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

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

**5 December 2014**

**Higher Education Program News:**

* **Hi Ed Symposium:**

Mark your calendars for the **17th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium** scheduled for June 1- 4, 2015 at the Emergency Management Institute, Emmitsburg, MD. Information posted to the symposium section of the Hi Ed website will include the symposium announcement, application, call for papers/presentations and student volunteer information.

Symposium information currently posted: <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/edu/educonference15.asp>

* Symposium Background, Goals and Objectives
* Call for Papers/Presentations
* List of Associate Level session suggestions
* **New sections added to Hi Ed website:**
* NETC Learning Resource Center – A direct link to the library (LRC) on the NETC Campus. The LRC offers Inter Library Loan as well as journals, more than 208,000 books, reports, audiovisual materials and indexed articles.
* Training and Education Synergy – Posted an interesting report about the first focus group meeting between emergency management practitioners and educators as well as a link to the IAEM Training and Education page.

**College and University Information:**

* ***Disaster Response and Recovery: Strategies and Tactics for Resilience***

The publisher, John Wiley & Sons, is announcing the release of the second edition of *Disaster Response and Recovery: Strategies and Tactics for Resilience*.  Order your books for Winter and Spring now.  See <http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-1118673026.html> for additional information.

* **U.S. Department of Energy Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship Program (MLEF)**

The Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship (MLEF) Program provides students with an opportunity to gain and develop research skills with the Department of Energy’s Office of Fossil Energy for 10 weeks over the summer. For 20 years, this program has increased awareness of DOE research opportunities to students pursuing STEM degrees (science, technology, engineering and math). The goal of the program is to improve opportunities for women and minority students in these fields, however all eligible candidates are encouraged to apply.  Stipends start at $600 per week and eligible Fellows will receive an additional travel and housing allowance.  For more information, visit <http://orise.orau.gov/mlef/>.

**Eligibility**

* Be at least 18 years of age at time of application;
* Be a U.S. Citizen;
* Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0;
* Be currently enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university (sophomore year or higher) or had a Ph.D. conferred on or after January 2, 2014 in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) degree

**Application closes Friday, January 2, 2015 – click** [**http://orise.orau.gov/mlef/**](http://orise.orau.gov/mlef/) **to get started NOW!**

**Emergency Management/Homeland Security News:**

* **Center for Infrastructure Protection and Homeland Security**

**The CIP Report, November 2014, Volume 14 Number 4**

This month’s issue of *The CIP Report* focuses on Education.

* The Critical Infrastructure Higher Education Initiative – Resources You Can Use
* Applying Risk-Based Training to Enhance Fusion Center Capabilities
* Ebola Response: Case Study for Critical Infrastructure Protection Students
* Building an Online CIP Program at Sam Houston State University: Finding an Institutionally Cooperative Eco-System

**The CIP Report Special Edition, November 2014**

We are pleased to offer this special issue of *The CIP Report* highlighting the work of a University of Wisconsin-Platteville led, National Science Foundation funded grant to develop and establish undergraduate infrastructure engineering courses. Initially begun at six universities, the program has grown to fifteen universities that are offering or are planning to offer an undergraduate infrastructure course. In this issue, authors explain these initiatives and highlight unique aspects of infrastructure education at their institutions.

* Training Next Generation Faculty and Students to Address the Infrastructure Crisis
* Infrastructure Assessments: Providing Students Field Experiences to Strengthen Infrastructure Appreciation and Knowledge
* Broadening the Education of Civil/Environmental Engineers at University of Nevada, Reno through a Freshman Infrastructure Course
* Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering Education at University of Toledo
* CE350: Infrastructure Engineering at West Point
* The Goethals’ Infrastructure Challenge: [www.infrastructurechallenge.org](http://www.infrastructurechallenge.org)
* Assessing Student Understanding of Infrastructure Systems using Concept Maps
* Development of an Infrastructure Views Survey
* Development of an Infrastructure Views Survey

The Center for Infrastructure Protection and Homeland Security (CIP/HS) works in conjunction with James Madison University and seeks to fully integrate the disciplines of law, policy, and technology for enhancing the security of cyber-networks, physical systems, and economic processes supporting the Nation’s critical infrastructure. The Center is funded by a grant from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

If you would like to be added to the distribution list for *The CIP Report*, please click on this link: <http://listserv.gmu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=cipp-report-l&A=1>

* **Disaster Information Outreach by Librarians, NLM/NIH – Information and News – November 2014**

\*Selections from over 100 e-sources\*

\*Follow NLM\_DIMRC on Twitter:  [http://twitter.com/NLM\_DIMRC\*](http://twitter.com/NLM_DIMRC*)

Yesterday, Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell announced that 35 hospitals have been designated by state health officials as Ebola treatment centers that are prepared, trained, and ready to provide care for a patient with Ebola.  The  Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a  guidance document that serves as an overarching framework for three other specific CDC guidance documents. These will assist state and local health departments, acute care hospitals, and other emergency care settings (including urgent care clinics) develop preparedness plans for patients with possible Ebola Virus Disease (EVD). You can find these documents and others from the CDC, the World Health Organization, and others working in the Ebola response efforts in the National Library of Medicine Disaster Lit: Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health.

<http://disasterlit.nlm.nih.gov/search/?searchTerms=ebola+OR+hemorrhagic&search.x=45&search.y=11&search=Search>

For more details on the announcement:

\*Interim Guidance for U.S. Hospital Preparedness for Patients with Possible or Confirmed Ebola Virus Disease: A Framework for a Tiered Approach <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/us-hospital-preparedness.html>

\*Press Release from Health and Human Services: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2014pres/12/20141202b.html>

\*Press Release from the White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/12/02/fact-sheet-update-ebola-response>

\*\*\*What’s New on REMM\*\*\*  
Take a look at updates and changes to the National Library of Medicine Radiation Emergency Medical Management Website. Changes include 13 new teaching videos, updated protective actions guide, two new key radiation term glossaries, and more.

<http://www.remm.nlm.gov/whatsnew.htm>

\*\*\* Research Opportunity for Librarians\*\*\*

Accepting Proposals December 1, 2014 to February 1, 2015

Do you have a research idea related to librarians and disasters, but don’t know how to start? The William H. Hannon Library will offer 21 librarians instruction in research design and a full year of peer/mentor support to complete a research project at their home institutions. The learning experience, travel to and from Los Angeles, CA, accommodations, and food will be supplied to Scholars free of charge. The summer Institute for Research Design in Librarianship (IRDL) workshop is supplemented with pre-Institute learning activities and a personal learning network that provides ongoing mentoring. The workshop will be held on the campus of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California. This year’s workshop will be held on July 13-23, 2015, with arrival on campus on Sunday, July 12, and departure on Friday, July 24. Librarians of all levels of professional experience are welcome to apply with ideas in any library-related topic.

For more information, go to the Call for Proposals: <http://irdlonline.org/call-for-proposals/>

\*\*\*Maps and Health\*\*\*  
The use of digital mapping is becoming more important in the decision-making process during responses to emergencies. Below are examples of tools and resources that have been used in recent responses and events:

\*UN, Wikimedia New York deliver open, free world maps on GIS Day <https://blog.wikimedia.org/2014/11/19/un-agency-and-wikimedia-new-york-gis-day-deliver-free-accurate-maps-to-the-world/>

\*GIS Support for the MSF Ebola response in Guinea in 2014 <http://cartong.org/sites/cartong/files/GIS%20Support%20for%20the%20MSF%20Ebola%20Response%20in%20Guinea_Case%20Study.pdf>

Review of above document: <http://techchange.org/2014/11/20/maps-fight-ebola/>

\*Open Street Map 2014 West Africa Ebola Response <http://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/2014_West_Africa_Ebola_Response>

\*\*\*Data and Disasters\*\*\*

Management of data during disasters is crucial to response efforts. There is ongoing discussion of what types of data need to be managed, and who should be managing this data. Librarians and information specialists are key to these discussions. See recent discussions below:

\*Questions for Big Data

This post from the “Social Media 4 Emergency Management” blog provides several questions to consider in development of standards around data management.

[www.sm4em.org/2014/11/questions-for-big-data/](http://www.sm4em.org/2014/11/questions-for-big-data/)

\* Enabling Humanitarian Use of Mobile Phone Data

This brief report from the Brookings Institute provides a review of two scenarios where use of mobile phone data can lead to positive outcomes, and provides a list of recommendations on the development of a road map.

<http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/papers/2014/11/12-enabling-humanitarian-mobile-phone-data/brookingstechmobilephonedataweb.pdf>

\*\*\*New Apps Released\*\*\*

\*Department of Energy Releases Lantern Live App

The Department of Energy launched a mobile app called Lantern Live that allows users to report the operational status of local gas stations, find fuel, and look up power outage maps from local utilities, while also accessing useful tips and guidelines. With the launch of this app, the Energy Department is testing the power of crowdsourcing and open data in disaster and recovery. Lantern Live is currently available free for Android devices through Google Play.

<http://www.energy.gov/articles/energy-department-launches-mobile-app-energy-emergencies>

\*Red Cross Monster Guard App for Kids

A new American Red Cross app helps children between the ages of 7 and 11 learn emergency preparedness while playing a game as monster characters. The free app, “Monster Guard: Prepare for Emergencies,” is a game to teach children how to prevent emergencies such as home fires and how to stay safe if severe weather or natural disasters occur.

<http://www.redcross.org/news/press-release/Red-Cross-Launches-Emergency-Preparedness-App-for-Children>

Find this and other Red Cross Apps at: <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps>

\*\*\* Webinar Series: Emergency Management and Preparedness-Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities\*\*\*  
ADA National Network

Federal Emergency Management Agency

All webinars begin at 2.30 pm ET

The ADA National Network and FEMA are providing a webinar series that covers topics related to inclusion of persons with disabilities in emergency management. The next webinar in the series will take place on Thursday, December 11th and will provide an overview of lessons learned by the City of Los Angeles as they are working to strengthen their operating procedures and training.

Information on Series: <http://adapresentations.org/schedule.php>

Register for December 11th webinar: <http://adapresentations.org/registration.php>

\*\*\*New in DisasterLit\*\*\*

<http://disasterlit.nlm.nih.gov/latest/?pg=&pgSize=100&PubYear=&PubTypeID=&AuID=&SourceID=&ResearchDocument=&period=14>

Tips for Survivors: Coping with Grief After Community Violence

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), November 2014

This two-page document contains information about some of the signs of grief and anger after an act of community violence, and provides useful information about how to cope with grief. It also offers tips for helping children deal with grief. A Helpful Resources section provides hotline numbers and treatment locators for those who may want further help.

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

How Task Forces Strengthen Mass Care Preparedness and Response

National Mass Care Strategy, November 2014

This one-hour webinar emphasizes how Multi-Agency Task Forces have become an important resource for effective preparedness and response during times of disaster. Speakers discuss the evolution of task forces and their use in various operations: a Disaster Incident, a Mass Care Exercise, and a National Community Event.

<http://go.usa.gov/Hu7G>

\*\*\*Did You Miss?\*\*\*

Items posted recently to the DISASTR-OUTREACH-LIB listserv:

\*Information and News Ebola Update

Includes a listing of a number of upcoming webinars

<http://go.usa.gov/Huy9>

\*New resources added to the Evidence Aid resources  
<http://go.usa.gov/Hzh5>

\*\*\*Webinar: The Ebola Crisis and Global Health Law\*\*\*

The Network for Public Health Law

Thursday, December 11th, 3:00 pm ET

In this webinar, Lawrence O. Gostin, University Professor of Global Health Law and Faculty Director of the O’Neill Institute for National & Global Health Law at Georgetown University, will discuss the international community’s response to the Ebola crisis, as well as vulnerabilities in the U.S., and examine the gaps and challenges currently existing in global preparedness and response systems.

<https://www.networkforphl.org/webinars/2014/11/24/523/the_ebola_crisis_and_global_health_law>

\*\*\*Workshop Webcast: Immunology of Protection from Ebola Virus Infection\*\*\*

Friday, December 12th, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm ET

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the Department of Defense (DoD), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) are co-sponsoring a workshop, entitled “Immunology of Protection from Ebola Virus Infection.” The purpose of this workshop is to discuss important aspects of Ebola virus and vaccine immunology in order to inform future clinical, scientific and regulatory decision-making related to vaccines against Ebola. The in-person workshop registration is closed, but the webcast is open to all.

View Webcast: <http://videocast.nih.gov/default.asp>

More information: <http://www.fda.gov/EmergencyPreparedness/Counterterrorism/MedicalCountermeasures/AboutMCMi/ucm424037.htm>

\*\*\*Displacement Themes Emerging\*\*\*

The International Displacement Monitoring Center is monitoring displacement of people across the three countries in West Africa most affected by Ebola. This is the first time they have monitored displacement related to disease or biological hazard. They have identified five patterns of Ebola-related displacement: 1) Fleeing the virus; 2) Fleeing quarantine; 3) Seeking health care; 4) Forced evictions and fleeing stigma; and 5) Fleeing violence and rights violations.

<http://www.internal-displacement.org/blog/2014/displaced-by-disease-5-displacement-patterns-emerging-from-ebola-epidemic>

\*\*\*Health Information Compilation of Ebola Materials\*\*\*

We are continuing to add the latest Ebola health information documents to the Disaster Lit Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health. In the last week we have added over 17 documents dealing with a variety of topics and formats, including two series of guidance documents, one series from the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, and a second series from the Unite Kingdome Department of Health.

<http://disasterlit.nlm.nih.gov/search/?searchTerms=ebola+OR+hemorrhagic&search.x=22&search.y=18&search=Search>

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"Support for librarians providing disaster information outreach to their communities."

You are receiving this message as a member of the DISASTR-OUTREACH-LIB discussion group for librarians, information specialists and others interested in disaster information outreach to their communities and responding to information needs for all-hazards preparedness, response and recovery.

To send a message to all the list members, please address it to [DISASTR-OUTREACH-LIB@LIST.NIH.GOV](mailto:DISASTR-OUTREACH-LIB@LIST.NIH.GOV).

Did a colleague forward this message to you? For your own subscription, sign up at <http://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/dimrclistserv.html>.

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The DISASTR-OUTREACH-LIB archives are available at <https://list.nih.gov/archives/disastr-outreach-lib.html>.

You can reach the list moderator at [DISASTR-OUTREACH-LIB-request@list.nih.gov](mailto:DISASTR-OUTREACH-LIB-request@list.nih.gov). This forum is provided by the Disaster Information Management Research Center, U.S. National Library of Medicine.

* **FEMA Region I News – Russ Webster**

**Maine universities recognized for cybersecurity education**

Maine's is the first public university system in the nation to earn a designation from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

<http://www.pressherald.com/2014/11/21/maine-universities-recognized-for-cybersecurity-education/>

* **Governor’s Hurricane Conference**

**2015 Student Conference Scholarship Program**

**All students interested in Emergency Management in Florida are invited to apply for a Student Scholarship to attend the 29th Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference®**

**May 10 - 15, 2015 in Orlando, Florida**

**Eligibility:**

Students currently enrolled in a public or private institution of higher education, at the graduate or undergraduate level, and who have taken or are taking emergency management related courses as part of their academic program, is eligible to apply. 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.

**Specific Requirements:**

**Recent Graduates:** Students who complete their degree requirements no more than 6 months prior to the conference are also eligible to apply.

**Florida Residents:** Students who are Florida "residents for tuition purposes" (as per § 1009.21, F.S.) will be given priority. Out-of-state or online students may also be considered based upon overall ranking.

**Institutional Limits:** The total number of students from any single institution may be limited based on total funding availability.

**Prior Recipients:** Students who have received a scholarship for a prior conference is not eligible to apply for another scholarship.

**Employment Status:** Students who are full-time employees within emergency management or related fields and receive employer benefits are not eligible.

**Scholarship Benefits:**

The Student Scholarship Program provides complimentary conference registration but does not cover all other expenses related to conference attendance. Funding of other expenses will be based on GHC resources available and the number of applicants who qualify.

**Date Conflict Concerns:**

If you nave concerns regarding the dates of the GHC conflicting with your curriculum, our Educational Outreach Committee Members are willing to communicate with the faculty at your institution to help resolve any such issues.

If you need assistance, contact [ghclynn@verizon.net](mailto:ghclynn@verizon.net).

**How to Apply:**

Apply online between **January 19** and **February 27, 2015**.

Email [ghcrene@verizon.net](mailto:ghcrene@verizon.net) to be added to the email distribution list

for more details and future notifications.

Applicants will be notified of their status in March.

For more information on the 2015 GHC, visit [www.flghc.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k_Ii8FqaQc0G-OtQi6j9N9yk1flXz1ARH5_5Wj--plldg4YfwDGePEtgp-2nmgGwTmh0cQ9jXmNyA5U67aR60gOpe3piolQEz_z5-5di6vYb-gGig2M0yutzpPiivKEu2H3DcW1K7anFpiYj7s3p6RQHGPlNnm2W0hOw3gtdcRE=&c=Z0H76bnfgiMbF81ai4JMN4pRBUsJeGuviaUZFu08SQmgAlk7cNofiA==&ch=6Ar8mVPhiEK8IaDLNL4jBE2KxTurQ3EtNQcJLRCFGHmeFzlh1M0c9w==)

* **IAEM Dispatch, November 26, 2014**

**IAEM NEWS**

[**Inaugural IAEM 2014 Middle East Resilience Conference Takes Place Dec. 10-11 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2026&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5473775952436)   
**IAEM**   
The inaugural IAEM 2014 Middle East Resilience Conference, will take place Dec. 10-11, 2014, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. “The IAEMMERC 2014 was launched to fill a need to educate our safety, security and emergency managers and officers on how to best prepare for potential and unforeseen emergencies. Over the two-day conference, delegates will attend sessions facilitated by experts who have knowledge and firsthand experience in handling emergency situations,” stated H.E. Khaled Al Mansoori, IAEM International Council President. “Parallel sessions ranging from table-top discussions, exercises, and scenario-based panel discussions will be held for intermediate- and expert-level personnel. An exhibition will be held alongside IAEMMERC 2014 where the industry can connect with delegates and elevate their profile through a targeted market exposure.” The conference, which is IAEM's first in the Middle East, will aim to arm emergency management, security, police, fire and other safety officials and managers with both theoretical and practical experiences. [Find out more and register online.](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2027&&&http://www.iaemmerc.com/)

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**EM NEWS**

[**Bristol hospital practices response to weather disaster**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2034&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54735702c336a)   
**TriCities.com**   
Local Bristol, Tennessee, students, painted to appear wounded, were treated Thursday at Bristol Regional Medical Center as part of a severe weather disaster drill. “We do this regional wide disaster drill to coordinate the emergency response activities of the community,” said BRMC Emergency Management Coordinator Tommy Sparks. “We exercise with an influx of patients into a facility and we practice our emergency management code delta drill at the hospital. We call in staff where needed and stress the system with an influx of patients.”[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2039&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54735702c336a)

[**New York governor wrongly faults National Weather Service forecasts for Buffalo snowstorm**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2046&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5474b1b7d4a1c)   
**Mashable**   
New York Governor Andrew Cuomo responded to the massive lake-effect snow in the Buffalo area by criticizing the National Weather Service's (NWS) forecasts over the weekend, saying the agency failed to prepare the community for such a historic amount of snow. The problem for Cuomo is that the forecasts were accurate, and it appears that he was the one who was caught off guard, not the NWS.[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2051&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5474b1b7d4a1c)

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**Associations Now**   
Government-focused trade shows were delivered another blow last week when the producers of FOSE, one of the premiere events for government technology professionals, announced that the conference and accompanying exposition would not return in 2015. The event, formerly known as the Federal Office Systems Expo, drew 5,000 people to the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., in May, representing a major drop from the 8,000 people who attended in 2013.[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2057&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547379092cca9)

**IAEM-USA NEWS**

[**FEMA announced changes in senior leadership**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2061&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5473785fa2c83)   
**IAEM**   
FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate on Nov. 24 announced several changes in senior leadership at the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

* Tony Russell, who served as Acting Region VIII Administrator, Denver, will return to his position as Superintendent of the Emergency Management Institute.
* Andrew Velasquez, who served as Acting Region IV Administrator, Atlanta, will return to Chicago as Region V Administrator.
* Janet Odeshoo, who served as Acting Region V Administrator, Chicago, will return to the position of Deputy Region V Administrator.
* Robert Samaan, who served as Acting Region VI Deputy Administrator, Denton, Texas, will serve as Acting Region IV Administrator in Atlanta.
* Gracia Szczech will serve as Acting Region IV Deputy Administrator in Atlanta.
* Sharon Loper, who served as Region X Deputy Administrator, Seattle, will serve as Acting Region VIII Administrator, Denver.

**NEW INSIGHTS**

[**Are we ready for the next disaster?**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2063&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547355a3c2aa3)   
**Crosscut**   
Two of the biggest natural disasters in Washington state’s history hit within just a few months of each other this year. The Senate Natural Resources and Parks Committee met recently to begin a conversation about learning lessons from the Oso mudslide and the wild fires in Central Washington. One big focus was on ways to improve communications.[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2068&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547355a3c2aa3)

[**Hope, fate or providence in times of disaster or emergency**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2070&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54735305a8480)   
**CIHAN**   
Being prepared for a national emergency or natural disaster is crucial. Steve Goldfarb, a fire safety and emergency planning specialist at the University of Southern California department of environmental health and safety, once said: “You can't control how an earthquake will shake you, but you can act now and control how it will harm you. Being prepared for the unknown is the key." Every culture views disaster differently: Is it luck, fate or providence? In some parts of the world it is considered to be “fate"; in other places it would be viewed as God's providence, and to others it might seem to be sheer luck.[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2075&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54735305a8480)

[**Thar: drought or disaster?**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2076&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54735418af394)   
**DAWN.com**   
Arid areas of the world are always prone to famines whenever the average annual rainfall is less than 250mm. The Thar region of Sindh, which has climatic and ecological conditions similar to the Indian state of Rajast­han’s portion of Thar, faces severe droughts for two to three years in every 10-year cycle. These areas have been witnessing famine-like conditions for ages. The average annual rainfall is less than 250mm, which is usually uneven and erratic.[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2081&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54735418af394)

**CEM® UPDATE**

[**Revised requirements for CEM®/AEMSM recertification begin January 2015**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2082&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547378100270a)   
**IAEM**   
Revised requirements for recertification, beginning in January 2015, will reward CEMs and AEMs who maintain their certification. These changes were designed to streamline the recertification process as well as make the recertification process more relevant to a certified professional's progress in the emergency management field. As individuals maintain their certification, the training requirements decrease while the professional contribution requirements increase. See a breakdown of the new requirements by recertification year [here](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2083&&&http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=certification/application/recertification&lvl=2). Please note that the online recertification application will be revised by Jan. 5, 2015, to accommodate the changes.

**DISASTER TECHNOLOGY NEWS**

[**China successfully launches second disaster relief satellite**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2093&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5473557235718)   
**Sputnik News**   
Kuaizhou II, also known as Speedy Vehicle II, will monitor natural disasters and provide disaster relief information from a satellite launched recently. Kuaizhou I was launched last year in September with the same mission. China launched the Yaogan Weixing-24 remote-sensing satellite. Yaogan Weixing-24 will carry out disaster relief monitoring, scientific experiments and assess and estimate crop yields, the news agency said in an earlier report.[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2098&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5473557235718)

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE**

[**Announcing the IAEM *EMvision* Talks Logo Design Contest**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2100&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5473788e0a443)   
**IAEM**   
The IAEM Conference Committee is soliciting entries for the design of a logo for an exciting new conference initiative – EMvision Talks. The Talks are modeled on the well-known TED™ Talk format and are a new way to communicate thought leadership in emergency management. EMvision Talks will become part of the IAEM Annual Conference line-up in 2015. Submissions for EMvision Talks will be open to everyone, and the Call for Presentations will open the end of March 2015. Right now, the committee seeks an eye-catching graphic to brand the talks and make them an identifiable part of future conferences. As a home-grown project of IAEM, the Committee would like an IAEM member with graphic arts skills to develop a distinctive logo relating to emergency management and IAEM that will capture the essence of these talks — passion, novelty, excitement, thought leadership, and vision. The winning design will be used on the IAEM Website, in conference e-mails, in print, and on conference signage to identify EMvision Talks at future conferences. The contest opened Oct. 1 and closes Nov. 30, 2014, at midnight Eastern time. Submissions must be in PDF format and should be e-mailed to [Julie Husk](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2101&&&mailto:jhusk@iaem.com).

**EM CALENDAR**

[**National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference Set for Dec. 10-12 in Denver**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2111&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547378cc93b18)   
**IAEM**   
The National Healthcare Coalition Resource Center Preparedness Conference provides attendees with the opportunity to gain valuable education, training and best practices to assist your organization and committee in mitigating, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies and disasters. Four specialty workshops will supplement the conference: disaster medicine training for coalition partners; pediatric disaster response; adding value through exercise design; and building effective and sustainable coalitions. This third annual event takes place Dec. 10-12, 2014, in Denver, Colorado, and details are [available online](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2112&&&http://healthcarecoalitions.org/nhcrc-conference/).

[**Mark Your Calendars Now for the IAEM 2015 Annual Conference & EMEX**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2109&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547378aac90be)   
**IAEM**   
If you benefited from the IAEM 2014 Annual Conference or you missed the conference and feel left out, you’ll want to mark your calendars now for the IAEM 2015 Annual Conference & EMEX. Built on the theme of “Expanding the Spectrum of Emergency Management,” the IAEM 2015 Annual Conference will be held Nov. 13-18, 2015, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**AROUND THE WORLD**

[**More weather misery on horizon for beleaguered Buffalo**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2116&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5474af5b0ecc4)   
**USA Today**   
The cold eased and it was no longer snowing in battered Buffalo and elsewhere around the Great Lakes. Here comes the rain. And behind that, another foot of snow. Areas that saw up to 7 feet of lake-effect snow in recent days were basking in temperatures well above freezing. Buffalo saw 60 degrees. The warmer temperatures and half-an-inch of rain could mean intense flooding for the beleaguered region. [**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2121&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5474af5b0ecc4)

[**Lava flow breakout located 3.5 miles above Apaa Street advances**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2122&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5474b3750b747)   
**West Hawaii Today**   
A ridge created by the June 27 lava flow as it advanced downslope in the previous months has created a barrier that scientists and officials say is sending a breakout away from the Kaohe Homesteads subdivision in Puna. When the flow passed through the area in September, it inflated to about 1 to 3 meters, creating a “ridge” that is causing breakouts to head north and away from Kaohe, said Janet Babb, a geologist with the United States Geological Survey.[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2127&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5474b3750b747)

[**Mali records new Ebola case, linked to dead nurse**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2128&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54737935290b9)   
**Reuters**   
Mali has recorded a new case of Ebola in the capital Bamako after the friend of a nurse who died of the hemorrhagic fever earlier this month tested positive for the disease, health and medical officials said on Saturday. The nurse contracted the disease after treating an imam from neighboring Guinea, who died after being incorrectly diagnosed with kidney problems. This allowed Ebola to spread to five other people in the West African nation's second outbreak.[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2133&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54737935290b9)

[**Magnitude 6.8 quake hits central Japan; no tsunami warning**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2134&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547353377660f)   
**Reuters**   
An earthquake with preliminary magnitude of 6.8 jolted central Japan on Saturday evening, temporarily trapping 21 people when their homes collapsed and leaving 13 people injured, police and public broadcaster NHK said. The Japan Meteorological Agency said no tsunami warning was issued after the quake, which was felt in the capital Tokyo 180 km (110 miles) away.[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2139&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547353377660f)

[**Residents capture photos and video of huge twister tearing through South African field**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2140&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5474b0f1e13df)   
**9 News**   
Footage has been captured of a massive tornado tearing through a field in South Africa. The video shows a twister touching down in parts of Vryheid and Dundee in the Kwa-Zulu Natal province on Saturday, news channel eNCA reports. Social media is abuzz with the footage, while residents have tweeted their own pictures of the damage.[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2145&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5474b0f1e13df)

[**Quiet 2014 Atlantic hurricane season ends Sunday with 6 hurricanes, 2 major; only 1 US hit**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2146&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5474b12db38f2)   
**The Times Picayune**   
A quiet 2014 Atlantic hurricane season ends on Nov. 30 after producing only eight named storms, including six hurricanes, of which only two were major, National Weather Service forecasters said. None of the storms posed any threat to metro New Orleans, and forecasters don't expect any additional tropical systems for the rest of the week.[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2151&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5474b12db38f2)

[**Minister calls on farmers to be on high alert in cyclone season**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2152&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5473569ec6df2)   
**fijivillage**   
Minister for Agriculture and Natural Disaster Management Inia Seruiratu has called on farmers to be on high alert as the country is entering its cyclone season. Seruiratu said farmers should be proactive as natural disasters can happen anytime.[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2117496&messageid=2117496&databaseid=Mailing.DS117496.2117496.101236&serial=17288921&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2157&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=5473569ec6df2)

**IAEM Dispatch, December 4, 2014**

**IAEM NEWS**

[**Inaugural IAEM 2014 Middle East Resilience Conference to be rescheduled**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2030&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f338235c3a)   
**IAEM**   
The inaugural IAEM 2014 Middle East Resilience Conference, scheduled for Dec. 10-11, 2014, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, has been postponed to a later date. Please watch this publication for an announcement of the new dates or sign up at the [conference website](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2031&&&http://www.iaemmerc.com/) for notifications when more information is available.

**IAEM-OCEANIA NEWS**

[**Notice of IAEM-Oceania Annual General Meeting 2014**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2033&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f33c02a6ad)   
**IAEM**   
IAEM-Oceania members were notified on Nov. 24, 2014, that the IAEM-Oceania Annual General Meeting will take place Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014, at the Surf Rescue House, 18 Manning St, South Brisbane, QLD, Australia. The meeting will begin at 1730 hours QLD time. Teleconference details will be confirmed when available. Reports and confirmation of the process for attending electronically will be forwarded to all IAEM-Oceania members. This notice is Pursuant to the Model Rule 33(1)a - 'at least 21 days' notice of a general meeting if a special resolution is to be proposed at the meeting.' [Download notice with details here](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2034&&&http://www.iaem.com/documents/IAEMOceaniaAGM2014Notice.pdf).

**EM NEWS**

[**INSA, DHS, FBI, and ODNI Develop IC Analyst-Private Sector Partnership Program**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2042&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f7029e986e)   
**IAEM**   
The IC Analyst-Private Sector Partnership Program, sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis, on behalf of the Director of National Intelligence, facilitates collaborative partnerships between members of the private sector and teams of experienced Intelligence Community (IC) analysts. The areas of focus selected for this year's program, based on intelligence priorities, were: Energy Security, Money Laundering, Identifying and Countering Insider Threats, Air Domain Awareness, Identity Theft and Illicit Activity, Game Changing Biotechnology. One of the products of this effort is creation of the [Insider Threat Resource Directory](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2043&&&http://www.insaonline.org/insiderthreat). This resource provides the essential elements required to initiate an insider threat program. To accomplish this, the group relied on several sources, including: personal experience in the public and private sectors, interviews with industry experts, overviews of insider threat programs, and discussions among team members. The 13 essential elements were developed to follow a timeline from the first step (Initial Planning) to the last (Feedback/Lessons Learned). In addition, more than 200 [insider threat publications](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2044&&&http://www.insaonline.org/i/z/docs/ITResources.aspx) were reviewed and mapped to the 13 essential elements. Read a blog post that includes links to valuable documents [here](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2045&&&https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/article/20141203120513-18612069-ic-analyst-private-sector-program).

[**Obama offers new standards on police gear in wake of Ferguson protests**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2047&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f27f10653d)   
**The New York Times**   
President Barack Obama, grappling with how to respond to the racial unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, and a wave of anger at law enforcement officials across the country, said that he would tighten standards on the provision of military-style equipment to local police departments and provide funds for police officers to wear cameras. [**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2052&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f27f10653d)

[**US designates 35 hospitals as Ebola centers**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2056&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f282628be2)   
**USA Today**   
State health officials have designated 35 U.S. hospitals as Ebola treatment centers, a move that will at least triple the number of beds available to treat future patients. The hospitals are mostly clustered around the five airports where travelers from West Africa are being routed. About 80 percent of returning travelers from West Africa live within 200 miles of one of the hospitals, according to the Department of Health and Human Services. [**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2061&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f282628be2)

[**Willis Re unveils 1st Japan Tsunami Model**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2062&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f294f80f1f)   
**Nasdaq**   
Willis Re, the reinsurance division of Willis Group Holdings, the global risk adviser, insurance and reinsurance broker, released a new Japan Tsunami Model to advance the industry's understanding of catastrophic tsunami losses. Developed in-house alongside the Willis Research Network, it is the first tsunami model with probabilistic and deterministic modeling function to be created by a broker.

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**Smarter Travel**   
Counterterrorism officials are talking about banning carry-on luggage on flights around Christmastime ahead of terrorism concerns, *NPR* reports. U.S. and U.K. officials worried about a terror plot aimed at commercial flights headed for Europe have discussed heightened security measures during the upcoming holiday, including a carry-on luggage ban or a ban on electronic devices in plane cabins.[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2080&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f71ee7b9b9)

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**The Guardian**   
More than 1,400 flood defense projects are to receive funding to provide better protection from flooding for hundreds of thousands of homes. The Treasury is detailing projects that will receive a share of the £2.3 billion already earmarked for capital spending on flood defenses over the next six years to improve protection for 300,000 homes, as part of plans for range of infrastructure investments. [**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2094&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f30eb3010b)

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**Reuters via Scientific American**   
The Philippines, Cambodia and India were the countries hardest hit by extreme weather events in 2013, according to a study unveiled at U.N. talks in Lima on a global deal to limit climate change. The report by Germanwatch, a think-tank partly funded by the German government, said the Philippines suffered most because 6,300 people died when Typhoon Haiyan struck a year ago and caused $13 billion in damage.[**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2100&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f315a02764)

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[The voting area is open](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2109&&&http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=council/student/Student-Council-Bylaws-Vote-2014) to learn about and vote on proposed IAEM-Global Student Council Bylaws amendments. The IAEM-Global Student Council (GSC) completed a comprehensive review of the bylaws this year. While the majority of the review has been to address issues with consistency, redundancy and clarity, the IAEM GSC Board has proposed a modification to the election of council officers (e.g., president, vice president, treasurer and secretary). Online voting began on Nov. 26, 2014, and will end on Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern time. All current IAEM Student Members are eligible to vote. [Enter the voting area here](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2110&&&http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=council/student/Student-Council-Bylaws-Vote-2014).

**EM RESOURCES**

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The [Ready Campaign](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2113&&&http://www.ready.gov/) recommends using social media tools as a way to promote emergency preparedness. The [winter weather social media toolkit](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2114&&&http://www.community.fema.gov/connect.ti/readynpm/view?objectId=3231504) includes Facebook and Twitter posts, related preparedness graphics and preparedness social media writing tips. [Learn more](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2115&&&http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather) about winter storms and extreme cold, as well as how to prepare before, during and after severe winter weather.

[**Project aims to get disaster victims into homes within days**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2120&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547dcad709d07)   
**Emergency Management**   
The RAPIDO project, to build 20 prefabricated homes in the Rio Grande Valley, is the first of two projects that its originators hope will revolutionize not only the way housing is built after disasters, but as a way to provide low-income housing everywhere in Texas. A similar $4 million project to build 20 homes in Harris and Galveston counties is in its early stages and expected to produce its first house by March.

**IAEM-USA NEWS**

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FEMA announced the revision of 18 Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (RiskMAP) standards as part of the semi-annual maintenance process. The revisions included changes in standards implemented relative to levee [Zone AR](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2127&&&http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/13208) and [A99](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2128&&&https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/13218) designations consistent with Section 19 of the Homeowners Insurance Affordability Act of 2014; updating maps to show a de-accredited levee through the Letter of Map Revision process; depiction of base flood elevations on flood maps; use of digital flood hazard data; and some terminology changes. FEMA also issued new guidance documents for RiskMAP and updated the related technical reference documents that define specific requirements for flood risk project deliverables. [Learn more](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2129&&&http://www.fema.gov/guidelines-and-standards-%20maintenance).

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The Department of Homeland Security on Nov. 24 announced the launch of the [2015 Secretary's Honors Program Cyber Student Volunteer Initiative](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2135&&&http://www.dhs.gov/secretarys-honors-program) for current two- and four-year college students. Beginning in Spring 2015, more than 75 selected students will complete volunteer assignments supporting the DHS cyber mission at department field offices in over 50 locations across the United States. Through this initiative, student volunteers currently pursuing an undergraduate degree related to cybersecurity will gain invaluable hands-on experience and exposure to the cybersecurity work performed across DHS. In addition to supporting activities such as cyber threat analysis, digital forensics, network diagnostics and incident response, selected students will participate in mentoring and professional development events with DHS managers and senior leaders. Applications for the 2015 Cyber Student Volunteer Initiative will be accepted through Dec. 12, 2014. Please visit the [job opportunity announcement](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2136&&&https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/386746100) on USAJOBS for more information about the application and selection process.

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**PBS NewsHour**   
Only communities that prepare for the unpredictable — from health scares to cyberattacks — can quickly bounce back. But how can we flip the paradigm for dealing with disaster? Author Judith Rodin joins Gwen Ifill for a conversation about her book "The Resilience Divided," on what defines resilience and how cities can move their focus from relief and recovery to preparedness and readiness.

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**The Weather Channel**   
California's much-needed rainfall sparked at least three rockslides and mudslides along a burn-scarred stretch of the Pacific Coast Highway, shutting down a nine-mile section of the highway that could remain closed for days, state officials said. There's more bad news on the way — additional rainfall could lead to more dangerous slides. [**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2160&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f298930ed4)

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**USA Today**   
The power failure that plunged Detroit's schools, fire stations, traffic signals and public buildings into darkness reflects a larger problem of aging electrical infrastructure around the country that has worried experts for years. The chaos of unexpected power loss is all too familiar for people who work in downtown Detroit. But the problem is not isolated to one city. A series of federal and private studies raise alarm bells about the power distribution system nationally, saying it is plagued by aging equipment with high failure rates, obsolete system structures and outdated engineering. [**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2166&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f28cc3842d)

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**The Weather Channel**   
November 2014 featured frequent bouts of early-season arctic air and snow, setting records in parts of the nation from the Pacific Northwest to Florida and the East Coast. Some of these were new records for the month of November, a November calendar day, a snowstorm, or the earliest in the season it has been so cold or there has been so much snow. [**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2172&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f2f82240e9)

[**WHO revises Ebola death toll, lowers numbers of deaths in Liberia**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2173&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f305405de0)   
**Reuters via The Huffington Post**   
A surge in Ebola deaths reported by the World Health Organization at the weekend arose from about 1,000 Liberian deaths wrongly ascribed to the disease, the WHO said, and were removed from an updated data set. The revised data from the World Health Organization shows the three worst hit countries have suffered 5,987 deaths, nearly 1,000 fewer than previously reported. [**READ MORE**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2118389&messageid=2118389&databaseid=Mailing.DS118389.2118389.101897&serial=17292477&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2178&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=547f305405de0)

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* **International Disaster and Risk Conference IDRC Davos Outcomes**

IDRC Davos 2014 Outcomes Report

We are pleased to present the outcomes of our 5th International Disaster and Risk Conference IDRC Davos 2014 which was held from 24 -28 August in Davos, Switzerland.

The [**Outcomes Report**](http://grforum.bmetrack.com/c/l?u=49DB336&e=5C5448&c=A1E4&t=0&l=2D1B54C&email=vPZfB8JWYRNn4B2vl%2BI%2FqIfe7YS2wpsb3l6YYPuxTOA%3D) is now available for download and consists of two major parts. Part I provides a summary of the findings of the post-conference expert workshop with focus on science and technology, education and training, and implementation (workshop participants are listed in the annex part III).

Part II shows all the various comments which have been provided by the IDRC Davos 2014 participants to the pre-zero and the zero draft concept. The comments are listed according to the numbering used in the existent zero draft. Many comments are very much in-line with the existent draft and might also serve for confirmation purposes of the existent zero draft

The outcomes of the IDRC Davos 2014 shall serve as a science & technology input for the post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (HFA2) and provide recommendations towards the UN World Conference WCDRR in Sendai, Japan.   
  
The next IDRC Davos conference will be held from 28 Aug. – 1st Sept. 2016.

* **Naval Postgraduate School - Greta E. Marlatt; email:** [gmarlatt@nps.edu/](mailto:gmarlatt@nps.edu/), November 24, 2014**;**

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* International Climate Change Financing: The Green Climate Fund (GCF). R41889
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**CATO Institute**

* Federal Emergency Management Agency: Floods, Failures, and Federalism <http://object.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/pubs/pdf/pa764_1.pdf>

**Congress. House. Energy and Commerce Committee**

* Cyanotoxins in Drinking Water <http://energycommerce.house.gov/hearing/cyanotoxins-drinking-water>
* Examining Medical Product Development in the Wake of the Ebola Epidemic <http://energycommerce.house.gov/hearing/examining-medical-product-development-wake-ebola-epidemic>
* Examining the U.S. Public Health Response to the Ebola Outbreak <http://energycommerce.house.gov/hearing/examining-us-public-health-response-ebola-outbreak>
* Update on the U.S. Public Health Response to the Ebola Outbreak <http://energycommerce.house.gov/hearing/update-us-public-health-response-ebola-outbreak>

**Congress. House. Homeland Security Committee**

* Emergency Preparedness: Are We Ready For A 21st Century Hugo? <http://homeland.house.gov/hearing/subcommittee-field-hearing-emergency-preparedness-are-we-ready-21st-century-hugo>
* Interoperable Communications: Assessing Progress Since 9/11 <http://homeland.house.gov/hearing/subcommittee-hearing-interoperable-communications-assessing-progress-911>

**Congress. House. Judiciary Committee**

* Oversight of the United States Secret Service <http://judiciary.house.gov/index.cfm/2014/11/hearing-oversight-of-the-united-states-secret-service>

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

* Examining Data Security at the United States Postal Service <http://oversight.house.gov/hearing/examining-data-security-united-states-postal-service/>

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

* The Role of the White House Chief Technology Officer in the HealthCare.gov Website Debacle <http://science.house.gov/hearing/subcommittee-oversight-hearing-role-white-house-chief-technology-officer-healthcaregov>

**Congress. House. Transportation & Infrastructure Committee**

* FAA Reauthorization: Issues in Modernizing and Operating the Nation's Airspace <http://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=398488>

**Congress. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence**

* Cybersecurity Threats: The Way Forward <http://intelligence.house.gov/hearing/cybersecurity-threats-way-forward>
* Investigative Report on the Terrorist Attacks on U.S. Facilities in Benghazi, Libya, September 11-12, 2012 <http://intelligence.house.gov/investigative-report-terrorist-attacks-us-facilities-benghazi-libya-september-11-12-2012>

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* Preparedness and Response to Public Health Threats: How Ready Are We? <http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/hearings/preparedness-and-response-to-public-health-threats-how-ready-are-we>
* Wall Street Bank Involvement with Physical Commodities (Day Two) <http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/subcommittees/investigations/hearings/wall-street-bank-involvement-with-physical-commodities-day-two>
* Wall Street Bank Involvement with Physical Commodities (Day One) <http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/subcommittees/investigations/hearings/wall-street-bank-involvement-with-physical-commodities-day-one>

**Congressional Budget Office (CBO)**

* Federal Policies and Innovation <http://www.cbo.gov/publication/49487>
* Options for Reducing the Deficit: 2015 to 2024 <http://www.cbo.gov/budget-options/2014>

**Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**

* OIG 15-09 - Major Management and Performance Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security <http://www.oig.dhs.gov/assets/Mgmt/2015/OIG_15-09_Nov14.pdf>

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* Intellectual Property: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Could Better Manage Its Process to Enforce Exclusion Orders. GAO-15-78 <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-15-78>
* Climate Change: Better Management of Exposure to Potential Future Losses Is Needed for Federal Flood and Crop Insurance. GAO-15-28 <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-15-28>
* Freedom of Information Act: DHS Should Take Steps to Improve Cost Reporting and Eliminate Duplicate Processing. GAO-15-82 <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-15-82>

**National Academies Press**

* Enabling Rapid and Sustainable Public Health Research During Disasters <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/18967/enabling-rapid-and-sustainable-public-health-research-during-disasters-summary>
* Future Directions for NSF Advanced Computing Infrastructure to Support U.S. Science and Engineering in 2017-2020: Interim Report <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/18972/future-directions-for-nsf-advanced-computing-infrastructure-to-support-us-science-and-engineering-in-20172020>
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**National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START)**

* Terrorist Attacks in the U.S. between 1970 and 2013: Data from the Global Terrorism Database (GTD) <http://www.start.umd.edu/publication/terrorist-attacks-us-between-1970-and-2013-data-global-terrorism-database-gtd>

**White House**

* FACT SHEET: The Economic Benefits of Fixing Our Broken Immigration System <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/11/21/fact-sheet-economic-benefits-fixing-our-broken-immigration-system>
* FACT SHEET: Global Entrepreneurship Summit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/11/20/fact-sheet-global-entrepreneurship-summit>
* FACT SHEET: Immigration Accountability Executive Action <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/11/20/fact-sheet-immigration-accountability-executive-action>
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* Remarks by the President in Address to the Nation on Immigration <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/11/20/remarks-president-address-nation-immigration>
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* U.S. Secret Service Protection Mission Funding and Staffing: Fact Sheet. R43797
* Casework in a Congressional Office: Background, Rules, Laws, and Resources. RL33209
* Overview of the Federal Tax System. RL32808
* Farm and Food Support Under USDA's Section 32 Program. RL34081
* The Obama Administration's November 2014 Immigration Initiatives: Questions and Answers. R43798

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* Climate Change and the ‘Big Three’: Preparing the Ground for a Post-2020 Global Climate Regime? <http://www.cidob.org/en/content/download/42815/627905/file/NOTES+100_CARAFA_ANG%282%29.pdf>

**Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs**

* An Assessment of the Energy-Efficiency Gap and its Implications for Climate-Change Policy  <http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/es-03_gerarden-etal2.pdf>
* Facilitating Linkage of Heterogeneous Regional, National, and Sub-National Climate Policies Through a Future International Agreement <http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/harvard-ieta-linkage-paper-nov-2014.pdf>
* A Pre-Lima Scorecard for Evaluating which Countries are Doing Their Fair Share in Pledged Carbon Cuts <http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/frankel_vp-nov2014_v2.pdf>
* The Sino-Russian Gas Partnership: Explaining the 2014 Breakthrough <http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/24767/sinorussian_gas_partnership.html>
* Unconventional Gas: Lessons Learned from Around the World <http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/Unconventional%20Gas-%20Lessons%20Learned%20from%20Around%20the%20World.pdf>

**Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)**

* Disclosure-based Governance for Climate Engineering Research <http://www.cigionline.org/sites/default/files/no.50.pdf>
* Legal Mechanisms for Governing the Transition of Key Domain Name Functions to the Global Multi-stakeholder Community <http://www.cigionline.org/sites/default/files/gcig_paper_no3.pdf>

**Department of State**

* Promoting Space Security and Sustainability <http://www.state.gov/t/avc/rls/2014/234392.htm>

**German Development Institute**

* A Global Framework for Climate Action: Orchestrating Non-state and Subnational Initiatives for More Effective Global Climate Governance <http://www.die-gdi.de/uploads/media/DP_34.2014.pdf>

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**National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START)**

* The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant: Branding, Leadership Culture and Lethal Attraction <https://www.start.umd.edu/pubs/START_ISIL%20Branding%20Leadership%20Culture%20and%20Lethal%20Attraction_Ligon_Nov2014.pdf>
* **Natural Hazards Center - DR 637—Disaster Research News You Can Use – November 20, 2014**

### A Tip of the Santa Hat as DR Takes a Holiday

‘Tis the season for taking a break—even from DR. Although we hate to take our leave, we know how busy things get this time of year, so the newsletter will be on a hiatus during the holiday season.  
  
With that in mind, you’ll find this issue light reading—just a few Center notices and a some jobs, conferences, and Web sites we had to get to you before 2015. You can look for us to return with DR 638 on January 13.  
  
Don’t worry though, we’re not settling down to a long winter’s nap. While we’re away we’ll be working on some exciting things—welcoming a new editor for the Natural Hazards Observer, finalizing our Workshop schedule, and creating new DR features, to name a few.

We’ll fill you in on all of that at the start the new year, when we’ll be back with the same great disaster news you can use. Until then, happy holidays!

### Got Something to Say? We Want You at the Workshop

The [**40th Annual Natural Hazards Workshop**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=054918bd51&e=a517e11588) will be held July 19-22, 2015 and this year we’ll be doing things a little differently.  
  
Instead of soliciting session proposals, we’d like you to tell us what you want to talk about. If you’re interested in being a panelist, just fill out [**this form**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=f89d77bac3&e=a517e11588) with your contact information and a brief description of what you would contribute.

**The submission window will close on December 15**. If you make a complete submission using the Web form linked here, we will notify you whether or not it has been accepted by January 31.

### If You're Not Already Booked, We're Looking for Reviewers

If you like a good disaster read, our Natural Hazards Center library is overflowing with books in need of review. We’re looking for a few volunteers to curl up with a good book and give us their take. Reviews will be posted online and the best ones will make it into our publications with a byline. E-mail librarian [**Wanda Headley**](mailto:wanda.headley@colorado.edu.) for more information.

### Call Outs: Calls for Papers, Abstracts, Proposals, and More

[Call for Applications](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=11725bd46d&e=a517e11588)   
**Department of Homeland Security Graduate Student Fellowship**  
**Coastal Hazards Center**  
**Deadline: November 30, 2014**

[**Call for Applications**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=58adbfa0ce&e=a517e11588)  
**Post Graduate Internship Program**  
**Earthquake Engineering Research Institute**  
**Deadline: November 30, 2014**

[**Call for Proposals**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=03f53778f3&e=a517e11588)   
**Interdisciplinary Research in Hazards and Disasters (Hazards SEES)**  
**National Science Foundation**  
**Deadline: December 3, 2014**

### Some New Web Resources

* [**Facebook Safety Check**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=2456cd394a&e=a517e11588)
* [**Stormproofing the City**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=60e9374d6e&e=a517e11588)
* [**Monster Guard**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=429d292180&e=a517e11588)
* [**Large Emergency Event Digital Information Repository**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=cb08b613f6&e=a517e11588)
* [***Critical Issues in Disaster Science and Management: A Dialogue Between Researchers***](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=057465ffca&e=a517e11588) [***and Practitioners***](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=b0ef7b5ae6&e=a517e11588)There are plenty of publications that discuss the many issues that plague disaster management, but this e-book, available from the Federal Emergency Management, has the unique advantage of looking at problems from the viewpoint of academics and practitioners, as well as from a synthesis of the two perspectives. When it comes to bridging the gap between research and practice, this read is invaluable.

### Conferences and Events

**November 28, 2014**[**Disasters, Mental Wellbeing, and Disability—Promoting Resilience for All**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=84524b1980&e=a517e11588) **United Nations University  
Tokyo, Japan  
Cost and Registration: Free, open until filled**

**December 10-11, 2014**[**Safe Cities**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=6b35473368&e=a517e11588) **IIR Telecoms and Technology  
Madrid, Spain  
Cost and Registration: $3,022, open until filled**

**February 25-27, 2015**[**Eighth Annual Global Infrastructure Leadership Forum**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=242f4bc647&e=a517e11588) **New York, New York  
Cost and Registration: $695 before January 2, open until filled**

**February 23, 2014**[**International LiDAR Mapping Forum**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=4f1040acdc&e=a517e11588) **The Imaging and Geospatial Information Society  
Denver, Colorado  
Cost and Registration: $575 before December 19, open until filled**

**January 20, 2015**[**Global Treaties—Are They Destined to Fail?**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=b1a76ede9d&e=a517e11588) **Munich Re Foundation  
Munich, Germany   
Cost and Registration: Not listed, opens December 1**

### Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

[**Risk and Resilience Advisor**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=974403faa9&e=a517e11588) **Save the Children  
London, England  
Salary: $56,312 to $62,568   
Deadline: November 26, 2014**

[**Supervisory Program Specialist, GS-14**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=82cf9b3d66&e=a517e11588) **Federal Emergency Management Agency   
New York, NY  
Salary: $110,112 to $143,141  
Deadline: November 28, 2014**

[**Disaster Risk Assessment and Monitoring Department Head**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=545fd21d93&e=a517e11588) **Asian Disaster Preparedness Center  
Bangkok, Thailand  
Salary: Not listed  
Deadline: November 30, 2014**

[**Director of Emergency Management**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=77c45390b6&e=a517e11588) **Vanguard Resources  
Dallas, Texas  
Salary: Not listed  
Deadline: Open until filled**

### Webinars, Training, and Education

**Webinar**[**Climate Information for Managing Risks in Water Resources**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=8e30e803e3&e=a517e11588) **December 3, 2015, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Cost and Registration: Free, register in advance**

**Training**[**Integrating Access and Functional Needs into Emergency Planning**](http://colorado.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b72140489b80a4574373938a1&id=c336ee804c&e=a517e11588) **March 3-4, 2015  
Emergency Management Institute   
Cost and Registration: Free, register before January 6**

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

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* **NYC Citizen Corps Weekly News – November 21, 2014**

**Winter Care**

In the past few weeks, NYC has experienced some snow storms and plunging temperatures. These cold temperatures can make your body lose heat faster than it's produced resulting in abnormally low body temperature or [hypothermia](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uM9qhJt2PFlDT9dljbhl2GWbqKx_QvDCh4iEPGlgDFppegUJFfp1Gye7S0ABfuBTgFoA4NuMpjmu_XjH7feVBfUn5ooCI2K1bY2_F91dfeT6ppV5Rst48cxcMq_FjyHqTg1jE_BMAS6m8spLozZ_LLflQjz38Deg6Kfi-wq1h91aHVhSSuClpea3hWQ20jCQT-hrL6jjRfjvmSFfDRgB0f-vT9zWIV_k4PR-rad-WkeALeC4VVJrGA==&c=9QqeH4SIXCAEO4olLLrMYBuJtNqZzaXIaTOU51QRERYNQfUJilahnQ==&ch=BkrqoVrbLEPinG6HdmDdBsYrAb5CaNusS9txFFvAcivb-hIimIa0uw==).

Hypothermia affects the brain, leaving the person unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia particularly dangerous because individuals experiencing it may not know that it's happening. Individuals most often affected by hypothermia include:

* Older adults with inadequate heating, food or clothing (Click [*here*](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uM9qhJt2PFlDT9dljbhl2GWbqKx_QvDCh4iEPGlgDFppegUJFfp1Gye7S0ABfuBTsORStBDc0zPiHvQjqlYCFT8WLgvkB-0lSvQQJMcY552I2uhQJhlOlouMJkBQXbxDZRumom1AhsQTae--MfdDlBsY_jRwJ44-bTUn9O0IqD146aVsUELs3AZHMU4tb7am6615F5YRlzGXiheGBsCXWYwzRyJhwPbzMnkbU9BebWc=&c=9QqeH4SIXCAEO4olLLrMYBuJtNqZzaXIaTOU51QRERYNQfUJilahnQ==&ch=BkrqoVrbLEPinG6HdmDdBsYrAb5CaNusS9txFFvAcivb-hIimIa0uw==) for some Elderly Winter Weather Tips);
* Babies sleeping in cold rooms; and
* People who remain outdoors for long periods like the homeless, hikers or hunters.

In extreme cold, make outside trips as brief as possible to protect your health and safety. However, if you must be outside [take a few special precautions](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uM9qhJt2PFlDT9dljbhl2GWbqKx_QvDCh4iEPGlgDFppegUJFfp1Gye7S0ABfuBTvuAdHhXwlXW0_BmIP4BIgEEK2AHt2SLZvY6njn5LDQnkDLPMXVocvSs7Mw6-keXkkoV_xTj-WZcn4PaNmfhyoNfsM2PzYYZKE8GPoXvvvhm8N4a10olWMx2lnIZrzQiDjbFAOZh4ByflmdOModLO0i4HOhhgAAB43hNYv2093glDGAzmfWvmdA==&c=9QqeH4SIXCAEO4olLLrMYBuJtNqZzaXIaTOU51QRERYNQfUJilahnQ==&ch=BkrqoVrbLEPinG6HdmDdBsYrAb5CaNusS9txFFvAcivb-hIimIa0uw==):

* Work slowly if you have to do heavy outdoor chores;
* Notify friends and family where you will be before you go hiking, camping or skiing; and
* Dress warmly and in layers.  A waterproof jacket will help you stay warm and dry if it starts to snow.

Do not ignore shivering. It is an important first sign that the body is losing heat. [Learn the other signs](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uM9qhJt2PFlDT9dljbhl2GWbqKx_QvDCh4iEPGlgDFppegUJFfp1Gye7S0ABfuBT9Wxob7wkvmIau7iX5m5X2syn6yG965Dv_RdMNvteLYZcWsM3LIzOgydyY7IhDhfS9vcxHV_VLTMDLjpiF_2GVvO5zR-GdnLFGoRTtd4q35zRwIchdWwZjeWgh_sO9P3hmkcZYHDgjgO-PNaPB0SO1g==&c=9QqeH4SIXCAEO4olLLrMYBuJtNqZzaXIaTOU51QRERYNQfUJilahnQ==&ch=BkrqoVrbLEPinG6HdmDdBsYrAb5CaNusS9txFFvAcivb-hIimIa0uw==) of hypothermia and how to care for someone who may be suffering from it.

**Resources**

**(New) FloodHelpNY**

This map allows users to find out what their flood insurance rates will be when new federal flood maps are available in 2016 and provide links to information on purchasing flood insurance. Access the map [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uM9qhJt2PFlDT9dljbhl2GWbqKx_QvDCh4iEPGlgDFppegUJFfp1Gye7S0ABfuBTG6pTGVJRZ3IZBJ0zccvDWDLS9sn4Xmri0LF_71AdqBovHodpP7L7z2Uo5XL-JDWModp4CFyf8QmAbOWTOM_5Agf3RlWWlf_kqzwiHTjq7Z4=&c=9QqeH4SIXCAEO4olLLrMYBuJtNqZzaXIaTOU51QRERYNQfUJilahnQ==&ch=BkrqoVrbLEPinG6HdmDdBsYrAb5CaNusS9txFFvAcivb-hIimIa0uw==).

**Sandy Recovery**

**(New) Social Resiliency & Superstorm Sandy: Lessons from NYC Community Organizations**

The Association for Neighborhood & Housing Development (ANHD), who has been working with ten NYC neighborhood-based organizations, has released Part 1 of a two-part series to explain how local NYC neighborhood groups responded to Superstorm Sandy, and the lessons learned to inform policy makers and practitioners working to implement true "social resiliency." To download the white paper, please click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uM9qhJt2PFlDT9dljbhl2GWbqKx_QvDCh4iEPGlgDFppegUJFfp1Gye7S0ABfuBTIIdwdVEa036HJ7y3Y3WxUFUabwkkdfeo33Cg8KKkRlNimPA5LtNyrHoxkkT2oG2jM_cCnn66G33IBBdKHHssN3sebUx9-xrs0hq8UiPsPtuS7MJ_ukzHMmDKL0HkPaGysG2VYcCokX5ozYBcOJIx6MPQv57YEmHhGOddWY4QSM_rFsKISOfUxQjbdBULaDB2CG6ETpqlyZqhe8mi7Q871Q==&c=9QqeH4SIXCAEO4olLLrMYBuJtNqZzaXIaTOU51QRERYNQfUJilahnQ==&ch=BkrqoVrbLEPinG6HdmDdBsYrAb5CaNusS9txFFvAcivb-hIimIa0uw==).

**Upcoming Events**

**December 11th - Webinar: ADA National Network Learning Session: Inclusive Emergency Planning - Lessons from the City of Los Angeles Lawsuit**

This webinar provides an overview of major lessons observed as The City of Los Angeles works to strengthen its inclusion of people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs in Executive Directives, Emergency Operations Plan, departmental standard operating procedures and training. Registration: Free on-line at [http://www.adapresentations.org/registration.php](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uM9qhJt2PFlDT9dljbhl2GWbqKx_QvDCh4iEPGlgDFppegUJFfp1G8_8ez-37u4NPWZlYE9yfF2eYNLgs7mWqDBReSZ19lqvaNNiqXKASUa7NJ2Z-yvH8CkR402FU1ZOzXMD8RHTTPYduxyzvtM4_h6CGrCNbrh94SJvx89cYHYDqfv2l0Ij19RoYMvvRHa08wDEsLhR3xA=&c=9QqeH4SIXCAEO4olLLrMYBuJtNqZzaXIaTOU51QRERYNQfUJilahnQ==&ch=BkrqoVrbLEPinG6HdmDdBsYrAb5CaNusS9txFFvAcivb-hIimIa0uw==)

**January 28th - Commodity Distribution Point Training Program**

The Commodity Distribution Point (CDP) Program is a coordinated, City-led operation to distribute temporarily unavailable life-sustaining commodities such as food, water, ice, and baby formula to the public following an emergency or disaster that disrupts access to traditional supply chains. Primary CDP sites have been identified throughout the five boroughs, one in each community district, to use as points of distribution. OEM is looking to build a team of trained individuals who may be called upon to volunteer at one of these CDP sites during an emergency response. NYC OEM will be hosting monthly CDP trainings for interested volunteers from January to June 2015. You only have to attend ONE session. Event is from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Please click this [link](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uM9qhJt2PFlDT9dljbhl2GWbqKx_QvDCh4iEPGlgDFppegUJFfp1G1FDaByxvYhX-0wtWdNGtJ1bKTtF95Npf9tUIcMxnTB2tI833A9Vg11z42xk7h8zebVX2szblNbO301ssrqk0U-XPqF9sI-b5Ic3_qXGfdO9xdfIz688oDIjHUvgi2pfuLWCuDWENsEHVdkmSkiVa64GD5lqYza7Yf0N3qDSoDuv&c=9QqeH4SIXCAEO4olLLrMYBuJtNqZzaXIaTOU51QRERYNQfUJilahnQ==&ch=BkrqoVrbLEPinG6HdmDdBsYrAb5CaNusS9txFFvAcivb-hIimIa0uw==) to register.

**March 3rd-4th - Integrating Access and Functional Needs into Emergency Planning**

Sponsored by the Emergency Management Institute (Emmitsburg, MD), this two-day course will train emergency planners how to include disability-and functional needs--inclusive practices in emergency preparedness, response, and recovery plans. Lessons will define disabilities and access and functional needs, identify resources to assist in planning for adults and children with disabilities, and raise awareness of the importance of inclusive practices. Continuing health education credits are available. Cost and Registration: Free, register before January 6, 2015. For more information and pre-course requirements, please visit the [website](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uM9qhJt2PFlDT9dljbhl2GWbqKx_QvDCh4iEPGlgDFppegUJFfp1G25lj3fykxMvMVjBOY8_vrHhvHLJiXJFhcwIwmA4MpXtk1N_oxbum79WWurOAO5C9eC6YHahQEuz71ZEVJHiXRlaTWVr0vunA1t-AoRXh0Njav2YCePDXNk_saqZf6WlgML__PX3LC_mSU6JLyQHTbNXfpZeAathkZMIwsJDgoDsv6h1gPXw3aKYcTnvbT7pFnD8cy49-Y2w6WWMjVr65JOpptulp5o1YalquJKIUXQAcRFqj5hXMo7QSffXX7cslmapBkS6gnnERZZLP8XEzfeBG77KP5kxF2P5B-zkKn8O1cKIqCnhnUnkYo5JHwzSD-TeoesqZZ1uIFwpjgEPSIMH6muOdkQcHA==&c=9QqeH4SIXCAEO4olLLrMYBuJtNqZzaXIaTOU51QRERYNQfUJilahnQ==&ch=BkrqoVrbLEPinG6HdmDdBsYrAb5CaNusS9txFFvAcivb-hIimIa0uw==).

* **United States Environmental Protection Agency**

[**FLOOD RESILIENCE; A Basic Guide for Water and Wastewater Utilities**](http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/watersecurity/emerplan/upload/epa817b14006.pdf)(Sept. 2014).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed this guide to help drinking water and wastewater utilities become more resilient to flooding.1 In the approach, the utility would examine the threat of flooding, determine impacts to utility assets and identify cost-effective mitigation options. This approach was successfully tested during a pilot project at a small drinking water system, the Berwick Water Department (BWD), in Berwick, Maine.

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:**

* **Northwest Missouri State University - Instructor of Emergency and Disaster Management**

POSITION: Instructor of Emergency and Disaster Management

DEPARTMENT: Humanities and Social Sciences

REPORTS TO: Chair, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

CONTRACT TERMS: Nine-month position

PRIMARY DUTY: To teach courses in Emergency and Disaster Management and serve as the coordinator of the degree program and partnerships in Emergency and Disaster Management. Experience in coordinating field experiences preferred. Successful candidates will demonstrate a strong commitment to teaching within a comprehensive state university, professional development, and student and university service.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Teaching undergraduate courses in Emergency and Disaster Management
2. Providing individualized assistance to students during required office hours
3. Academic advisement of undergraduate students
4. Coordination of field exercises, individual field experiences, and internships in EDM
5. Continuing professional development in instruction related to teaching load
6. Cultivation of partnerships with external agencies in support of the EDM program
7. Recruitment and retention efforts for the EDM program

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: Master’s Degree in Emergency Management or related discipline

Certification/License: Valid driver’s license

Experience: College-level teaching experience

Skills: Teaching ability in Emergency and Disaster Management and use of instructional technology.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: Master’s Degree in Emergency Management or related discipline

Certification/License: Community Emergency Response Team Trainer Certification

Experience: Emergency Management Agency experience, Business Continuity or related professional or volunteer experience, grant writing experience

Skills: Personnel and equipment management

WORKING CONDITIONS: The position entails classroom instruction in the undergraduate curriculum in Emergency and Disaster Management with one-quarter to one-half load release to coordinate the undergraduate program in EDM and related program and partnership development. Faculty members maintain regular office hours within the department area to support students.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES: na

# EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS USED: Faculty are issued a personal laptop. All classrooms are technology-enhanced (document stations, video equipment, wireless Internet access). Will utilize equipment and materials related to EDM field exercises and training.

# TYPICAL PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Ability to meet essential classroom functions as well as field supervision of exercises. Field and development activities may require driving.

COMMUNITY: Northwest Missouri State University is located in Maryville, Missouri, a community of 12,000 with a diverse economy, and a strong industrial base. Maryville is located 45 miles north of St. Joseph, Missouri and 90 miles north of Kansas City, Missouri. For more information visit the website at [www.maryville.org](http://www.maryville.org).

UNIVERSITY: Northwest Missouri State University is a traditional resident-based campus with total enrollment over 7,200 students, which includes undergraduate and graduate students. Northwest, a four-time winner of the Missouri Quality Award, is a teaching-focused institution requiring a twelve-hour teaching load per trimester. For more information visit our website at [www.nwmissouri.edu](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/).

COLLEGE: The College of Arts and Sciences is one of three academic colleges at Northwest. Comprised of five departments and 16 academic areas, the College offers 104 different major and minor programs. The College is the home of Northwest's General Education program and serves all students across campus, regardless of their major. For more information visit our website at <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/academics/arts/index.htm>.

DEPARTMENT: The department of Humanities and Social Sciences offers majors and minors in Emergency and Disaster Management, Geography, Geographic Information Science, History, Humanities, Philosophy, Political Science, Public Administration, and Social Science Education. In addition, minors are offered in Public History, International Studies, and Criminal Justice. The department offers a certification program in Social Science Education in cooperation with the College of Education and Human Services and the Professional Education Unit.

SALARY: Competitive, based upon market

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 15, 2015 or until position is filled

DATE AVAILABLE: August 15, 2015

TO APPLY: Please submit the application materials listed below in order for your application to be complete. You may submit them electronically to Anne Long in the Office of Human Resources at her email address, ALONG@nwmissouri.edu.

APPLICATION MATERIALS: Letter of application describing experience and suitability for the position, current vita, copies of transcripts from all institutions attended, and the contact information of three current references (including email addresses).

INQUIRIES FOR THE POSITION CAN BE MADE TO:

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*Thank you and have a great weekend,*

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