricane seasons on record, 28 named storms formed, forcing use of the alternate Greek alphabet scheme for the first time. When the National Hurricane Center's list of 21 approved names runs out for the year, hurricanes are named after Greek letters.

[www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/facts\\_for\\_features\\_special\\_editions/cb11-ff12.html](http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/cb11-ff12.html).

- You also can stock up on items for your family's emergency supply kit. Many everyday items are exempt:
  - Bottled water of any size, including flavored, carbonated and vitamin water.
  - Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs, reusable ice.
  - Batteries, excluding car or boat batteries.
  - Battery-powered light sources, including flashlights and lanterns.
  - First-aid kits.
  - Cellphone chargers.
  - Weather Band radios and NOAA Weather Radios.
  - Battery-powered or hand-crank radios, including radio with electrical power option.
  - Two-way radios.
  - Manual can openers
  - Tarps, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths.
  - Duct tape.
  - Bungee cords and rope.
  - Ground anchor systems or tie-down kits.
  - Ratchet straps.
  - Carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, fire extinguishers.
  - Empty gas, propane or diesel fuel tanks or containers.
  - Water storage containers such as buckets, barrels, canteens, coolers.
  - Storm shutter devices made for the prevention of storm damage (not plywood).

Save money on big-ticket items, too, with a sales price of \$1,000 or less:

- Portable generators and generator power cords.
- Inverters and inverter power cables.

Retail outlets will have information about the tax holiday. For a complete list and more information, go to [www.tax.virginia.gov/salestaxholiday](http://www.tax.virginia.gov/salestaxholiday).

For information about getting ready for hurricane and flooding season in Virginia, visit [www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov) or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem).

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# The Safe and Well Website: A Tool to Reconnect Loved Ones Following Disasters

By Diane Zinna

**F**amily reunification is one of the original missions of the American Red Cross. In 1865, Abraham Lincoln placed Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, in charge of the search for the Civil War's missing soldiers. By writing letters and placing newspaper ads, she helped trace the fates of over 22,000 men.

Since Hurricane Katrina, the public has turned to the Safe and Well website ([www.redcross.org/safeandwell](http://www.redcross.org/safeandwell)) to reconnect with loved ones following domestic disasters. People affected by a disaster can register that they are safe, then loved ones can search the site to view registrants' posted messages. The site also allows registrants to post their Safe and Well messages to their Facebook and Twitter pages, resulting in a proactive push of information out to all of the people registrants have pre-identified as being their friends. The site is available 24/7, allowing it to be used for all types of disasters, small and large.

## Commitment to Client Privacy

There are a number of family reunification websites available today, but a distinction of the Safe and Well system is that it aims to protect client data. Those searching the site need to provide the sought person's name and a second factor of authentication: either a phone number or complete home address. Even then, a successful search result is limited to the registrant's name, the date and time the registration took place, and the messages the registrant chose to share – just enough information to provide peace of mind until normal communications can be restored. Data remains in the secure site for 365 days, and registrants can update their status anytime.

## A Supported Registration Process

When a disaster strikes, Safe and Well volunteers are among the first people deployed to the disaster area. They know that the most critical time to capture registrations is during the early hours of a disaster, when normal communications are compromised. When possible, volunteers help people register online at shelters. Volunteers can also distribute paper forms for later back-data entry, arrange kiosks for phone

registration and direct people to the mobile site. The Safe and Well Helper Tool, a modified Excel spreadsheet, also can be used to collect many registrations all at once. That data can then be quickly uploaded to the site once connectivity is available. The site is truly part of an integrated, supported disaster response.

## Promoting Safe and Well

Across the country, Red Cross volunteers are working to promote the Safe and Well website in their communities. Effective promotion reduces the burden on emergency responders by reducing the number of phone calls from concerned loved ones and helps mitigate congestion of the public telephone system during disaster. For more information about the Safe and Well website and the American Red Cross's role in family reunification during disasters, contact [safe@usa.redcross.org](mailto:safe@usa.redcross.org).

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government buildings. NTAS threat alerts will be issued for a specific time period and will automatically expire. Alerts may be extended if new information becomes available or as a specific threat evolves.

For more information on the National Terrorism Advisory System or to receive NTAS alerts, visit [www.dhs.gov/alerts](http://www.dhs.gov/alerts).

The public guide is available online at [www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/ntas/ntas-public-guide.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/ntas/ntas-public-guide.pdf).

