**FEMA’s Higher Education Program Bits and Pieces**

**National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, MD**

**24 January 2014**

**Higher Education Program News:**

* **16th Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, June 2-5, 2014.**

The 16th Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium is scheduled for June 2-5, 2014. Plenary, breakout sessions and workshops are once again on the schedule. More symposium information will be posted on the Higher Education website in the next few months including call for papers and presentations and registration information. <https://training.fema.gov/emiweb/edu/>

Questions or concerns about the symposium should be sent to Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov.

* **College List (**<https://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/edu/collegelist/>)

Hi Ed staff is currently working to complete the annual college list updates. The college list is frequently used as a source of information by students, faculty and professional organizations. If your college or university is currently on the college list and you have not updated for this year please do so ASAP by emailing Shannon.Cool@associates.fema.dhs.gov or Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov.

**College and University Information:**

* **California Career Pathways Trust RFA**

Dear Colleagues,

Good morning! Please see the following link and news release from the California Department of Education and State Senate Pro Tem Steinberg relating to the California Career Pathways Trust. As we are working with national, state, and local partners and key stakeholders on the design, development, and implementation of seamless "vertical track" career pathways in the areas of emergency management, homeland security, and cybersecurity. This funding opportunity is wonderfully timed and intended to support the kinds of educational activities we have been working on for several years.

Of course the "real trick" to career pathway development is found within making the partnerships and enhancing linkages/networks between K-12 education, Community Colleges, CSUs, additional educational institutions, and the private/industry sector.  As career technical education programs are a form of "workforce development," and rely on the integration/linking of learning through education and training-- there is a good deal of work needed in these areas within the discipline and field of emergency management and homeland security state-wide. Thus it is important, not only to have a model curriculum in place; but also a series of inter-connected programs that utilize this curriculum in a linked learning environment involving academic and professional partnerships.

This will be one of the many subjects of our CEMHS grant teleconference scheduled for next Monday, January 27th. Campus preparedness grants are also on our meeting agenda.

Looking forward to "seeing" many of you there--

Best Regards, Keith

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r17/ccpt14rfa.asp>

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#### State Schools Chief Tom Torlakson and State Senate Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg Invite Applications for California's $250 Million Career Pathways Trust Grants

SACRAMENTO—California is taking a major step toward helping to keep more students in school and better prepare them for careers and well-paying jobs as schools and education agencies across the state can now apply for grants from the state's new $250 million [California Career Pathways Trust](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/gi/ccptinfo.asp) fund. The request for applications for programs designed to build seamless pathways between schools, higher education, and careers was announced today by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson and Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg.

"We want every student in California to graduate prepared for college and careers," Torlakson said. "We need students to be able to seamlessly transition between high school and post-secondary education, training programs, and gainful employment. Partnerships between our schools, community colleges, and businesses have the potential to make that happen."

The Career Pathways Trust provides competitive grants to create innovative programs and partnerships linking rigorous academic standards to career pathways in high-need and high-growth sectors of the economy. Through curriculum that's relevant to career interests, students will be more engaged and less likely to drop out of school while gaining better preparation for the highly complex and competitive working world of the 21st century. There will also be a significant boost to local, regional, and state economies by providing business and industry with skilled workers. California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice Harris and Workforce Investment Board Executive Director Tim Rainey joined Torlakson and Steinberg for the announcement.

"This model of learning helps bring curriculum to life, by making education more relevant to college and careers," said Steinberg. "Where this career pathways approach has been applied, we've seen reduced dropout rates and avenues to good-paying jobs. With so much attention on helping kids after they fall behind, this substantial grant reaches kids before they may fail."

Applicants for the one-time, competitive grants can include school districts, county education offices, charter schools, and community college districts. The California Career Pathways Trust, spearheaded by Steinberg and included in the state's 2013-14 budget, is administered by the California Department of Education. Grant recipients will be expected to create sustained career pathways programs that connect businesses, K–12 schools, and community colleges to better prepare students for the 21st century workplace.

"These grants will help K-12 and community college students progress through strengthened job training programs that will lead them to employment in industries that are in need of skilled workers," Harris said. "This initiative builds on the California Community Colleges strategic approach for narrowing the skills gap in our state and accelerating the economic recovery."

The grant levels can be as high as $15 million for larger regional programs. Local educational agencies interested in applying for the CCPT should submit a Letter of Intent to Apply by February 14, 2014. Applications should be submitted by March 28, 2014, on the California Department of Education's [Funding](http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/af/) Web page.

Throughout the month of February, the state Education Department will be hosting a series of workshops around the state to give potential applicants a thorough overview of the application process and an opportunity to have their questions answered directly.

       **9-11 a.m., February 5, 2014**: Fresno County Office of Education, 1111 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA.

       **1-3 p.m., February 7, 2014**: Health and Human Services Auditorium, 1500 Capital Avenue, Sacramento, CA.

       **9-11 a.m., February 12, 2014**: Los Angeles County Office of Education, Education Center Room 100, 9300 Imperial Highway, Downey, CA.

**Internships/Scholarships:**

* **Mary Fran Myers Scholarship**

The Mary Fran Myers Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications. Recipients will receive financial support allowing them to attend the [**2014 Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=f9ceb7b7b5&e=a517e11588)in Broomfield, Colorado, June 22-25. Recipients may also stay through June 26 to attend either the International Research Committee on Disasters or the Natural Hazard Mitigation Association add-on events for researchers and practitioners, respectively. Scholarships can cover part or all of transportation, meals, and registration costs. For more information on past scholarship winners and how to apply, visit the [**Mary Fran Myers Scholarship page**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=254e58b467&e=a517e11588)at the Natural Hazards Center Web site.

**Applications must be received by March 28.**

**Employment Opportunities:**

* **Emergency Management Specialist, GS- 0089-12**

Emergency Management Specialist, GS- 0089-12 in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Directorate (NPD), Technological Hazards Division (THD), Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REPP) Branch.

Merit Promotion

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/359713000>

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<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/359712800>

# Executive Director, Recovery Operations

This position is responsible for providing dedicated leadership to effectively execute and deliver Recovery services, ready anytime and anywhere. Focused on large and/or complex events this position directs services both on the scene and remotely as needed depending on the magnitude, complexity and timing of disaster(s). This position executes defined Recovery Services, has fiscal oversight, facilitates grant management and identifies and develops talent to support the Recovery efforts. Serves as key representative for the organization and public spokesperson with media, high level emergency management, donors, Federal, State and local government officials as well as nongovernmental organizations.

## [American Red Cross](http://www.linkedin.com/company/157239/careers?trk=job_view_topcard_company_name) - Washington - District of Columbia - US

## <http://www.linkedin.com/jobs2/view/10497341?trk=vsrp_jobs_res_name&trkInfo=VSRPsearchId%3A2543500051390414296834%2CVSRPtargetId%3A10497341%2CVSRPcmpt%3Aprimary>

* **FEMA - Program Assistant (Open to United States Citizens) -**

FEMA’s Office of Disability Integration and Coordination headquarters staff is expanding and has an open vacancy for the position of Program Assistant (GS-0344-06). As the national Disability Integration Advisor CADRE reservist program grows, the need for additional administrative support is necessary.  This person will help serve the nation by assisting all citizens and first responders during disasters or emergency situations by being a part of FEMA’s disaster workforce.  This position is held at FEMA Headquarters in the Washington, DC area. Please feel free to forward this notification to anyone who may be interested in applying for this exciting opportunity to join FEMA and help integrate and coordinate national disability inclusive emergency management efforts.  Please follow the link below to the vacancy announcement on USAJOBS.GOV.

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/359853700>

* **Pantex - Emergency Management Positions - B&W/DOE/NNSA/Pantex site, Amarillo, TX**
1. Announcement for vacant positions (x2) in Drills and Exercises closed, both positions filled.  One internal and one external candidate, the external candidate comes to us from NNSA Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) with demonstrated expertise in development, coordination and delivery of drills and exercise based on the DOE orders and guidance, and scenario-based skills for beyond design bases preparedness.

1. Contract support for Emergency Preparedness Hazards Assessment / Hazards Survey (EPHA/EPHS) update/review, award of contract pending.  This will add contract support for assessment and survey activities being completed.

1. Announcement for vacant position (x1) for Hazards Analyst closed, position filled.  The external candidate comes to us with a solid EM background from local government with applicable PhD education credentials, and expertise in analysis, technical tools, information for leadership decision-making, and technology skills for tactical/operation/and/strategic coordination.

1. Announcement for vacant position (x1) Training Officer, position reviewed by HR and approved, announcement of position pending.  Estimate early February for posting.  The position will require expertise in emergency management, training, drills and exercise, continuity programs, and records/qualification.  In development of the position description highlighted on the range of experience/skills that combined with responsibility for training will directly support a sustained qualified response / recovery capability.
2. Announcement for vacant position (x1) Performance Assurance (Issues Management) within EMD is open.  I have attached the web link and position description information (below).  The position will work within the Security & Safeguards and Emergency Services (Fire and EMD) Division, in the Performance Assurance Department with responsibilities for Emergency Services issues management.  This involves causal analysis, factual accuracy reviews, issues closure and validation through self-assessments, drills/exercise, and other assessments.  The position requires expertise in assessment (emergency management), project management/action tracking type efforts, and collaborative skills.

Looking for skilled emergency management professionals, with background in DOE 151.1C, to strengthen the Division’s expertise.  Please consider applying or referring to others with skills needed.   Pantex is an interesting environment and mission, important to the country, directly involving security, safeguards and emergency management.

<http://ch.tbe.taleo.net/CH07/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=BWTECH&cws=1&rid=3178>

Security Specialist V (14-0186)

Department:      0725 Performance Assurance

Title:      Security Specialist V (Issues Management)

Vacancies:           1

Location: TX-Amarillo

# of openings: 1

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JOB DUTIES:

Leads performance-based assessment teams; conducts qualitative and quantitative analysis of Safeguards and Security activities; interprets written procedures; evaluates content and implementation of Safeguards and Security orders and procedures; plans and directs all assigned phases or portions of assessments and security exercises to meet scheduled completion dates within estimated time limits and in compliance with environmental health and safety procedures; interfaces regularly with Vulnerability Assessment Section; develops and conducts assessments and performance tests in cooperation and coordination with department managers and PXSO counterparts; duties may also include planning and executing all assigned phases of the S&S Issues Management Process to meet scheduled completion dates; evaluating content and implementation of S&S orders and procedures; facilitating causal analysis meetings for the Safeguards and Security (S&S) Division; writing causal analysis reports; interpreting written procedures; interfacing regularly with all levels of plant personnel, as well as senior plant and DOE management; and observing and evaluating outcomes of a solution to identify lessons learned or redirect efforts.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

Position requires demonstrated skill planning and executing assessments and performance tests; demonstrated skill compiling and analyzing data; demonstrated skill facilitating meetings involving complex issues requiring ability to direct other professional staff members; demonstrated skill analyzing a given situation, identifying causes, and proposing a course of action for correction; demonstrated ability to effectively evaluate Safeguards & Security systems, processes and practices to determine related non-compliances, strengths, weaknesses and make determinations as to the overall performance or status of the subject tested or assessed; demonstrated skill presenting information clearly and effectively through the oral and written word; demonstrated skill to exercising initiative, independent judgment, and discretion under limited supervision; demonstrated interpersonal skills with the ability to relate to others, build rapport, and establish positive working relationships; and demonstrated proficiency with word processing, spreadsheet, database and graphics software applications.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE:

Bachelors' degree in business, security management, criminal justice or other related discipline, combined with at least five years related experience, or an equivalent combination of related education and experience.

**Emergency Management/Homeland Security News:**

* **2nd Annual Best Practices in Higher Education Emergency Management Conference – March 11-13, 2014**

## Schedule

The conference is a two and a half day event that takes begins at 8:30am Tuesday, March 11, and ends at 12:30pm on Thursday, March 13. Here is a draft schedule to help you with your travel plans. Speakers and topics will be updated on the schedule very soon. Lunch will be available on campus or within walking distance. You may also take the city bus for lunch.

**We are pleased to offer a free full day of training the day before the conference. On the day before the conference, March 10, the National Domestic Preparedness Training Center will host the Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery course. Seating is limited to 30 people. Please email** **shelbey-thompson@utc.edu** **to reserve your seat today!**

- See more at: <http://www.govevents.com/blog/2013/12/06/2nd-annual-best-practices-in-higher-education-emergency-management-conference/#sthash.b06VCGme.dpuf>

* **2nd Annual Disaster Ministry Workshop - June 10 - 12, 2014**

The Humanitarian Disaster Institute at Wheaton College is the country’s first faith-based academic disaster research center. HDI is dedicated to helping congregations and faith-based organizations to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. HDI carries out this mission through applied research, training, and technical support.

**Aim:** The primary goal for this workshop is to equip pastors and church leaders who will be able to lead their congregations in developing effective disaster ministries.

**General Information -** [**http://wheaton.edu/HDI/Training-and-Education/Offerings**](http://wheaton.edu/HDI/Training-and-Education/Offerings)

**\*Dates:** June 10-12, 2014

**\*Location:** Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.

\***Certificate of Completion in Disaster Ministry:** Will be given to all participants who complete all 3

 days of the workshop. (Note: This certificate is not an academic award or credential from Wheaton College.)

\***Early registration fee:** $199 (by April 15th); after April 15th: $225; or $75 per day. *A limited number*

 *of scholarships are available and the fee may be adjusted based on need. Contact Linda Bretz*

 *for more information (**HDI.Registration@wheaton.edu**).*

**\*Meals and Housing:** Buffet meals are available for purchase in the campus dining hall ranging from

 $6 to $11. On-campus housing is available at a rate of $37/night (single) and $27/night (double).

**Learning Objectives**

At this workshop you will learn:

1. The various opportunities for churches to engage in

making their members and communities more disaster

resilient;

2. The theology behind church engagement in

disasters;

3. What leaders can do to develop a disaster resilience

program;

4. Specific plans for making your church disaster ready;

5. The larger programs and resources available to help

you become disaster ready; and

6. How to provide disaster spiritual and emotional care.

**Keynote Speaker**

Stephan Bauman (CEO, World Relief)

* **28th Annual Governor’s Hurricane Conference®, May 11 – 16, 2014**

**Student Scholarship Program Applications Now Open!** [**http://ghc.cdrp.net**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001VxuvpXt2U3RLl0d2shtDnEyup5Hd91YVuzDLEAIjF-UrKPkHoxVPWp30Po6Y7XQtpwfdkYYDkRnXqPDxEDFbIU3VRT9zMquF0SNN5vc-TryE2b2NfhS5LpclsnX1KyVXEcX7nwhoAJM1bIv0yWOIzAwyqjp5ut01VmekpJZ45ec=&c=JCQ1VqBRqIHewKpCvmOE1IrwEWl7JNx6Vaolkuvv9DVsYUbsxmjjyA==&ch=uz8_ZU3bTSUcUQo7VdEaUnnWKRK7g203yRPbOq5csLBAWNWc34Udvg==)

The Governor's Hurricane Conference® (GHC) is pleased to announce its fifth year of the Student Scholarship Program. The 28th Annual GHC will be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel and Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, May 11 - 16, 2014. For more information regarding the GHC, visit the GHC Website at [www.flghc.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001VxuvpXt2U3RLl0d2shtDnEyup5Hd91YVuzDLEAIjF-UrKPkHoxVPWvR-oeiB0UK5IB7xkIl-nwCBwZGBJjY9KS_27aGt3VOEYmb1ePKaVJKUbFi9PsAtHbZlkSQ9H3bhjVsp_uQkPSl4tUiNSSsKlfVLLdedLy_QozdxPh9xz_4=&c=JCQ1VqBRqIHewKpCvmOE1IrwEWl7JNx6Vaolkuvv9DVsYUbsxmjjyA==&ch=uz8_ZU3bTSUcUQo7VdEaUnnWKRK7g203yRPbOq5csLBAWNWc34Udvg==).

Degree or certificate seeking students currently enrolled in a public or private institution of higher education, at the graduate or undergraduate level, who have taken or are taking emergency management related courses as part of their academic program, are eligible to apply for a scholarship to attend the 2014 GHC. While a student's major or minor concentration of study need not be "emergency management" specifically, they should demonstrate that their field of study has a direct impact to overall emergency preparedness, response, recovery and/or mitigation.

Due to many factors, the GHC is no longer in a financial position to fund the student scholarship program to the same level as in some previous years. In order to continue to finance student participation, the scholarship program will fund attendance at the "Conference Only" (May 14 - 16). Students wishing to attend the training sessions (May 11 - 14) may do so at their own expense. The Student Scholarship Program does not cover all expenses related to conference attendance. A student's educational institution may have funds to support extraneous expenses such as meals not included in the conference registration fee, parking, gas, and others. Each applicant is strongly encouraged to contact their institution and student organizations on campus, or seek other resources to determine if supporting funds may be available to augment conference travel expenses. We suggest you begin that process now.

The GHC Student Scholarship Program does not fund the attendance of employed professionals in emergency management or related fields. Students who are Florida "residents for tuition purposes" (as defined per sec. 1009.21, F.S.) will be given priority, although out-of-state or online students may be considered, based upon review committee recommendation. The total number of students from any single institution will be limited based upon total funding availability.

Elements of the application include: listing of emergency management related academic course taken or currently taking, including credit hours for each course; listing of emergency management training sessions completed or currently taking, including CEUs or contact hours for each; current resume' which will be graded on community service/extracurricular activities, related professional background, and academic achievement; and a 700 word essay about your professional plans in relation to emergency management, commitment to Florida.

The deadline for application submission is February 21. Notifications of scholarship recipients will be made in late March. Please give this notice wide distribution within your institution.

Click here: [**http://ghc.cdrp.net**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001VxuvpXt2U3RLl0d2shtDnEyup5Hd91YVuzDLEAIjF-UrKPkHoxVPWp30Po6Y7XQtpwfdkYYDkRnXqPDxEDFbIU3VRT9zMquF0SNN5vc-TryE2b2NfhS5LpclsnX1KyVXEcX7nwhoAJM1bIv0yWOIzAwyqjp5ut01VmekpJZ45ec=&c=JCQ1VqBRqIHewKpCvmOE1IrwEWl7JNx6Vaolkuvv9DVsYUbsxmjjyA==&ch=uz8_ZU3bTSUcUQo7VdEaUnnWKRK7g203yRPbOq5csLBAWNWc34Udvg==) to start your application.

* **Disaster Information Management Research Center, U.S. National Library of Medicine**

\*Selections from over 100 e-sources\*

\*Follow NLM\_DIMRC on Twitter:  <http://twitter.com/NLM_DIMRC> \*

\*\*\* Institute for Research Design in Librarianship\*\*\*

June 16-26, 2014

Loyola Maymount University, Los Angeles, CA

Are you interested in doing research in the disaster health information arena, but aren’t sure where to begin? This Institute is designed to bring together a diverse group of academic and research librarians who are motivated and enthusiastic about conducting research but need additional training and/or other support to perform the steps successfully. During the nine-day institute, participants receive expert instruction on research design and small-group and one-on-one assistance in writing and/or revising their own draft research proposal. After attending the institute, participants receive ongoing moral support in conducting their research and preparing the results for dissemination.

Call for Proposals (Due Feb 1) <http://irdlonline.org/call/prepare/>

\*\*\*WebWISER 4.5 Released\*\*\*

WebWISER 4.5 is now available. This new release integrates Chemical Hazards Emergency Medical Management (CHEMM) content and updates the Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) content to 2012.  CHEMM integration brings the following new features to WISER:

•New hospital provider and preparedness planner profiles, along with a customized home screen for all WISER profiles

•Acute care guidelines for six known mass casualty agents/agent classes

•The addition of a wealth of CHEMM reference material

•CHEMM Intelligent Syndrome Tool (CHEMM-IST), a new help identify tool designed to diagnose the type of chemical exposure after a mass casualty incident

ERG content is now updated to the 2012 release.

[http://webwiser.nlm.nih.gov/](http://webwiser.nlm.nih.gov/getHomeData.do)

\*\*\*The Perfect Storm of Information\*\*\*

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PLOS Currents: Disasters

December 16, 2013

By Sara Smith and Kelly Bennett

In the article, “The Perfect Storm of Information: Combining Traditional and Non-Traditional Data Sources for Public Health Situational Awareness during Hurricane Response”, researchers from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response reviewed tweets, news reports, press releases, and federal situation reports sent during Hurricane Isaac and analyzed them for relevancy and timeliness. This study indicates that non-traditional data sources should supplement traditional data sources and can fill some of the gaps in traditional reporting.

Blog Post: <http://www.phe.gov/ASPRBlog/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=77>

The Perfect Storm of Information: Combining Traditional and Non-Traditional Data Sources for Public Health Situational Awareness during Hurricane Response <http://currents.plos.org/disasters/article/the-perfect-storm-of-information-combining-traditional-and-non-traditional-data-sources-for-public-health-situational-awareness-during-hurricane-response/>

\*\*\* Save the Date: Science Boot Camp for Librarians: The Science of Disasters!\*\*\*

University of Washington, Seattle Washington

July 9-11, 2014

Please save the date for the second annual Western Science Boot Camp for Librarians! Science Boot Camps for Librarians are immersive 2 ½ day events featuring educational presentations about science. This Science Boot Camp will explore key concepts and research in engineering, environmental sciences and health sciences, all focused on the science of disaster.

<http://guides.lib.washington.edu/ScienceBootCampWest2014>

\*\*\*Quick Guide to Newly Designed Lessons Learned Information Sharing Website\*\*\*

Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS.gov) is the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency's national online network of lessons learned, best practices, and innovative ideas for the emergency management and homeland security communities. The website was recently redesigned. Take a few minutes to review the overview to the updates, and take a look at the website.

Quick Guide: <https://www.llis.dhs.gov/content/llisgov-quick-guide>

LLIS Website: <https://www.llis.dhs.gov/>

\*\*\*Treasury Ensures Fair Treatment for Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders under the Affordable Care Act\*\*\*

The US Department of Treasury announced regulations that will exempt the hours of volunteer firefighters and other volunteer emergency responders from being counted toward requirements mandated by the Affordable Care Act.

<http://www.treasury.gov/connect/blog/Pages/Treasury-Ensures-Fair-Treatment-for-Volunteer-Firefighters-and-Emergency-Responders-under-the-Affordable-Care-Act-Under-ACA.aspx>

\*\*\*Respirator Trusted-Source Mobile App Challenge Winners\*\*\*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) challenged teams to design a mobile app that could be used to search the NIOSH trusted source site <http://knowits.niosh.gov> for specific respirator criteria, and to display all relevant information in an easy to view format on a mobile device. View the winners of the challenge, along with demos about the apps that include how they were developed, and how to use them.

<http://www.resp-mobile-app.challengepost.com/>

\*\*\*Webinar: The Infrastructure Security Partnership: Improving Resilience of the Nation’s Infrastructure\*\*\*

EMForum.org

January 22 at 12:00 Noon ET

William B. Anderson, The Infrastructure Security Partnership (TISP) Director and Chief Operating Officer, will discuss TISP and its ongoing efforts to improve the resilience of our nation's built environment. TISP has published the widely used Regional Disaster Resilience Guide and was also actively engaged in the recent update of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan.

<http://www.emforum.org/140122announce.htm>

\*\*\*Webinar Series: Chemical Casualty Care \*\*\*

United States Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense

February 19: Latest research in nerve agents Rx: Atropine, Scopalamine and Benzodiazepines.

April 23: Medical Management of Pediatric Patients in a Chemical Environment.

The Chemical Casualty Care Division of the US Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense (USAMRICD) is providing online training via distance learning webinar.

<https://ccc.apgea.army.mil/webinar.htm>

\*\*\*Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) – Public Health/Chemical Incident Focus\*\*\*

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Management Institute

Wednesday, February 26, 12:00 noon to 4:00pm ET

Exercise Description: in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this exercise is one of four specially designed Virtual Table-Top Exercises (VTTX), which will specifically focus on the impacts of natural and man-made disasters on the public health community during the fiscal year (FY14) series of VTTX’s offered monthly by the Emergency Management Institute (EMI).  The VTTX involves key personnel discussing simulated scenarios in an informal setting, and can be used to assess plans, policies, training, and procedures.  This VTTX differs from other Tabletop exercises in that it will be conducted using Video-Teleconference (VTC) technology (not web based), and is intended to provide an opportunity for responders across the Nation to simultaneously participate in a hazard-specific facilitated discussion.  Locations interested in participating in the VTTX series should submit an email request to participate in the exercise to Todd Wheeler at Todd.Wheeler@fema.dhs.gov, phone (301) 447-1101. <http://training.fema.gov/EMIGrams/2014/1039%20-%20Training%20Opportunity%20-%20V-0022%20-%20VTTX%20-%20PH%20Chemical%20Feb%2026%202014.pdf>

\*\*\* On the Lighter Side\*\*\*

College Football Championship Teams Compete In Safety

BCS Social Media in Emergency Management (#SMEM) Challenge

On January 6, 2014, Florida State University and Auburn University competed in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) National Championship Game; off the field they held a social media in emergency management challenge. For three weeks, beginning December 16, 2013 each university reached out to their campus through their social media accounts to promote preparedness. They competed in 11 different categories based on factors such as the overall increase in Twitter followers and Facebook likes, number of engagements on Twitter and Facebook, and submissions and votes in a photo contest, all tracked on a daily leader board. Florida State emerged as the champion, but both schools won with increased exposure to faculty, staff and students on the importance of preparedness.

<https://www.fema.gov/blog/2014-01-13/college-football-championship-campus-safety-social-media-success>

\*\*\*New in the Resource Guide\*\*\*

<http://disasterlit.nlm.nih.gov/latest/?pg=&pgSize=&period=14>

Building Capacity from Within: Demonstrating the Value of the Medical Reserve Corps to Local Health Departments

National Association of County and City Health Officials, January 2014

This 14 1/2-minute presentation illustrates the value and role of Medical Reserve Corps volunteers within local health departments. It describes the organizational structure of the Medical Reserve Corps and how Medical Reserve Corps volunteers fill gaps in local health department internal capacity, and summarizes the guidelines for consideration for starting and maintaining a Medical Reserve Corps unit.

<http://go.usa.gov/ZevJ>

Curriculum Recommendations for Disaster Health Professionals: Disaster Behavioral Health

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health, January 2014

This 40-page document provides resources on planning education and training activities on behavioral health factors in disasters to those working with health professionals.

<http://go.usa.gov/Zewe>

To subscribe, sign up at <http://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/dimrclistserv.html>

* **IAEM Dispatch, January 23, 2014**

**IAEM-USA NEWS**

**IAEM seeks your assistance with the SBRP pilot study — please respond by Jan. 31** **IAEM**
The Small Business Recognition Program (SBRP) is a new component of the voluntary Private Sector Preparedness Accreditation and Certification Program (PS-PrepTM) developed by FEMA, which is intended to assist the U.S. business community to better prepare for disasters. IAEM is reaching out to emergency managers to seek help with the pilot phase of the program. There are two critical ways you can help. Most importantly, identify and encourage small businesses in your community to participate. Participating small businesses will receive expert advice and recognition on their business continuity management program. Direct the small business to the [invitation to participate](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2083558&messageid=2083558&databaseid=Mailing.DS83558.2083558.68126&serial=17097665&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2024&&&http://www.iaem.com/documents/Invitation-SBRP-Pilot-Study-Participants.pdf) and the [pilot study details](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2083558&messageid=2083558&databaseid=Mailing.DS83558.2083558.68126&serial=17097665&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2025&&&http://www.iaem.com/documents/SBRP-Pilot-Study-Details.pdf). IAEM also is seeking volunteer SBRP assessors for the pilot test. Interested individuals can learn more in the [assessor invitation](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2083558&messageid=2083558&databaseid=Mailing.DS83558.2083558.68126&serial=17097665&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2026&&&http://www.iaem.com/documents/Invitation-SBRP-Pilot-Study-Assessors.pdf). Questions should be directed to Julie Husk.

**National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters established — seeking nominations for qualified individuals IAEM**
The [National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2083558&messageid=2083558&databaseid=Mailing.DS83558.2083558.68126&serial=17097665&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2033&&&http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/boards/naccd/Pages/default.aspx) (NACCD) was established to provide expert advice and consultation to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regarding the medical and public health needs of children in disasters. Applications are currently being accepted from individuals who wish to be considered for membership. Nominees are being accepted in the following categories: non-federal healthcare professionals and representatives from State, local, territorial or tribal agencies. All applicants should have expertise in pediatric medical disaster planning, preparedness, response and recovery. The deadline for application is Feb. 14, 2014. [Learn more](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2083558&messageid=2083558&databaseid=Mailing.DS83558.2083558.68126&serial=17097665&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2034&&&http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/boards/naccd/Pages/nominations.aspx).

[**Fire companies to be exempt from Affordable Healthcare Act employer shared responsibility**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2083558&messageid=2083558&databaseid=Mailing.DS83558.2083558.68126&serial=17097665&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2045&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=52dff625c6972)
**Montgomery News**
Volunteer firefighters and other first responders will not be defined as full-time personnel under the Affordable Care Act, according to a statement issued by Mark J. Mazur, the assistant secretary for tax policy at the United States Department of the Treasury, on behalf of the Treasury and the IRS.

**FEMA seeks applicants for Youth Preparedness Council** **IAEM**
The Youth Preparedness Council is a unique opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a highly distinguished national council and participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit. Additionally, the youth leaders have the opportunity to complete a youth preparedness project and share their opinions, experiences, ideas, solutions and questions regarding youth disaster preparedness with the leadership of FEMA and national youth preparedness organizations. Candidates must be between the ages of 12 and 17 and engaged in individual and community preparedness or who have experienced a disaster that has motivated him or her to make a positive difference in his or her community. The application deadline is Feb. 24, 2014. [Learn more](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2083558&messageid=2083558&databaseid=Mailing.DS83558.2083558.68126&serial=17097665&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2040&&&http://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council).

**EM NEWS**

**Training for ASEAN disaster management future leaders begins** **Philippine Information Agency**
The ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management commences an executive training program for selected disaster management officers from ASEAN countries. Under AHA Centre Executive Programme, the officers will be involved in an intensive six-month training program that covers wide aspects of disaster management, including emergency management, incident command system, emergency logistics system, international humanitarian system, and emergency communications.

[**Disaster psychiatry emerges as DOD field of study**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2083558&messageid=2083558&databaseid=Mailing.DS83558.2083558.68126&serial=17097665&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2062&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=52e00f87333b5) **U.S. Department of Defense**
At the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress, experts in the emotional toll of disasters help the Defense Department, government agencies and first responders worldwide understand how best to help communities struck by terrorist attacks, mass casualties and natural disasters.

[**House HS Subcommittee passes legislation to protect critical infrastructure from cyber attack**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2083558&messageid=2083558&databaseid=Mailing.DS83558.2083558.68126&serial=17097665&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2056&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=52dff60a35d8f)
**Homeland Security Today**
Following markup Wednesday by the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies, subcommittee members passed a bipartisan bill on voice vote to strengthen the nation's efforts to protect the homeland from a cyber attack on critical infrastructure.

**Philippines mulls disaster risk insurance for local governments** **Thomson Reuters Foundation**
In response to the destruction caused by Super Typhoon Haiyan in November and many other natural hazards in the past few years, Philippine government officials and the U.N. Office for Disaster Risk Reduction are looking into an insurance scheme targeted at local governments as a way to improve the Asian nation’s resilience to disasters.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE**

[**Documentary filmmaker Ben Kalina to speak at IAEM 62nd Annual Conference & EMEX**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2083558&messageid=2083558&databaseid=Mailing.DS83558.2083558.68126&serial=17097665&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2082&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=52dff7636c5ef)
**IAEM**
Plan now to be in San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 14-19, 2014, for the IAEM 62nd Annual Conference & EMEX. Ben Kalina is the fourth of several general plenary speakers that will be announced. He is a documentary filmmaker whose interests are situated at the juncture of science, the environment and the human experience on the front lines of climate change. In his feature directing debut, *Shored Up*, nationally broadcast on DirecTV in the fall of 2013, Kalina explored coastal development and rising sea levels in the United States in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. He was the associate producer of *A Sea Change*, a documentary about ocean acidification, broadcast on Discovery's Planet Green in 2009, and *Two Square Miles*, about a small town's fight to prevent a coal-fired cement plant from building in their midst, broadcast on PBS' Independent Lens in 2006. Kalina and his company, Mangrove Media, are located in Philadelphia.

 **CEM® UPDATE**

**Register deadline approaching for course in Washington, D.C.** **IAEM**
Don't forget to register for the CEM®/AEM℠ Prep Course and exam offering in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 5. The deadline to register is Jan. 24, 2014. A minimum of 10 registrants is required for this course to proceed. Interested candidates should register through the [IAEM website](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2083558&messageid=2083558&databaseid=Mailing.DS83558.2083558.68126&serial=17097665&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2088&&&http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=certification/getting-started/prep-course-exam-dates&lvl=2). A CEM Commissioner will be available to answer questions about the application and process. If you have any questions about the registration process or would like to confirm your registration, contact Kate McClimans.

**NEW INSIGHTS**

**Improving disaster response outcomes** **Via Satellite**
Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines is only the most recent event highlighting the satellite community’s vital contribution to mitigating the effects of natural disasters. Experience has shown satellite services to be irreplaceable for early warning and alerting, and for facilitating response efforts following an event.

**Why we should turn to technology when disaster strikes** **The Huffington Post**
It's no secret that technology is constantly changing how we live our everyday lives. From how we shop, manage our finances and stay connected to friends and family, it plays a vital role. So it's no surprise that technology is also changing the way we respond when disaster strikes.

**AROUND THE WORLD**

**New Zealand earthquake shakes North Island** **BBC News**
An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.3 has rattled New Zealand's North Island, but there are no reports so far of major damage or serious injury. The quake struck 38km (24 miles) northeast of Masterton, U.S. Geological Survey said. Residents described major shaking, goods tumbling off shelves and pictures knocked askew.

**Flu season child death toll doubles in CDC's latest flu report** **CBS News**
Flu activity continues to climb in the U.S., with 40 states now reporting widespread disease activity during the week of January 5 through 11 — up from 35 states from a recent report. Each Friday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention releases new data on U.S. flu activity that the agency culls from state health departments on disease cases that occurred one week prior.

**10 workers hurt, some killed in Omaha plant disaster** **Los Angeles Times**
An industrial accident in Omaha sent at least 10 workers to the hospital and killed some when an animal feed plant collapsed after an apparent explosion, officials said. Interim Omaha Fire Chief Bernie Kanger said at an afternoon news conference: "There are fatalities ... we have moved to recovery mode."

**Drought prompts disaster declarations in 11 states** **The Associated Press via ABC News**
Federal officials have designated portions of 11 drought-ridden western and central states as primary natural disaster areas, highlighting the financial strain the lack of rain is likely to bring to farmers in those regions. The announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Wednesday included counties in Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Kansas, Texas, Utah, Arkansas, Hawaii, Idaho, Oklahoma and California.

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* **Lucien Canton, LLC – Emergency Management Solutions, January 2014**
* **Monthly Video** – Episode 1, Meet “Disaster” and “Preparedness” - Here's the first in a series of six preparedness videos developed by the Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee of Greater Kansas City. The message is simple and the video is done in a way that makes it both enjoyable and memorable for the public. Funding was provided by a Homeland Security grant. Videos of this type are relatively inexpensive to produce and can have great impact. Since it's release March 2012, this video has had almost 26,000 unique views on YouTube.
* **Blog Highlights** –

01-13-2014 - [Asiana crash footage raises questions](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00198QoQT28yp6VY-_vKJW7vfl9j5Lnl8tWzvCnTQRzbCJzp08OljgUvnvf200kIFqGPn-whPJsiwsL3MXHeY5QlZlswQvedC1ClYtmQS-BrAuUc8mOh-SfYEPdRj_Cw0ZtGCu8o4j26A5Uz69qFBBOyH8dpOPTBbb5nT0BYa0REjtkPdDZD2flvw4CEvsGhO48DaIGzP8oNmlzOfjPoo7CXK60GuC4Lw41ZWAkR_BrIZ3uwVRgYXp-EGkEHxaOwcPgfR3Dt5KkO-L1ga3Xdx5rXFs52vGPQ5zjMIG5Nk7P21YMCyCkU2w1wiENig5VrmpglTEmAjr0rJen2b8vCWN2yvT1cACBDDGuFAZkT6BS5pcNVa-o-v-b23QAgELpAQWcGbzLqnochkOPop3wgldzNC4SDqOc6IbM&c=bBYVw5hjZJkWYcZtPVBNibOMhyr2cL78m-q577omub0pAquLu0kXlw==&ch=-znmsamrQwMFEQ95cDXD6nIrhDdiedQnssHJVn8Q3ThFpvIiccTTJA==) - Newly released footage from a dash-mounted camera shows that firefighters at the scene of last year's Asiana airlines crash at San Francisco International Airport were aware of the position of the victim who was later killed by being run over by two fire trucks. The film and the attendant media coverage offer some interesting lessons in crisis management[...»](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00198QoQT28yp6VY-_vKJW7vfl9j5Lnl8tWzvCnTQRzbCJzp08OljgUvnvf200kIFqGPn-whPJsiwsL3MXHeY5QlZlswQvedC1ClYtmQS-BrAuUc8mOh-SfYEPdRj_Cw0ZtGCu8o4j26A5Uz69qFBBOyH8dpOPTBbb5nT0BYa0REjtkPdDZD2flvw4CEvsGhO48DaIGzP8oNmlzOfjPoo7CXK60GuC4Lw41ZWAkR_BrIZ3uwVRgYXp-EGkEHxaOwcPgfR3Dt5KkO-L1ga3Xdx5rXFs52vGPQ5zjMIG5Nk7P21YMCyCkU2w1wiENig5VrmpglTEmAjr0rJen2b8vCWN2yvT1cACBDDGuFAZkT6BS5pcNVa-o-v-b23QAgELpAQWcGbzLqnochkOPop3wgldzNC4SDqOc6IbM&c=bBYVw5hjZJkWYcZtPVBNibOMhyr2cL78m-q577omub0pAquLu0kXlw==&ch=-znmsamrQwMFEQ95cDXD6nIrhDdiedQnssHJVn8Q3ThFpvIiccTTJA==)

12-24-2013 - [A Christmas Story](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00198QoQT28yp6VY-_vKJW7vfl9j5Lnl8tWzvCnTQRzbCJzp08OljgUvnvf200kIFqGiq2dWTnOClec9PoozVvP8oumoX69r4fq6nHWEqNH7bp7_tlRyFuO9fYJxOh4rMbwfzdqCtbck-FWcrPFbh9fyTCIZW_hNucUxXhvVpQqNsBK9qUAqPykdH9xl8CrGqCwt34UfDFwq8ifv9_sedAcwirc48l3AZ7-uujmO0po3IUPymxt7yohGGKwpEEXWcj6O8NwJ9tvIP5r1xXwi8MAhfGJsumSBz-ZqRKPymzq8aHwVddw2BoONLaIsVnKWpZE-oh7me5-tewT5BUQfIo7v9qZbxjlCanurHrzBgs0ZEr5dTNEeOM7UNJa2ggR48tsbwHBzf5yK0A=&c=bBYVw5hjZJkWYcZtPVBNibOMhyr2cL78m-q577omub0pAquLu0kXlw==&ch=-znmsamrQwMFEQ95cDXD6nIrhDdiedQnssHJVn8Q3ThFpvIiccTTJA==) - Of the many stories told about Christmas, one that has always had a special meaning for me is the unofficial truce of 1914 during World War I.

December 1914 was just a few short months after the start of the war and the Germans and the Allies had fought themselves to a stalemate. This was the beginning of the long period of trench warfare that would come to characterize World War I[...»](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00198QoQT28yp6VY-_vKJW7vfl9j5Lnl8tWzvCnTQRzbCJzp08OljgUvnvf200kIFqGiq2dWTnOClec9PoozVvP8oumoX69r4fq6nHWEqNH7bp7_tlRyFuO9fYJxOh4rMbwfzdqCtbck-FWcrPFbh9fyTCIZW_hNucUxXhvVpQqNsBK9qUAqPykdH9xl8CrGqCwt34UfDFwq8ifv9_sedAcwirc48l3AZ7-uujmO0po3IUPymxt7yohGGKwpEEXWcj6O8NwJ9tvIP5r1xXwi8MAhfGJsumSBz-ZqRKPymzq8aHwVddw2BoONLaIsVnKWpZE-oh7me5-tewT5BUQfIo7v9qZbxjlCanurHrzBgs0ZEr5dTNEeOM7UNJa2ggR48tsbwHBzf5yK0A=&c=bBYVw5hjZJkWYcZtPVBNibOMhyr2cL78m-q577omub0pAquLu0kXlw==&ch=-znmsamrQwMFEQ95cDXD6nIrhDdiedQnssHJVn8Q3ThFpvIiccTTJA==)

Remember that you can also follow my new Emergency Management Magazine blog [***Managing Crisis***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00198QoQT28yp6VY-_vKJW7vfl9j5Lnl8tWzvCnTQRzbCJzp08OljgUvnvf200kIFqG__epo4RQvnMBURlWK8q4CJCgEAr6p4VoKFs0pxCeEYyzsKg6J3j6iy9XIkorGgSxuojnD72mSsUXx20M_P5jyIa9Cj9RSVxlLRVXTZO9r4WKvNI0Rq4Cw-z7bXS1OTjV6OZlW-wN3SgVMGFibqHDoxCooJFI3IufkFc7n9nWIC8MhMwKinzyk8C7AgzVtjBZOMqt4dOxKDew5yInkoxVkpGsfmwRJOiNMbIv4IeRLEHhHH4TwBHWBqbRKBPgKRBNg6gb-UKg3JZ6ITAao0KfPoy6yMGP_IyT2j_LPzqBjnzlwd5t9XyQBg==&c=bBYVw5hjZJkWYcZtPVBNibOMhyr2cL78m-q577omub0pAquLu0kXlw==&ch=-znmsamrQwMFEQ95cDXD6nIrhDdiedQnssHJVn8Q3ThFpvIiccTTJA==).

* **Featured Article -** **Recovery is Complex:** *A Case Study From the Rim Fire -* One of the mistaken assumptions we sometimes make is that all phases of the comprehensive emergency management model (preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation) are equally weighted when it comes to planning. The reality is that we place considerably more emphasis on preparedness and response than we do on mitigation and recovery. Yet surviving a disaster is a Pyrrhic victory unless we can restore the community that was affected.

Recovery planning is not heavily addressed for a variety of reasons. It lacks the immediacy of response planning and involves a much broader range of stakeholders. It is closely associated with politics and community planning. Most importantly, however, is that, unlike response planning, the issues and measures of success are not always clear cut or easy to address.

Last year's Rim Fire near Yosemite Valley in California provides an example of these complex issues.

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If you're a member of the association, there's a $99 subscription fee that gets you access to all the webinars.

Here are the topics scheduled for this year:

* February 25: Communicating in a Crisis
* February 26: Organizational Resilience - An International Perspective
* March 19: 26 Safe School Standards
* April 16: Managing Contractors Onsite
* May 21: Case Study of a Transnational Threat: Lashkar-e-Taiba
* June 11: How to Protect a Company's Perimeter
* August 20: Critical Infrastructure Protection from a Private Security Perspective
* December 10: Use of Social Media for Screening Employee Candidates & Mentoring Current Employees

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* **Life Balance** – In my first job following a stint in the army and graduate school, I found myself working in an office where it wasn't practical to go out for lunch. Unlike my coworkers, who wolfed down their lunch while continuing to work and take calls, I formed the habit of clearing my desk and spending my allotted half hour reading and eating the lunch my new bride had prepared for me.

I took a lot of flak from my coworkers about this, both for taking the time out from work and for my choice of reading material (usually the *Wall Street Journal*). I just didn't fit in with the corporate culture. But after those lunch breaks, I was refreshed and more efficient and I didn't develop the harried look that my coworkers had.

Later in my career there were many times when I had to grab lunch on the fly or even miss it all together. But these were exceptions and not the norm. Whenever possible, I would take my lunch period to recharge my batteries. This was particularly effective when I could share my lunch period chatting with a colleague or friend or taking a brief walk.

So make sure you carve a little private time out of each day to rest and recharge. It really does allow you to deal with work in a more relaxed and efficient way.

* From the bookshelf - **Measuring Vulnerability to Natural Hazards: Towards Disaster Resilient Societies** by United Nations University Press

The crucial element in understanding the risks facing a community is identifying the vulnerability of the community to hazards. It is something of a shock, then, to realize that not only is there no single method for assessing vulnerability, there is not even agreement on basic terms such as risk and vulnerability. This problem is just one of the many issues that *Measuring Vulnerability to Natural Hazards: Towards Disaster Resilient Societies* brings into sharp focus as it considers the current state of vulnerability assessment.

Edited by Jörn Birkmann, the book uses the work of experts from across the globe to discuss the issues surrounding the measurement of vulnerability at both the micro and macro levels. The authors consider problems in defining vulnerability, the use of indicators, existing methodologies and their shortcomings and directions for future research. International in scope and academic in tone, *Measuring Vulnerability to Natural Hazards: Towards Disaster Resilient Societies* is a welcome addition to any professional library.

[***An Emergency Manager's Reading List***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00198QoQT28yp6VY-_vKJW7vfl9j5Lnl8tWzvCnTQRzbCJzp08OljgUvnvf200kIFqGAkpfAoJdrVdw8MPxeDCoNwi_m7cevBYTUNOvFjl68X-tuss4iwJaDPZMHY_I9jlQwQnemA7ChRBAJdtJ7yIS9MV5q8DHMLnoCgsw8KR-xZjkC1xxxF33C5MxnUbhV9PrTmNa39uiblWuuGaJVBT4-gdOzKqk_RPO4Scv5coJK73Rk-s-FD7cQ1l0ZiMqvx93GqrjdTsdnY4IqxVAAFt9Jn-BkMzDaTiPtgCo18CQWJRxS7UXY0ymuR-x7pe4nR8PMXS5XACdTFmfknKG2ROq_12ofvAhp40f&c=bBYVw5hjZJkWYcZtPVBNibOMhyr2cL78m-q577omub0pAquLu0kXlw==&ch=-znmsamrQwMFEQ95cDXD6nIrhDdiedQnssHJVn8Q3ThFpvIiccTTJA==)

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### Hobroken: New Jersey City Highlights Yet Another Fracture in Disaster Relief Disbursement

### Businesses Behaving Badly: The Latest on West Virginia's Freedom (from Responsibility) Spill

### Apply Now for the Mary Fran Myers Scholarship - The Mary Fran Myers Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications. Applications must be received by March 28.

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### [**Call for Participation**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=394ec9d2fa&e=a517e11588)**Fuel Treatment Science Plan Survey****Joint Fire Science Program****Deadline: January 31, 2014**

### **[Call for Submissions](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=a557c1ecc9&e=a517e11588" \t "_blank)****Student Paper and Poster Competition****Association of State Dam Safety Officials****Deadline: February 17, 2014**

### **[Call for Applications](http://colorado.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=4dd42b6ffa&e=a517e11588" \t "_blank)****Youth Preparedness Council****Federal Emergency Management Agency****Deadline: February 24, 2014**

### Some New Web Resources

* + [**USGS Science Pop Quiz: Natural Hazards Edition**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=a95b9ca1c1&e=a517e11588)
	+ [**Influenza Forecasts**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=c58a2bdf21&e=a517e11588)
	+ [**Risk Barometer**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=81c0bf2170&e=a517e11588)
	+ Annual Global Climate and Catastrophe Report
	+ [**Responder Self-Care App**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=eea7f95808&e=a517e11588)

### Conferences, Training, and Events

* **March 13-14, 2014**
[International Conference on Disaster Management](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=4daf9e3955&e=a517e11588)
**Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering**
**Maharashtra, India**
* **March 24-25, 2014**
[International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies for Disaster Management](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=cd428c40b5&e=a517e11588)
**CERIST**
**Algiers, Algeria**
* **March 24-28, 2014**
[International Conference on High Impact Natural Hazards related to the Euro-Mediterranean Region](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=53f00bbb29&e=a517e11588)
**European Geosciences Union**
**Istanbul, Turkey**
* **April 14-16, 2014**
[2014 Southeast Regional Conference](http://colorado.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=f8bb70e4c4&e=a517e11588)
**Association of State Dam Safety Officials
Montgomery, Alabama**
* **May 8-9, 2014**[Conference on Disaster Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Sustainable Education](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=181e625267&e=a517e11588)
**Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities
Boston, Massachusetts**

### Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

* [**Emergency Manager**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=881b3611b4&e=a517e11588)
**Montrose County**
**Montrose, Colorado**
**Deadline: January 31, 2014**
* **[Program Manager](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=92bd0a1a4b&e=a517e11588" \t "_blank)**
**Earthquake Engineering Research Institute**
**Oakland, California**
**Deadline: February 5, 2014**
* [**Humanitarian Affairs Officer**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=e5110a119f&e=a517e11588)
**Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs**
**New York, New York**
**Deadline: March 14, 2014**
* **[Postdoctoral Research Associate](http://colorado.us1.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=316c0f7c16&e=a517e11588" \t "_blank)**
**Texas A&M University**
**College Station, Texas**
**Deadline: Open until filled**
* [**Emergency Management Project Tracking Specialist**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=e07a6ac91a&e=a517e11588)
**Arc Aspicio**
**Winchester, Virginia**
**Deadline: Open until filled**

Contributions of jobs, conferences, and other content to this newsletter can be sent to **jolie.breeden@colorado.edu**. Please include “for Disaster Research” in the subject line.

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* **Naval Postgraduate School - Greta E. Marlatt; email:** gmarlatt@nps.edu/**;**

**New or Updated Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports:**

* Federal Research and Development Funding: FY2013.  R42410
* Cybersecurity: Authoritative Reports and Resources. by Topic . R42507
* Oil and Chemical Spills: Federal Emergency Response Framework. R43251
* Upcoming Rules Pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Spring 2013 Unified Agenda. R43348
* Border Security: Immigration Inspections at Port of Entry. R43556
* Congressional Salaries and Allowances. RL30064

**Center for American Progress (CAP)**

* It’s Time to Get the Government Out of the Mass Collection Business <http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/security/news/2014/01/16/82450/its-time-to-get-the-government-out-of-the-mass-collection-business/>

**Center for Infrastructure Protection and Homeland Security (CIP/HS)**

* *The CIP Report,* January 2014, v. 12, no. 7  <http://cip.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/January-2014_Resilience.pdf>
	+ Resilience Part 2

**Center for Security Policy (CSP)**

* A Critique of the Recommendations by the President’s Review Group on Intelligence and Communication Technologies <http://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/NSA_report.pdf>

**Congress. House. Homeland Security Committee**

* A False Narrative Endangers the Homeland <http://homeland.house.gov/hearing/hearing-false-narrative-endangers-homeland>
* Hurricane Sandy: Lessons Learned and the Path Forward <http://homeland.house.gov/hearing/subcommittee-hearing-hurricane-sandy-lessons-learned-and-path-forward>

**Congress. House. Judiciary Committee**

* The Scope of Copyright Protection <http://judiciary.house.gov/index.cfm/2014/1/the-scope-of-copyright-protection>

**Congress. House. Oversight & Government Reform Committee**

* HHS’ Own Security Concerns about HealthCare.gov <http://oversight.house.gov/hearing/hhs-security-concerns-healthcare-gov/>
* TSA Oversight: Examining the Screening Partnership Program <http://oversight.house.gov/hearing/tsa-oversight-examining-screening-partnership-program/>

**Congress. House. Science, Space and Technology Committee**

* Healthcare.gov: Consequences of Stolen Identity <http://science.house.gov/hearing/full-committee-hearing-healthcaregov-consequences-stolen-identity>

**Congress. Senate. Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee**

* The Future of Unmanned Aviation in the U.S. Economy: Safety and Privacy Considerations <http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=Hearings&ContentRecord_id=a4f35af1-be81-454f-9fa5-5bae600dd474&ContentType_id=14f995b9-dfa5-407a-9d35-56cc7152a7ed&Group_id=b06c39af-e033-4cba-9221-de668ca1978a>
* Locating 911 Callers in a Wireless World <http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=Hearings&ContentRecord_id=c8765be1-6155-459f-8ca7-7e9e557e84b5&ContentType_id=14f995b9-dfa5-407a-9d35-56cc7152a7ed&Group_id=b06c39af-e033-4cba-9221-de668ca1978a>

**Congress. Senate. Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee**

* Examining Conference and Travel Spending Across the Federal Government <http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/hearings/examining-conference-and-travel-spending-across-the-federal-government>
* Management of Air Traffic Controller Training Contracts <http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/subcommittees/fco/hearings/management-of-air-traffic-controller-training-contracts>

**Congress. Senate. Judiciary Committee**

* Hearing on the Report of the President's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies <http://www.judiciary.senate.gov/hearings/hearing.cfm?id=32caee8082f9297f0e7df6280b369172>

**Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**

* Executive 13636: Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity; Incentives Study Analytic Report - Incentives Study Analytic Report <http://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/dhs-eo13636-analytic-report-cybersecurity-incentives-study.pdf>

**Government Accountability Office (GAO)**

* Screening Partnership Program: TSA Issued Application Guidance and Developed a Mechanism to Monitor Private versus Federal Screener Performance. GAO-14-269T [testimony] <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-14-269T>
* National Flood Insurance Program: Progress Made on Contract Management but Monitoring and Reporting Could Be Improved. GAO-14-160 <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-14-160>

**Households in Conflict Network**

* The Intergenerational Impact of Terror: Does the 9/11 Tragedy Reverberate into the Outcomes of the Next Generation? <http://www.hicn.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/HiCN-WP-165.pdf>

**Pew Internet & American Life Project**

* E-Reading Rises as Device Ownership Jumps <http://www.pewinternet.org/Reports/2014/E-Reading-Update.aspx>
* **New York Citizen Corps Weekly News**

We are happy to announce that NYC Office of Emergency Management is now accepting applications for our upcoming CERT training cycle that begins in February.

OEM's Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) are groups of local volunteers who have undergone a 10-week training program that focuses on emergency preparedness, fire safety, traffic control, disaster medical operations, and more. CERT members serve their community by assisting first responders, helping at citywide planned events, and educating the public about emergency preparedness. They also help their neighbors recover from disasters by serving in assistance centers and by providing accurate, up-to-date information.

Training:

·         The class is free!

·         10 weeks, one night a week, 6:30 - 9:30 PM

·         A mix of classroom instruction and hands-on practice

Requirements:

·         CERT members must be at least 18 years old

·         Must reside or work in New York City

·         There will be a pre-training interview conducted by the team you are set to join

To learn more, please visit [nyc.gov/cert](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVapCOGPZLxuQqlW8P8-6jr3xkXO57k7_hLwmNzp-w_ym6d71IOPXHByrAcVtOCvRMbhHjcFQt6hyNtcW8UTdQn0dFNbdQ7p7L1C0PtBfBjkF0H-WaMz7mHw=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) or email cert@oem.nyc.gov.

**NYC CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL INITIATIVES:**

**NY Cares Accepting Donations for Warm Coats**
Imagine facing this winter season without a coat. Requests for warm winter coats have surpassed 104,000 this year. Please consider donating warm coats to New York Cares. To find a donation location near you, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVcABw0JeXpRJuAu8CJA0g-Q_VPxV1KRqWYUvomdS881hBnJG39UbI7UhFl0K1riU1L02CnSMjmZBC7gfdjevNtB9KQqpuVlkvfaH_snYCJTeDTqZmyMQiEBgMr-ZzYGsYVBjEkwbs9RgC3AlLq82Rtk=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==). To start your own coat drive, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVcABw0JeXpRJUv1lJIufBivgNQ5muSC_sAozuvevcSTuBeYmKq6Q8f9k5ZolmiQkN1vwG9lJ5mrruvSE-0vYXKVw1SeULefVBXrVssPjQ3s9wsO_iYDfiUGyHD1a-UjgwGXcOOHcBktsJ5mh7mo-RMIXUDYDSXle8t-g1GUCYYRbUY1mf_gkt3_WP_RrN6Iz1Aw9U6DC_Qfb&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==). You can also purchase a coat and send it directly to New York Cares [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVcABw0JeXpRJkmWKSQ6ODKdLn-882IxbZcQYOQvkEeTTm9U-SRe02trwgjSzSmeOyO116W5CbeOAafvE2b2yNLg3DB86_wyLHzdsQJr3xoU2ePFoy9hU2EmlvtMthnNMl05_STdUctsZ1Bg7-EWfzO2NeB3X4-nnX72KpdeavYLP&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==). Thank you for your generosity this winter season!

**NYC OEM's 2013 Biennial Report**

On behalf of Commissioner Bruno we are happy to share NYC OEM's [2013 Biennial Report](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVXwLUkUBf0an7lALxvPt4i4AywFPot6DRMpfD_2rUITkq3o58lo9bRAGLxhiyJPCdZAGNaDMI-NWODxG4JXUk0sNyfG-m0NkJXbpYnKiDfnXGXo7ViDanynSplu8DVFEkQEzHGp4pTCTW29gO9nJOGbs4It2fQZNSvO3mHxk8zLaXg_PbOYKXiiYd_BrWJgM1w==&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) with you. It highlights some of the great work we've accomplished in the past two years, as well as some of the more memorable events, including one of OEM's longest activations ever during our response to Hurricane Sandy.

**We Are New York: "The Storm" Episode**

Check out "The Storm"! A 25 minute episode of the [We Are New York](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVfV6NaERD0nFXOPizPg12fhLSZhUG98LGNpuCYqCEJMWp0V2C4ae1xqu44Gnjlf1ahLLJQfWqLqUWcqYL8GI1mabxRcY76yWT1XfxBN8fDeWjpMBSj86UEkSmZ8PnobcQarafRTd089HDoUgzAHL1d8akqoQ5A3h0jOBrn5Gm2Xd&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) series geared towards English-language learners (ELL). The episode focuses on emergency preparedness and access to city resources during emergencies and will be accompanied by various learning materials for beginner and intermediate English language learners. "The Storm" and study guide are available to view or download at anytime [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVeZa1pVXE1efg6hLg7gcLowNTL6tEOcnkwhhvzAziJBbvS0N_LLAgTHL3JLoDJwGF84Dl9GoBX0Ug_aBZ0C-tKeTubdxvlDY-H0pTvVL_RRSLvpQJlr8V7Cpf_VF_yJrmTfmxRhaFFizKLnInkqUdWdkqX2Yns0hgqaUxuhMdP40&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==). If you are interested in learning more about this project or ordering a toolkit to use these materials in your outreach, please contact Emily Accamando at  eaccamando@oem.nyc.gov

**Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities**

Check out this unique instructional [video](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVdv0etUNQIt6C0GSzxHKUyBZSwJJjmygN66b_n5P5kJj9wl6OBmywL_-yXVtEZiNSELZjr2Cr5IVZ3Uz8cndgPo1PPCbX_lmxcB9_mxcxAM_nK6Ztzk247c3-qKE0CUCuH7HJq3cxstvkRyo6P7plYMmNc8g7YqO1tHvphc7eB9gjrUSJHVjAq0=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) produced by FEMA containing information specific to Americans with disabilities or other access and functional needs regarding emergency preparedness.

**EmergeNYC**

During Hurricane Irene and Sandy, thousands of volunteers spent time in one of the City's Evacuation or Distribution Centers. [NYC Service](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVZzpAV7iCS5XQihKQVjn7cYMkz85omSjG1nSGWtZPJvUFtPKIysDgjokXhX1p952vp-_uBBVDLDuUrs9geeGtAaEJk2YuP4CaDLsNP9piNNk4viWBx1BLvfoq5_GYXt7lw==&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) is working with NYC OEM to recruit New Yorkers who can be called upon in case of an emergency to help staff Evacuation Shelters and Commodity Distribution Points. To find out how you can use your skills for good, visit [EmergeNYC](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVcDSb37kJBPzOgPDYMeD9gfxLt2uRJm7wKyS2WY3gm0u1WHMLEBqYOqj6hBzLOzIOc7Nged_sF7P8WtxWdVBSwtSaBSE_F8M3sTimYp9i9oNYMyUbz0e1tnyvnaAX0iZiQbxvP7a46tpEnYJf4MmIbwq2VdKcSdeBSiWbG7CHJT7a1vUWeFjBMg=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==).

**Spread the Word - NYC Citizen Corps Council News**

If you would like to include information in the NYC Citizen Corps Council News, or if there is anyone in your organization or another organization that would benefit from this weekly communication, please email citizencorps@oem.nyc.gov with the relevant information.

**Visit our website for more resources at** [www.NYC.gov/citizencorps](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVagsZS-5CKoFe1boyiJF06sLCAqeRaJKxcTFQbNgWrbuMnN_7620-6-yGpyuQ364tZg6IGq5-l812WhNd1H5oHS13rfF2qLCEy6f58lyBTLcpVH1YS-cvj7l5JX0jn-IIYzFXe1ji34yJRqmvPqQMc1iGKV5sVLSMSQkVzvkjtdh&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==)

**WEBINARS/EVENTS And RESOURCES:**

**January 23rd - Natural Disaster Awareness for Caregivers of Senior Citizens Training**

Offered by National Disaster Preparedness Training Center (NDPTC), this training from 9:00 am - 1:00 PM at NYC OEM is designed to enhance the caregiver's awareness of vulnerability factors associated with senior citizens. Participants will learn how to identify, prepare, and perform a number of support activities that will ensure the safety and security of senior citizens when a natural hazard event occurs. This course is intended for senior care providers (including family members, friends, personal attendants, home health agencies, in-house services, roommates, and medical personnel), care providers, emergency managers, and first responders. For registration, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVVNhVYgV7zTBjXp5nrCJm08AD4Lm978-X_T0kdWj8kxhGOYfr6GaL-aaFJSuwofx_E5byEoqXyAZcq8a-sLOH9Cn28jt8NDEAj2PTN-tNKwbgrABScWL5En3pabZokqYIAORSm4tCHHGYYoeTXPgC21dVcpU1JwMqA==&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) and enter this registration code: 85619.

**January 25th - First Aid, Adult CPR/AED Training**

Presented by Lower East Side Power Partnership and American Red Cross, this CPR/AED training, which costs $35, is being held from 10 am - 5 pm at the DeWitt Reform Chuch on 280 Rivington St. This training will also include topics on emergency preparedness and health emergencies with special emphasis on older adults and people with disabilties. For more information and registration, please contact Vaylateena Jones at 212-204-0668 or email Nancy Avilies Jones.

**January 27th - Volunteer for HOPE (Homeless Outreach Population Estimate)**

On January 27, 2014, the Department of Homeless Services will conduct its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE). It is a unique opportunity to volunteer and participate in an extraordinary citywide effort to help survey the number of homeless individuals living on city streets, parks, and in other public spaces. Volunteers assist from approximately 10:30 pm to 4:00 am performing HOPE to help the City best project service needs and allocate resources for the street homeless population. Those interested in volunteering should register [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVapCOGPZLxuQKRJIa3asLl5ANxZGoEdy1JLLK55M-Kgp8NNoXDZO2uicbl2BE9y1EhSKH5udRyAN5ay3RlnChsPURaZftAQvmRVdnYPoio5bTSYiKyGqCvbLjPOAdeAmYn188oANuni5LNgSjkJNKUQ=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) and mention they heard about this opportunity through Citizen Corps Council.

**January 27th - Emergency Preparedness & Building Resilient Communities: A Four Part-Series (For Queens Service Providers Only)**

NYC Department Of Health & Mental Hygiene, NYC OEM & The Jewish Community Relations Council of NY, in conjunction with The Queens Forum Present this four part series. The series will take place on January 27, February 24, March 31, and April 28 at LaGuardia Community College. Participants are strongly encouraged to attend all four sessions. Sessions are free of charge to the Queens community. Registration is required - click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVcABw0JeXpRJy6haoVDfwMEU21zCgbM4jvowZBcWSTyT8BtQzdVZQkoXU5OZqkc6MiYfdOmY1MpXqmzkTC6sdIfu-e5UoN_o04U66qWuGMx8Aju_yb01sD84Tcwz5qA6BWm-UHpcbZ5kidI5-Xx5DHFDZ8SsP_t8HZN7HYxHKxm6iNt_iau48GuV7BMR_775Fn44Nprcl92c3HMm7icWVIo=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) for registration. For more info, email Hannah Weinerman or call 212.983.4800 X144.

**February 15th - Preparing for an Emergency Workshop**Sponsored by The St. Anne's Guild and Episcopal Church Women, this emergency preparedness workshop will be held at 116-42 Farmers Blvd, St. Albans, NY 11412 at The Episcopal Parish Church of Saint Alban the Martyr**.** Presentations on preparedness, fire safety, and disaster safety by NYC OEM and FDNY will be held at 10 am and 11:30 am. For more info, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVb1wp3-NrnsDGspfVEc-Gn7HMCQEh5722oM-3DU0UkMA1ZEcN9-v-ZruE65YGy_qe9BowIRk_Ii82YZodG3pJa5A3QC93pqhTCaUa_AWlDZbe2ADYIRwzoPBM1qxgDbMmS721YD6MMFQij6saf72Wqj9-uGHjbjmRTue8LtUcCjVJ2_80IJ2kXbNOZZ8_ygMOkisZao-3nzK-uedTON7Fgo=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) or send an email.

**February 18th - Emergency Preparedness & Building Resilient Communities: A Four Part Series (For Bronx Service Providers Only)**

DOHMH, OEM and CAUSE-NY in conjunction with The Bronx Long-Term Recovery Group present a four-part series on emergency preparedness. Participants can attend individual sessions but are encouraged to participate in all four parts of the series. For more info and registration, click [here.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVeZa1pVXE1efzbUQGqL4ubzyyBGmDeuWSb6UTHieYl0ldzEpZqlcnpyZv_A5WWvdMGYB9cEBGMC7neMZTfaAWVnO_RdLZOxPiQ60QM19LOCeuSr5HTMM_m1QEy8wI7e3GKzDI-nDWaXs__8ycsCqWhI3Zi4MQ7U2HDHawPAHpXf--iRLP3xQi0KBWMZPTsNeflV0l1uEMNbJd86tsCvnVcQ=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==)

 **May 15th - Core Principles of Trauma-Informed Care: The Essentials**

This full-day conference held at NYU Kimmel Center is the first in an ongoing workshop series about evidence-based trauma treatments. The program will expose participants to the essentials of trauma, including: defining trauma and trauma in the recovery process; examining the neurobiological implications of trauma; exploring EBP and emerging interventions; and looking at aspects of evidence-informed care in different populations. For more info and registration, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVXwLUkUBf0anMblZnRpeXMS0sDAzAbkly7WPbAM6jWrPYyEG5Jtf3wKKXNTi2kS6FFD6w3FAWZE6KvvMOyT9uPRibE9YQH713WQfINED6v6v08gsiKb0MzxGTr-pA014aU6kP5Ix-K6I7MQ351t9haLfoYQdHR3Eg-2ixYk2Q9uJrU-h8-J0W8-bwcKL5QDGE16vlMy4ssJA&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==).

**FEMA Seeks Applicants for Youth Preparedness Council**

The Youth Preparedness Council is a unique opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a highly distinguished national council and participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit. Additionally, the youth leaders have the opportunity to complete a self-selected youth preparedness project and to share their opinions, experiences, ideas, solutions and questions regarding youth disaster preparedness with the leadership of FEMA. Any individual between the ages of 12 and 17 who is engaged in individual and community preparedness or who has experienced a disaster that has motivated him or her to make a positive difference in his or her community, may apply to serve on the Youth Preparedness Council. For more info and the application, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVb1wp3-NrnsDuNVn8XH7VgvK8sF8lkV6ntmtYwUfxT-4lnUZRdIEgsDlCMkSqJxi61VxLjQEIsgj8rgBlg_NWub0EqMYAC_vh7JPxseLEKmX_tb_jiMOmNPsz4iQTAueIrzcrAkb4lleSWygfXXZ76o=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==).

**Training Courses - Primary Care Emergency Preparedness Network**The Primary Care Emergency Preparedness Network (PCEPN) has developed a comprehensive training schedule for New York City's primary care centers. These courses have been designed to develop and enhance staff knowledge around some of the basic core competencies of emergency management. Visit [www.pcepn.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVeZa1pVXE1efARS0pZJG8vAcrUpaJroivtmctZV4tSubAPOkfJk3fzJHi0RpThRzdoiWbV52BG3X9dWyLnUIMGbE_yTv_lEWkB8YXyasw6XnaUel7AnsfQg=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) for dates and detailed training course descriptions. To register, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVeZa1pVXE1efpkcrW-2W9cuGBzXeDtLAbfPXZ7NYQHe0JWuYLNTzuJZh79mMmxJvwK5T-Pp-oyhE0FCR32qE1iXcsU-GHnBVWFMzs_MllwzH7E4_Oaz84Vz_c8NtDadcOEU0pVcTwFWNL3AjBJJAuqn60JNnbsg72yZueZ7ut2zpHsn3TjMluBVBOWxv3ZCD_xNEvBAoHbbztXWqg2mcV5O-4hA-HHspYUx4iyVjOOYs&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==). Please note that you do not need to be a PCEPN member to participate.

**Free Online Training Course on Disaster Preparedness**

The University of Pittsburgh, through Coursera, is offering a free Disaster Preparedness course. Please see the link and the course description below. This course will examine the Disaster cycle, government and institutional response, and personal preparedness plans. For more info and registration, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVb1wp3-NrnsDGgwdyeVNFiYw03hTBckxJDXqLuhLNuUAceteqr9Ig9-e9--Y9DFgJTnt3YFDok-UJ_7aP_y65uh9FYiN8INeuNjBnj_HbKJKujqxivPvRzgW_sO344jB3XpQVSxuU_QbK_EvC0Rxdn8=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==).

**The Urban Assembly Job Opportunities**

The Urban Assembly (UA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering underserved youth by providing them with the academic and life skills necessary for post-secondary success.  The UA creates unique schools that are open to all students, scales up promising programs, and coordinates with hundreds of partners organizations in the private, public, non-profit and higher education sectors. To find out more about current job opportunities, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVVNhVYgV7zTBgtB9EYZtmU1EHgJb2E7S3UPegbcDr9Z9VFQnjvtDFfbeSnthtL8qrMHxktO_Ra6uAwOjrGNn1hQEhGv4USbShPCjGki9XnC574B_Wud_dbqQk91FOZNuAwO1csuAc5ee5J_zWW-4m1m68CIZkULQJg==&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==).

**SANDY RECOVERY:**

**CDBG-DR Action Plan Amendment 5 Public Meetings Postponed (Comment Period Still Open until January 25th)**

As you may know, the City of New York has completed a proposed amendment to its plan for the $3.22 billion in Federal disaster aid to help with recovery from Hurricane Sandy. The public hearings for the proposed Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Action Plan Amendment 5, which were initially scheduled for January 14th-16th, have been postponed to a later date. The new dates and locations of the public hearings will be published in a future notice. Please call 311 or check [nyc.gov](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVcfMTlGYvugjKpvzgPKFQo9BndQk6vWixuOTX1LDv4o5lHqCmh6OKtnzdxcRikAYH0xHy98PBC1EwzYGV5Qqjw0xuCdx_1vkHyuKmYTzYiuF&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==). The comment period on the proposed CDBG-DR Action Plan Amendment 5 is still open and you can comment [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVVNhVYgV7zTBNj4q1jFh-ctFgDgPn2sZeEtaMWs1vnYzZ-XdzI8qKh8I3oJxbNalmSW0CiGb4b39dOy8FOP7T_qPNIl4O_891t4b3kD3SV-fbEOkK1ipiZeaILwU_I4XJvN9mbaHyjJL70sxgKni3Q_ClR044dVFpw==&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==).

 **Neighborhood Grants 2014 (Deadline 1/27/14)**

Citizens Committee awards micro-grants of up to $3,000 to resident-led groups to work on community and school improvement projects throughout the city. They prioritize groups based in low income neighborhoods and Title I public schools.  [Visit their website](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVR9K0EzODZvYtV49kGSi2Iv2T08ZB4daawuExz1WxZYIMY4HG74dMMYF6Lwp_NJZ2XUreaJrsnHiSwO64GLKvwfRojFaohq4IVH_o_kfX1ww-uC9m5LBSjh83s93tmwfQFFtEOzKSuD-7cYBvK66MfXLPJvqA2d_67PmHEZDz_axU2BUXs724ORUQN7EGIH9vj0n1rJyp-rHA71BFu1gbvPO_fzNeVpK4ie9PmIUkydUpKihvAAS7_M=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) for more information, grant guidelines, and a copy of the [application](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVR9K0EzODZvYs-0v4Z8auVwVqjnOOh1gzgKiZcXFuC3Oo6sXXudOI_m1yVtACGB7lz4L0lXffFMqN2upRTUufUqAp4KP6zb7CUNQUk1V7nRaWhXFTUPtmA4oP_psNhLEhmv8VXcTGFfJ_FIWXxOlzR3-lhufONrPL1HJ7k3L308x05tNHQSlwgqamkTYrPNYNG5RLv7AznwdaesBwcoMP35y21NJaRIZKfX_jJ2XcOJK9Y-7QqrIUmo=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==).

**NYDIS Volunteer Group Housing Capital Grants (Deadline 2/3/14)**
New York Disaster Interfaith Services' (NYDIS) is pleased to announce it is accepting proposals for its Volunteer Group Housing Capital Grants program**.** Grants will fund reconstruction or equipment purchases, up to $10,000, for nonprofit organizations who currently house (or will house) Superstorm Sandy rebuild volunteers in 2014. For more info about this grant call 212-669-6100 or email volunteerhousing@nydis.org**.

FEMA Proof of Loss Filing Extension (Deadline 4/28/14)**

A six month extension has been granted to Sandy survivors still in need of filing a critical legal document that itemizes losses they feel should be covered in insurance settlements. The [Proof of Loss](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVbn1Mt3n8cN9y8yqWUqkEOzcQWlq4lOVOQR8msXrBh7zKoQNAWQGK_skeUzCIiD-wy2FVP8LOZA_QWVTSstMQh0KwEBpOakfSPOL3Fh-PqY3LLEGvVAHTMnJIitxz8efunimdtmGewuh0UlNc9Si2tzBMPHI-K9pqRj7i0MwEDnM1uy4vqckcEQDu8U7ICYx26HLTQvlWWKGfXQTgtPlBYOIscxUinkFZA==&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) form is crucial to accessing federal relief funds such as those available through the [New York State Housing Recovery Program](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVWntQhtAS3W0eI4oSyyCfUsWI63vpodzIa4GL-hMRv6-6oit7sWXYYfvKaPqBdMZJfmN8Fu0mcT5TkQM4P4-ZqOTDzzMzg1nRZdZ7-EyJkm2WSTrUt76dB3MrLCG_R9iiHM1PIQP_6eidU3Y65UKBBpyDVrk6kJfOatHzfuKN6eWzjVg19jp99k=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==). Read more on the extension and form [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVbn1Mt3n8cN96gdiHOGAWzj4Kq5fcE3pT2wAqCkkmh1356g5zteKowwxYcAAvThqJnfYgy6eyCL82TMYlqb3GQfVzshGdAyhqKVsOV-Nba-n27QSe3T-OfbO9jGhTxIfJxHFRMneAt7UvzyCijrvpCbaQIh8IOhysa4nhbIzjZziZGbRYbXvQ6xKM9kkgLUmJg==&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==).

**NYDIS Volunteer Group Housing Program Form-Set**
New York Disaster Interfaith Services' (NYDIS) Volunteer Group Housing Program is pleased to release its Volunteer Group Housing Form-Set. With a special concentration on religious and cultural needs, these handbooks and forms will provide organizations with the knowledge and resources necessary to begin and sustain a long-term volunteer housing program. To view the form-set, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVdS_GGzUUVdM1dYCGNYgpUS_78FSrwQKwWDjO9dlJJ2Nw85mAtewkX_woMTKTPhKLv1pafOHGKD2kBACV3OkWt7BnT-coUQwynNR02wkRIs_j3uLSsMU_CKNGbostjBQB6NMXglp-ERpjp-KCAhRdcORBLOJ_SamDYMqxSA9dwaGyr6LJxNnTUIaofen-M53ZuZEojSqb19OXR6dhKukt0smRsDsZc5K2w==&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==).To learn more about the program, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVdS_GGzUUVdMnZ6lhfIdoKP8j5jsOYX4VzwpS6nq-6DPZj2HCveN-0xOrIsAOM6GNSsgrokykepwnciVdM4s1puU6axZPnPwF3A65wPPIxjSyOROof7AWMI=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==).

**JASA's Emergency Response Volunteer Program**

JASA's Department of Volunteer Services would like to invite all interested volunteers to participate in their Emergency Response Volunteer Program. This [program](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVb1wp3-NrnsDWDRJWK6IGOCoy5bbrhF2r7jmEIlDnhupJkXUWXgGXRDJ0u_rXWKmvNxQuW_gBbI9wEs20gK1l7Fvs32-e17lMgtUT-1uXEFeBxuXjhvrpHQH0LRnxgH044vTx_vLU8RR829kE9ikcMKgJxw1Zag21XgXxueJZ-FHJCMOGZRJTJ7L_dQ7t6bzm7PvZQ_miBGU1By9IQ-ZM_Q=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) will train volunteers in effective techniques for assisting seniors in the aftermath of a disaster. Volunteers will attend a concise two hour training where they will learn how to perform vital tasks such as assessing the needs of our seniors and supplying them with basic necessities. Please contact Rosa Perez at 212-273-5285 or rperez@jasa.org to schedule a training session or to learn more.

**24/7 Access to Crisis Support**

If you are experiencing emotional distress related to severe winter weather, please note that LifeNet is always fully operational with 24/7 access to crisis support for all New Yorkers. You can reach [LifeNet](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVdS_GGzUUVdMqxz5M1Ygebc5l-4TN4rpog5s_tzDTZUNx3wOMyUUaZI7HJN5pYMshjtXhz7omySbYnN1pvVdMLcNw5ClDFWI7c5c8VJnGin3X2bQnYPgbIZQFJqsXKXCBUEvAMJQdaavbFBpeNN7HgqgxgjLtqj5hg==&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) by calling 1-800-543-3638. If you are in/outside New York, you can also call the national Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990. Both services are toll-free, multi-lingual and confidential.

**Still Time to Declare Sandy Losses on Taxes**

In the case of a federally declared disaster, taxpayers with casualty losses that occurred in an area warranting public or individual assistance (or both) may deduct that loss on their tax return or amended return for the tax year immediately preceding the tax year in which the disaster happened. The loss is then treated as having occurred in the preceding year. Click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVVNhVYgV7zTBsCnXuRQRbGGar5PR0MMyDyFMxgHC7x5b-jBPb2pD1XtyM8vn1OI63662Yj5LoRZg9ORsOBVThujHpGzm3KQY6q7sH_3Co1PIzZzOUpXTKEDRQYyk2UJZSYiyknbxKWa1NEAGUXJF7NSHH5ZqI0aX0LPrnImAoPImt717GQsko1SNCuc8rBsjhA==&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) for more info.

 **Become a House Captain for Canarsie Rebuilding Day in April**

House Captains are skilled volunteers who manage a rebuilding project from start to finish. They work with Rebuilding Together NYC to prepare a project site for volunteers, lead them on an event day, and close out the project when the work scope is complete. Contact Emily at

emily.bachman@rebuildingtogethernyc.org or (718) 488-8840 for more information.

**Updated List of Repair and Rebuild Groups from NYC VOAD**

Based on individual reporting, voluntary agencies listed in the [Housing Recovery Resource Guide](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVdS_GGzUUVdM_qg3BaPMFNMGJSGuHtRqA8tnDYVoKpY61rHtSHc4J4lehZzI3BK7DdDNlsmsPZFiREFSpYYkxU46CcntgRgrG0ZvLcSXaNlu_3-C5odpmvSExxBmJiKPwQTyhmisnfEtHpIGh8J7iWUICwRxKwd3_3qAjN1f2_8gHMULvZlkGXMfnGyucAn055ZetkMULRC0s_pPNX9DHZs=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) plan to provide more than 1,200 rebuild services in New York City in 2014. The vast majority of organizations are working in only one borough, with 355 services listed in Brooklyn. To add, change, or update information, email Maureen Medina at World Cares. Thanks to Colleen Smallfield at New York Cares for the guide.

**Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for NYC Released**

FEMA has released the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for New York City. FIRMs identify areas that are at risk of flooding, and are not to be confused with New York City's hurricane evacuation zones. To access FEMA's Preliminary FIRMs for New York City, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVcABw0JeXpRJwQiid9_YUR0ncs-d4zZAavwukaoHVxaUfgOBSfsHzlLW_TiFxRhL_Aadr69jJ2TZVsg_tW_F0_b9zcOEfgpcrMEXsNvMtKlTifm34UC4qoOr9HvKE5jnxg==&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==).

For more information about these updates and flood maps, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVcABw0JeXpRJXQmRS6PCcvMy3_G-36XEe79Fmu2pbUu5TYf5e0koLsh00sWxnuRzzij-iKyR6fY2C3iagPzPoY8TcidJ9WRRMbE_jFqZjHtSZlVSA559B64=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==).

**Sandy Tracker Website**

[Sandy Tracker](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVTN5PevPZSb4vNRLw87MQgz4ba2rJyVPuHtmUKJxwl0IWom4FVhJ37vLQJIiGsdHw8toyRnZkLxXBHmRYjqOiHOdpU14Xrqw3YA0XMf76JsS4GbhXhqNA4ze0x_UENs47teiP3sWNNGt&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) tracks the billions of federal dollars allocated for the city's response to Hurricane Sandy. The site summarizes the amount of funds received, as well as expenditures to date.

 **Priorities at NYC Build It Back**

Click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVTN5PevPZSb4c_HFyBJ_RfkcjEq2Kz0J4Dpz1GeQ5kCmGcPcGolEonLFDJsSfthOxXGTRBZzM-erOxKZguobYHlPIl1XR3JnaTBzR3OXF92Dvn1Of2904jj9ikaFnnvzRQFN7t_vC09Zc0OtvuS8O_yEsGq8fCgEhmZd6H34RKU0KGeJX-0wI2ADAjxn7H2nlA==&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) to read more about applicant priorities and learn how to estimate your NYC Build it Back priority. At Option Review Meetings, homeowners will learn of their preliminary Award decision, have the opportunity to review their application entirely, and learn about the construction process in the Repair and Rebuild pathways. For questions call 212-615-8329 or email housing@recovery.nyc.gov

**NRNYC Home Repair Program**

The Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations announced a home repair program to assist New Yorkers who may not be eligible for the city's Build it Back program. The $14 million [NRNYC Home Repair Program](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVeZa1pVXE1efyrkWX-9KTGsaKQJZswdIhoyFRG53-wltgBG8aCB041jZkRjhVk93QM2EYcMLfLkO1vGajjvP-oUqqkKhDdyAIdr455RVt5kRfrVNV4qQqrmVjAa0J7SnZmnrRHTYFv9xDi-osy9c91pFpaWeudSUNj8w4gAR9TfvNXGGMyGKAL1ZppCqmNgRcA==&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) is funded by the Mayor's Fund with support from the Robin Hood Foundation, the American Red Cross and JP Morgan Chase. Applicants may be eligible for structural and non-structural repairs for homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy, complementing assistance provided by FEMA, private insurance and other sources. Homeowners affected by the storm can call 311, visit nyc.gov/fund or call NRNYC at 212-455-9309 for more information.

**NY Rising Community Conceptual Plans Released**

The New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program, which provides additional rebuilding and revitalization assistance to communities severely damaged by Hurricanes Sandy, Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee, released [community conceptual plans](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVeZa1pVXE1efxhicmXkDd5t6R7ruhOWzMdK75U3KAXGY_YgdpacM5LTm0beUy4wiyK45ZxbQ9wlIKNWtyPzC9ZOE2F51BrEZi1ApW4xqrX7jkX8UCQCdcyPFbUfxoV83Q4P6OlxNhylWz3ZqNRNUkOfMPe2n2Uol6FC8Kt06-ubtAbxyG7NufZtD1OfMq35suzljwl-UMz7HpnZspBTaust75Dkg0X3rEnI_4YXquL0V&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==) for the future of our city. To find community specific documents, meetings, maps, and other pertinent resources, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVeZa1pVXE1ef0mqsjjhvwAhAB93DwP_EigmNH5C1DMY8hhwytGfAHjFjhrh_REuL78CRKzWh2JKBSgu8akkks9Rk7x16_9p1R-J85iDqdnBeOXRDT9vBcgVwOzzXLuFZK0nQoY1xngI39My82Q3pIXZ1W4UqJNYxi84BohYiLdkG&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==)**.**

**Hurricane Sandy NY Resource List**

Check out these great tools to see some of the resources available to New Yorkers in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

* [NY Disaster Grants Resources Guide (UPDATED)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVVNhVYgV7zTBm0sHwyJKmFPj5_cJC1QN1406MtgBtcA1_o5h3DUf0b2YLvux2VrCBRW9yeOub1zrqQ0zXzM4hI7G-NdsdEdxsrhIwB9S77GzbVAFvEmTJ9-xysvAkW-rdZFI4zuMKbdKv-ZJ5SbhHz143gy458t_JWgDj6ifvJFpmkcnPAx_4Prdn0tzjOrh2_KngrmbZlRi4iiA9aD3bXI=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==)
* [NY State Recovery Resources Center](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVQRBtBd8j0GoOquvOmP6Em0neGGJdQGkPQk_c-8Z_DQGMCzSJevXKGIxrUX5zFQt97bRx3i6rO5rIILNVDJcyYOtAiP-f68Mq1yyuBxKY39Yg9yxdJvjBXj8huqcz9xftw==&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==)
* [Brooklyn Community Foundation- Recovery Resources](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVeaaVsIRCDvK3lTFwa9VDsYwFj-nKnZm5MWg2EzBm0XOZIoQh167l4AKGpGqj2AtOLfCW1RcH95ca_0vNoiBX-lwkfLO3AOBnRIdAKQsEBi0113FO5k3K0pFBs_Dx8GGwr2gvq2AGiOhMRxyUSl2V5rUGSQDWHyXbfdIk2V1HQZLT9wJHkN96ADcz2hX6FtFHgAnUH0P_yW_&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==)
* [NY Hurricane Sandy Disaster Recovery Resources (UPDATED)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVXwLUkUBf0anqrvxue7Jc-NMmm-CU5LtkSVEzlooIpAO4SiYHwdwF0XkW13RDK9l7z9IzyWR0Wg-vy0m2i4gEIOmnaaxl5zjlBAkKHHxNSK4g25o114k6HKGCoF_s9EOl9Bpgw-Fti80Mzd-gm25UfpJXsIXuywGCyEUTz736L_rFzwZVgIKfGQAZIainVhwdcU0-Q3aQE_PcV9K4I4n6dA=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==)
* [NYDIS: Online Sandy Recovery Guide & Resources (with Widgets)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J8_V4IahxUTpaSdbzrTC7xZHfgurXqAMULOGtLAKE4Yp2gYEO9zvVZyjzcI1YRkXlJPuIViQ_jG2nizBQQe8L1XK6MwT1xD3A1olnk3u81ZciRIU0KDKCobXek_-5_SNNKjprVj-WRTxKvIkGtx8MpcxSv-Kor_RS_E10Z_O-lWUW2mSuDEzKvv_ZADSzCCTrToKmUTcS-sEEqvAyzSI0D_oXBcEnF_zb6a4gxuOD2_XjFsObCHqoVmX0sMTc0mw43Z4xGOSIF0=&c=UipdyhOyvH6u_V4ssfVlezx2AUCLl8pcC--mIs9XlwnIY9sHRPDdfQ==&ch=luHkjzkPTRmpi6UZwHNzBT07ZtYLZ0f7QOFWnEQmX31SJPCrWp4Fdw==)

Thank you and have a nice weekend,

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