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

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

**27 February 2015**

**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.

Application and pertinent information for the symposium is now posted to the Hi Ed website at <http://www.training.fema.gov/hiedu/educonference15.aspx>. When submitting the application complete, signed and returned to the NETC Admissions office at [netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov). The applicant’s signature is the only signature required on the application. **Deadline for submitting applications is May 8, 2015.** Applications received after this date will not be accepted. **All non-U.S. citizens attending the symposium must have a security clearance conducted and completed before they are accepted.** **A security clearance takes 8-12 weeks to complete**. **Non-U.S. applicants must submit a complete and signed application by February 13, 2015. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.**

**Application Information - Course Code - E0392 Annual EM Hi Ed Symposium**

*Everyone attending or presenting at the Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium must submit an application and be notified of acceptance. Individuals without an accepted application will not be granted admittance to the NETC.*

Symposium applicants will be notified by email of their acceptance to the higher education symposium. Make sure your email address is legible on the application. If you have not heard from the Admissions office 1 week after receipt of your application please contact Admissions at [NETCAdmissions@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:NETCAdmissions@fema.dhs.gov) or the Higher Education Program Office for assistance.

* **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS - SECOND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT THEORY AND RESEARCH WORKSHOP**

Monday June 1, 2015

Emergency Management Institute, National Emergency Training Center

Emmitsburg, Maryland

Most established academic disciplines have research conferences wherein advances in theory development and new research findings or data from research underway are shared. This sharing creates the opportunity for researchers to receive feedback on their work; exchange new knowledge; and, build on this new knowledge through discourse and debate. This sharing also provides the opportunity for those conducting research to offer presentations that are meaningful for achieving tenure and develop synergies that will enhance scholarship in the field.

**THE DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS April 6, 2014 at midnight.**

For more information for the workshop abstracts go to the Hi Ed website symposium section at <http://www.training.fema.gov/hiedu/educonference15.aspx>

* **Student Volunteer Information**

Students currently enrolled in a college/university emergency management program are needed as student volunteer interns for the 17th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education (Hi Ed) Symposium.  Students will be assigned one or more breakout session for reporting assignments and will be expect to perform general conference duties. The reports will be incorporated into the post-symposium proceedings posted to the FEMA Emergency Management Higher Education Program website.

Generally graduate students will be assigned primarily to take detailed notes during the concurrent breakout sessions and to write summaries of those breakout sessions which will be posted to the post-symposium “proceedings”.  Reports will be 3-4 pages per session and will highlight the most significant aspects of the session. Graduate students will be assigned at least one breakout session to report but may be assigned up to three reports during the conference.

Generally undergraduate students are assigned various aspects of the symposium i.e., passing microphones during plenary sessions, assisting with symposium registration, passing out symposium folders, taking hard copies of presentation materials to classrooms, posting breakout session classroom assignments and various other duties.

In addition one or more students will be assigned to assist the Hi Ed Program Manager and as well as the Hi Ed Program Assistant throughout the week.

Student volunteer interns **are required to attend 100% of the symposium** beginning with Monday workshops and ending on Thursday afternoon with the last breakout sessions. The typical volunteer obligations comprise about 20% of the symposium. When not acting in a volunteer capacity students are free to attend breakout sessions at their leisure.

**We currently have 21 students committed to volunteering at the symposium. Schools with students participating are Jackson State University, Arkansas State University Jonesboro, York University, Canada, University of Akron and the University of South Florida.**

If interested contact Barbara Johnson, Hi Ed Program Assistant, at [Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov) or (301) 447-1452.

**College / University News and Information:**

* **The CIP Report February 2015 Cybersecurity II VOLUME 14 NUMBER 5**

This month, our authors discuss aspects of **Cybersecurity** as the NIST Cyberse­curity Framework approaches its one year anniversary.

* Offensive Cybersecurity in the NIST Cybersecurity Framework
* A Case Study for the NIST Cybersecurity Framework – How Successful Has It Been in Broadly Underpinning Critical Infrastructure Protection Programs?
* Public-Private Partnership: The Missing Factor in the Resilience Equation - The French Experience on CIIP
* Your Critical Infrastructure Security Program Will Fail Without a Security Awareness Program
* The Legislative and Executive Agenda for Cybersecurity in 2015

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>

In addition, CIP/HS is involved with a three year research study for the Department of Homeland Security looking at Improving the Effectiveness of Cybersecurity Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs). If you are a member of a CSIRT team or if you are involved in your organization’s cybersecurity management or operations, we would like you to consider taking the attached survey. A link to the survey can be found here:  <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MHVXQTQ>.

The survey should take 10 to 15 minutes to complete. The data collected in this study will be confidential and no individual or organization can be identified. A summary of the research results will be presented at future cybersecurity conferences and published in a future edition of the CIP Report.

Any questions on this survey or the DHS research study should be directed to me 703-993-4720 or via email at [mtroutma@gmu.edu](mailto:mtroutma@gmu.edu).

Very Respectfully,

Dr. Mark Troutman

Director

Center for Infrastructure Protection and Homeland Security

George Mason University School of Law

* ***Disaster Theory: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Concepts and Causes***

By David Etkin

Foreword by Ian Burton with contributions from Ken Hewitt, Joe Scanlon, Naomi Zack, John (Jack) Lindsay, Robin Cox, Jean Slick and Susan McGregor

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Elsevier Store: <http://store.elsevier.com/Disaster-Theory/David-Etkin/isbn-9780128002278/>

Amazon: <http://www.amazon.com/Disaster-Theory-Interdisciplinary-Approach-Concepts/dp/0128002271>

B&N: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/disaster-theory-david-etkin/1120180921?ean=9780128002278>

*At last, a textbook that comprehensively spells out the theoretical basis of emergency and disaster management*

**Key Features:**

* Offers the first cohesive depiction of disaster theory
* Incorporates material from leading thinkers in the field, as well as student exercises and critical thinking questions, making this a rich resource for advanced courses
* Written from an international perspective and includes case studies of disasters and hazards from around the world for comparing the leading models of emergency response
* Challenges the reader to think critically about important questions in disaster management from various points of view
* Employs a broad interdisciplinary approach to give students a sophisticated understanding of this field of study

*Disaster Theory: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Concepts and Causes* offers a theoretical background in the important topics related to understanding disaster. Drawing on related disciplines including sociology, risk theory, and seminal research on disasters and emergency management, *Disaster Theory* clearly lays out the conceptual framework of the emerging field of disaster studies. Tailored to the needs of advanced undergraduates and graduate students, this unique text makes an ideal capstone for students who have already been introduced to the fundamentals of emergency management. *Disaster Theory* emphasizes the application of critical thinking in understanding disasters and their causes by synthesizing a wide range of information on theory and practice, including input from leading scholars in the field.

**Author Bio:**

David Etkin is an Associate Professor of Disaster and Emergency Management at York University, Toronto Canada. He has contributed to several national and international natural hazard projects including the 2nd U.S. national assessment of natural hazards, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), two NATO workshops, was Principal Investigator of the Canadian National Assessment of Natural Hazards, and is Past President of the Canadian Risk and Hazards Network. His research interests focus on disaster management, risk and climate change. He has over 80 publications to his credit, including 6 edited volumes.

* **FIU’s Board of Trustees unanimously approves Professional Masters in Disaster Management**

### Wednesday January 14, 2015

On January 14, 2015, FIU’s Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve a new graduate program proposed by the School of International and Public Affairs. The Masters in Disaster Management will yield a professional degree for students interested in careers in government, international organizations, private-sector corporations and non-government organizations. The Board recognized that in major and catastrophic disasters there’s a real need for educated professionals who can provide on-site disaster command and control, interface with local, state and federal leaders, manage multi-million dollar projects and implement disaster preparedness and measures to better protect lives and property during future events. As one board member pointed out, “Disaster managers are at the forefront of planning, responding and assisting communities following a catastrophic event.” Professionally trained disaster managers are also important because they influence the readiness of the community and strengthen the culture of preparedness. The genesis of this program is to develop the next generation of disaster professionals who possess the academic tools to meet the ever-challenging aspects of disaster management.

The 30-credit program can be completed in 12 months. Classes will be held on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Modesto Maidique Campus. Tuition includes books, University fees and breakfast and lunch. The program will begin on Saturday, August 29, 2015. For additional information, please visit <http://aidp.fiu.edu> or by contact us at 305-348-0451.

**Emergency Management/Homeland Security News:**

* **Disaster Information Outreach by Librarians** [**DISASTR-OUTREACH-LIB@LIST.NIH.GOV**](mailto:DISASTR-OUTREACH-LIB@LIST.NIH.GOV)

Resources from one of NCTSN’s Network members, University of Missouri, Terrorism and Disaster Center

Cultural guidelines for working with families who have experienced sudden and unexpected death <http://tdc.missouri.edu/doc/culture_guide_unexpected_death.pdf>.

This document is somewhat tailored for Missouri, but it could easily be adapted for your state by adding additional sections on cultural beliefs.

Collaborating with the University of Kansas, the T&D Center packaged Project Share, an in-depth needs assessment protocol that can be used post-disaster: <http://tdc.missouri.edu/projectshare.shtml>

The T&D Center has also created video versions of their disaster media coverage factsheets. For parents: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqYZMYqsLqQ>.

For school staff: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cwrH38Vz_Eg>

For your own subscription, sign up at <http://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/dimrclistserv.html>.

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

* **Governor's Hurricane Conference - Student Scholarship Program Application Deadline!**

Just a reminder that the deadline for the Student Scholarship Application submittal is **Friday, February 27th at midnight**.

**Click here:** [**http://ghc.cdrp.net**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Ko-yjVhqJU8p2GLr1OblXCuMvSBhWNMeuAZanQoLaFAoyCA2zsy4YZZg4pqVbyKIaw3P7qFdsqVZ-IrVgXeVFIMSRey50G8LK8kvh1z2QEus7DpF1rd69qeDE38UJDA59gpUfkrMYLFSpHfD07jXxMjNaByqsZtV_IE1LM73Pnw=&c=DLZREwOxEjp5Ha_s3b7cc4KBnpHI51CzmHZ-k9fvDsCOut1oE9GnPQ==&ch=yrLLznLK2DEq1sqLhzdzJksEHWFbg4RW0KJFO9aTARV5ckleQizSUA==)**to start your application.**

For more information on the 2015 GHC, visit [www.flghc.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Ko-yjVhqJU8p2GLr1OblXCuMvSBhWNMeuAZanQoLaFAoyCA2zsy4YTEiZ4jp03TGohdKYSYpdMuETkenIdDEH3RweCLDBWotR_MpFqkx-LlEnkm9P82vnKm3PsO-7hHryb2sznJ_bIOqP3ENb52KI5eGvXbvduwVGMwH_FhfeDI=&c=DLZREwOxEjp5Ha_s3b7cc4KBnpHI51CzmHZ-k9fvDsCOut1oE9GnPQ==&ch=yrLLznLK2DEq1sqLhzdzJksEHWFbg4RW0KJFO9aTARV5ckleQizSUA==).

## HDI Disaster Ministry Conference Call for Poster Abstracts And Student Research Competition

Abstract Submission Deadline: April 15, 2015  
Acceptance Notifications: May 1, 2015  
Poster Displays: June 9-10, 2015  
  
You are invited to submit a poster proposal (300 words or less) to the Humanitarian Disaster Institute’s Disaster Ministry Conference. Please be sure to include the title of the poster, name, and affiliation, along with a summary of the research or project.  
  
The purpose of this call is to bring together students, professors, ministry leaders, practitioners, and researchers at our conference to share their research related to the field of disaster ministry.  
  
Examples of topics that will be considered include (but are not limited to): Disaster Relief, Disaster Spiritual and Emotional Care, International Trauma, Public Health Emergencies, and Humanitarian Crises. Posters may focus on relevant theory, research, practice, case studies, and reviews.   
Posters will be reviewed by a panel of experts at the conference and $50, $75, and $100 awards will go to third, second and first place winning student poster submissions. Awards will be handed out at the conference.   
  
Poster Requirements: Posters should be 4’X6’ and have a title with authors and affiliations. Posters provide brief statements of introduction, method, subjects, results, and discussion of significance and lessons or recommendations (when applicable).   
  
Email submissions to: [HDI](mailto:hdi@wheaton.edu) and register for the conference online here Register

* **IAEM Dispatch, February 26, 2015**

**IAEM-USA NEWS**

[**IAEM-USA extends deadline on EMPG survey to Mar. 7, 2015, 8:00 p.m. EDT; urges local emergency managers to participate**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2026&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54ee1388a575b)   
**IAEM**   
IAEM-USA has extended the deadline on its 8th annual survey seeking U.S. local government emergency managers to provide information on Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding until Mar. 7, 2015, 8:00 p.m. EDT. The deadline was extended due to weather emergencies throughout the United States. If you are a U.S. local government emergency manager, your participation is [requested](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2027&&&http://www.iaem.com/documents/Request-for-IAEM-Survey-EMPG-11Feb2015.pdf) by IAEM-USA President John "Rusty" Russell. Significant progress has been made in recent years in educating Members of Congress on the importance of building and maintaining strong emergency management programs at the local level, as well as the role of funding, particularly EMPG funding, in building such programs. This is expected to be a challenging year, and it is vital that Congress have information on what they are getting for the EMPG money. The narrative questions at the end of the survey are of particular importance, as those help paint the picture. [The survey is available here](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2028&&&https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2015IAEM-EMPGROI).

[**DHS stalemate leaves local governments hanging**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2031&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54edd8cc245fd)   
**Politico**   
If all politics is truly local, the big sleeper in Washington's fight over the Homeland Security budget could be the city and county agencies that depend on the same bill to help finance their emergency response teams. Congress is most focused now on the threat of a shutdown next week if lawmakers cannot reach an agreement before DHS's stopgap continuing resolution runs out.

**IAEM-CANADA NEWS**

[**Disaster exercise to test Alberta's emergency response team**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2037&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54eddc5ccda5a)   
**CBC**   
Alberta's emergency response experts will be put to the test as a simulated ice storm sweeps across the province, bringing mass casualties, derailments, collapsing buildings and power outages. "The emergency management exercise, aimed at testing the government's response to potential disasters, is held annually but this year’s will be the largest and most complex yet," said Municipal Affairs Minister Diana McQueen.

**IAEM-EUROPA**

[**Dutch set up expert team for flood disaster help**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2049&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54eddd3d94c72)   
**DutchNews**   
The Dutch foreign affairs ministry has set up a team of water management experts which can be dispatched to flood disaster zones. The team, named Dutch Surge Support, will be able to deliver help in the first phase after a major disaster, the ministry says.

**EM NEWS**

[**Call for applications for the 2015 Mary Fran Myers Scholarship**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2055&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54edd8fd5dabf)   
**IAEM**   
The National Hazards Center at University of Colorado has announced a call for applications for the 2015 Mary Fran Myers Scholarship. Applications must be received by **Mar. 27, 2015**, and complete details are [available here](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2056&&&http://www.colorado.edu/hazards/awards/myers-scholarship.html). The Mary Fran Myers Scholarship recognizes outstanding individuals who share Myers' commitment to disaster research and practice and have the potential to make a lasting contribution to reducing disaster vulnerability. At least one scholarship recipient each year will receive financial support allowing them to attend the [Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2057&&&http://www.colorado.edu/hazards/workshop/current.html). Scholarships can cover part or all of transportation, meals, and workshop registration costs. Recipients are recognized at the workshop and may be asked to serve as panelists, where they can highlight their research or practical experiences with hazards and disasters.

[**AGU Honors Program accepting nominations through Mar. 15, 2015**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2064&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54edd9204305f)   
**IAEM**   
The American Geophysical Union (AGU) Honors Program recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the geophysical sciences, to the service of the community, and to the public's understanding of Earth and space science. From students and early-career scientists to established leaders in their fields, the Honors Program highlights the value of their contributions and impact to the geophysical sciences. Nominations for 2015 AGU Awards will be accepted until **Mar. 15, 2015**. Receiving an AGU Honor is an esteemed recognition for those who have made profound contributions and breakthrough achievements in the Earth and space sciences. Complete information is available [here](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2065&&&http://honors.agu.org/).

[**Mysterious East Coast flooding caused by 'unprecedented' surge in sea level**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2067&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54edde6335de8)   
**The Washington Post**   
Several years ago, in 2009 and 2010, a string of unexplained floods and unusually high tides struck the East Coast. There was no easy explanation. No hurricane. No winter storm. But the waters kept spilling across the shoreline, from North Carolina's Cape Hatteras to Canada. The cause of that phenomenon may now have finally been found.

**IAEM MEMBER NEWS**

[**IAEM mourns the loss of James R. Smith, CEM, EM Specialist, Rutgers University**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2075&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54edd8ae8782a)   
**IAEM**   
IAEM member James R. Smith, CEM, Emergency Management Specialist, Rutgers University, unexpectedly passed away on Feb. 7, 2015. He is survived by his wife Carol and their seven children, Katie, Emily, Matthew, Melinda, Jacob, Justine, and Andrew. Jim started his career in 1980 as a firefighter in the Cranford Fire Department and worked as a paramedic at many area hospitals, including Union, RWJ Rahway and Somerset. He was IAEM-USA Region 2 Vice President and Sergeant at Arms for the New Jersey Emergency Management Association. He also worked as a FEMA instructor and was active in higher education emergency preparedness and emergency management. Condolences can be sent to Carol Smith, 224 Katie Lynn Court, Brick, NJ 08723. A memorial service will be held at New Beginnings Church, Brick, New Jersey, on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, 6:00 p.m. A second memorial service for Jim's EMS, fire and emergency management family is being tentatively planned for Saturday, Mar. 7, 2015, 11:00 a.m. Full details will be provided when arrangements are finalized. John Grembowiec is serving as the family liaison and will provide additional information when it becomes available. He can be reached at 973-445-9082 or [grembojj@uhnj.org](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2076&&&mailto:grembojj@uhnj.org).

**DISASTER TECHNOLOGY NEWS**

[**This crash-proof bouncing drone is built to find disaster victims**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2078&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54eddcd679e9f)   
**Bloomberg**   
Drones get a bad rap. The flying robots have been used as everything from remote peeping toms to killing machines. But, as one Swiss-based upstart reminds us, they can also be used for good — as a tool for helping rescue victims in disaster areas. Drones may come in all shapes and sizes—from 36-foot-wide military models to the 2-foot variety that crashed into The White House this year — but all of them can break into smithereens when they collide with other objects or crash-land. That's where the 13-inch Gimball drone sets itself apart.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE**

[**The IAEM Annual Conference call for speakers has closed, but the EMvision Talks call for speakers will open Mar. 30, 2015**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2085&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54edd8492bcc8)   
**IAEM**   
The IAEM Conference Committee is thrilled to announce an exciting new conference initiative on the plenary stage at the 63rd IAEM Annual Conference — *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. Speaker submissions for *EMvision Talks* will open Mar. 30, 2015. Check out our [website](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2086&&&http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=events/annual-conference) for more information.

**CEM® UPDATE**

[**Certification application review schedule announced: Next deadline is Feb. 28, 2015**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2088&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54edd878e6cb4)   
**IAEM**   
Online certification applications received by Feb. 28, 2015, will be reviewed by the North American Application Review Commission in March and April 2015. Candidates for AEM or CEM® will be notified of the results the week of Apr. 19, 2015. The North American Application Review Commission will tentatively conduct online reviews every other month.

**SURVEY REQUESTS**

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**IAEM**   
Ray Chang, AEM, a doctoral student in the University of Delaware, is currently working on his dissertation focusing on the Incident Command System (ICS). Based on his interview design, he wishes to find experienced ICS users who have served in an ICS supervisory position during a mid-sized (Type 2 or Type 3) disaster. He will conduct an interview via phone or Skype with qualified individuals, and it will last for approximately one hour. If you are interested in participating in this research and helping an IAEM member, please email [Ray Chang](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2098&&&mailto:ray.h.h.chang@gmail.com) for further information and to set up an interview date and time.

**EM CALENDAR**

[**DHS S&T Capacity Building Webinars set for Feb. 26, Mar. 5 and Mar. 12**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2100&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54edd9879ebcc)   
**IAEM**   
The Department of Human Resources (DHS) Science & Technology Directorate (S&T) offers a [Capacity Building Webinar Series](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2101&&&http://www.firstresponder.gov/SitePages/GrantsAndTraining/Webinars.aspx) that features presentations from national leaders and field experts who share best practices on how to apply technologies and innovative solutions to strengthen homeland security capabilities. All events are free to join, and participants can earn certificates and CEU credits by completing a quiz at the end of each event. Registration links are available [here](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2102&&&http://www.firstresponder.gov/SitePages/GrantsAndTraining/Webinars.aspx) for these upcoming webinars:

* Feb. 26, 2015, 1:00 p.m. EDT: Responding to Power Outage Emergencies
* Mar. 5, 2015, 1:00 p.m. EDT: Mitigation Innovation
* Mar. 12, 2015, 1:00 p.m. EST: Communicating with International Partners during Emergencies

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[**Cyclones Marcia and Lam barrel into Australia**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2109&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54eddb730e8bf)   
**The Wall Street Journal**   
Twin cyclones barreled into Australia, toppling houses and knocking out power to thousands of homes in parts of the Northern Territory and eastern Queensland state. Emergency services said initial assessments showed Cyclone Marcia and Cyclone Lam — two of the most powerful storms to hit the country in recent years — hadn't caused the massive destruction they first feared, although Marcia damaged dozens of homes and other buildings in the coastal city of Yeppoon.

[**Official: At least 108 people killed in Afghan winter storm**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2115&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54ede0b2bc4ed)   
**The Associated Press via USA Today**   
Avalanches caused by a heavy winter snow killed at least 108 people in northeastern Afghanistan, an emergency official said, as rescuers clawed through debris with their hands to save those buried beneath. The avalanches buried homes across four northeast provinces, killing those beneath, said Mohammad Aslam Syas, the deputy director of the Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority.

[**Bolivia flooding displaces thousands in Pando province**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2121&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54edde04ce4f4)   
**BBC News**   
Flooding has forced more than 4,000 people from their homes in the town of Cobija in northern Bolivia after the river Acre burst its banks. Heavy rains have also caused the nearby river Tahuamanu to burst its banks.

[**Swine flu claims 38 more lives in India, total death toll passes 800**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2128&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54eddedd5c350)   
**The Hindu via Time**   
Swine flu has claimed 38 more lives in India, taking the total nationwide death toll to 812, according to the latest figures released by the country's health ministry on Sunday. The total number of people affected by the H1N1 virus has now crossed 13,000, Indian newspaper *The Hindu* reported.

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**Agence France-Presse via The Strait Times**   
Sensors at the Fukushima nuclear plant have detected a fresh leak of highly radioactive water to the sea, the plant's operator announced Sunday, highlighting difficulties in decommissioning the crippled plant. Tokyo Electric Power Co said the sensors, which were rigged to a gutter that pours rain and ground water at the Fukushima Daiichi plant to a nearby bay, detected contamination levels up to 70 times greater than the already-high radioactive status seen at the plant campus.

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**The Maritime Executive**   
At least 66 people died when a passenger ferry carrying more than 150 passengers and crew capsized after colliding with a trawler on a river in central Bangladesh, police said. Rescuers managed to save at least 50 passengers and were still searching for more survivors, regional police official Harun-ur Rashid told *Reuters*. Low-lying Bangladesh, with extensive inland waterways and slack safety standards, suffers regular ferry disasters, with deaths sometimes running into the hundreds.

[**Tug owner jailed over crew death**](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2126983&messageid=2126983&databaseid=Mailing.DS126983.2126983.110489&serial=17338811&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2146&&&http://multibriefs.com/ViewLink.php?i=54eddc1d2d549)   
**The Maritime Executive**   
A tug boat owner was sentenced to eight months in jail on Friday after his crew member died trying to reattach a tow line in a violent storm. During the hearing at U.K.'s Southampton Crown Court, Martin Richley owner and skipper of 9.5m Medway tug boat Endurance pleaded guilty to serious offences under the Merchant Shipping Act.

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* **New York Citizen Corps Communications Network, February 11, 2015**

**Beyond Ice and Freezing Weather: Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

When we think about winter safety concerns, ice and cold exposure are two that usually come to mind. However, risk of [carbon monoxide (CO)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK20A5vplqZxJ3_np9e6Ig237felz6Q_G9mRtYV50OWMECby5XkMbejoMjcCsTXm_dhzxvAtFKRB7wVaE9ZRSQQh5TIzhcqNGblxFMHr1-dwiiP_md0gD_6UefYljj_pw8lK5mxcwHdcGcjQj4Xu0OwyKe1Y2cB-CGqrN85jV2cADMgO4oLRWg9r_iECHIVOxWBkOUF0yESCxAPa9Ad-tpsI7zgzxP-tCdvGQI7kpwbsjN&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==) poisoning is often an overlooked winter safety issue. According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK20A5vplqZxJ3btOGkPJ2rDi7r4ph0VRMPkajXEEkV797hyT5iVxpoRJnFME8MTpx6zM8zniUfrDPVBy5L6Fo0QeCNphBeB5IUZgcCdRFG-puwEzL2CJ6Ej35v2Ugo8LsIA==&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==), carbon monoxide, often called the silent killer, is colorless, odorless and tasteless, making leaks and buildups difficult to notice. It's a dangerous situation that leads to more than 200 deaths every year.  
  
CO enters the air through many different sources like car exhaust, indoor charcoal grills, furnaces and other devices powered by fossil fuels. Complicating its detection even more, the effects of CO poisoning resemble those of flu, cold or infection. A ringing in the ears, headache, nausea, weakness and/or dizziness all could indicate that a person is being poisoned by carbon monoxide. Because symptoms are often associated with less serious illnesses, many people who are overexposed to CO mistakenly think they're catching a seasonal bug. In many cases, the affected person will lie down or rest to feel better. Some never wake up.  
  
[Boston Children's Hospital: "Winter Safety Goes Beyond Ice and Freezing Temps: Tips to Avoid Carbon Monoxide Poisoning"](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK20A5vplqZxJ3lx922BK6lXUi89zb40XHCjDMOVHhtSpiaiRvZvTB7ly92U91XzB15dNWY0CEy3EGQ90cQIj1LWC5KrK_a_rrLSucM8JNSEkKXrK-FuFdCMxBHiyGsZrV4jwg7chNcL2W7WYMV0B5pu_Cc5DlpfvNBAH75ah1bDAFATkbkVOHHBwGjZvj2SEBi3G31BPcebBbQl0Wi2dKRduRAiv95YEfKwpDmmVdoOdDbBesqu2YCik=&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==) recommends taking the following precautions to protect your family from carbon monoxide this winter.

* **Install a carbon monoxide detector on each floor of your home -** Just like smoke detectors, experts say every floor of a building should be fitted with a battery-powered or hardwired carbon monoxide detector.
* **Change your heating filters before the cold weather starts** - Experts suggest homeowners change the filters on their heaters before winter begins so the air they heat their homes with is as clean as possible when daily use becomes necessary; in addition, annual check-up of your heating system for risk of leaks.
* **Shovel the venting areas outside your home** - Natural gas is used to run a lot of furnaces and clothes dryers, which emit carbon monoxide that is then vented outdoors. But if snow accumulates in front of these ventilation areas the CO may not escape into the air properly, sending it right back into the house. When shoveling a driveway or sidewalk, always clear out any ventilation hoses or grates around your home to make sure gases intended to go outside get there.
* **Check your pets** - Animals are susceptible to CO poisoning as well, sometimes more quickly than humans. If your dog or cat is acting sluggish, is unusually hard to awaken or seems sick, you may want to get the animal some fresh air, check your carbon monoxide detectors and open a window just in case.
* **Never pre-warm a vehicle indoors** - Although tempting to run the car for a few minutes before you get in it, especially when the temperature drops to single digits, the risks associated with pre-warming indoors far outweigh the convenience. A car pumping out dangerous levels of toxic exhaust in a non-ventilated area, especially if the garage is attached to a home, has an added risk of allowing the carbon monoxide to quickly seep into the rest of the house.

[**NYC Emergency Management's Tip of the Week**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK207LEVwPNYar8EyNpZ9UCjStfqXCcBWuSJondF7cASv0F52XDmuFb0mTmXmychb1FRujKfTV5W8843wDa92pbbODSJtLTKiUgtSfgogMQepHsIPR4HUw3_g6jybGodbwqPFrFoJZtKek9FWLyOACzgAPW97l2JV7RpxDLHDphfuA&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==)

**Get CERT-ified**  
Want to assist your community during times of emergency? Become part of the New York City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. CERTs are located throughout the five boroughs and support first responders before, during, and after disaster. Training cycles are held throughout the year. Learn more about the [program](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK24fJgdL9cAXzG5xb3_n9scdWNTt3PylXuQ8_-iHy408AEqi7pZStxFrNbbgfUYZ4k5TB48CHUU1peaJkmx2lSzOKBshS5r-eFOhAPqcmhiEsU2OXRAwlScXYEWKcx0EtkZbuwBtycaxFhGM-kH6Nij7a_m91NXULFgGE2F2aTnk2&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==) today!

**NYC Citizen Corps and Other Initiatives**

**NYC Emergency Management Community Space Survey**

In an effort to help the City prepare for emergencies and outreach to all the City's communities, NYC Emergency Management is asking for participation in its Community Space Survey to identify spaces in the community that could potentially support the City's emergency operations or be used for community outreach events. All information will be kept strictly confidential. For more information, please click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK26Xh9sgyKk3wxQK4XEVxO0mFLEh_wAOTWL2-FE6G11Hzd0xuDjVccWEFjFHpQ680ZWMjiTclPgIMqtDyTsX-y0sSLI3BHj8NrpKDj5DGck1rVl_gy5NEf-oeDndfqOnprz32PyV3jTNRyKis9xjyr75cO42RisYvaxf7f_frn2Nubm6YZibbiKUQy1FDW77Tqg==&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==) to review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) or complete the [survey form](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK26Xh9sgyKk3wyZylHB6OWb7cbd1SWpNWQSHaAycKFr8q309b_liB6FT_dqoUs4RgkZTx0-ooUVz16JTFdPnlt3_TzKy5-0ESFx5Jj3YZWqj0Dy9ukAuzgOSYb7Ifujlg0Ni0FWmZ8NT3e2YdunwYjQuRtmYVUIMAg-i17FAKdGBgr5l0_nJ7P_4uEwtQZ-UDdg==&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==).

**John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service**

[Applications](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK26HmiygQlGBDPAsZsx2kByVP1TR1vNl4kV0ibJLm4wvOj-PbrmAuftVJCkvXFQMB8NvzX9EWtxcEo3P02fwyMavPE5cFDgSo6GGK_Bxh5c1ddEzMpfKOPbgnZnR0hLmP1KxcQfmGL1N80yjjLlDTDlf-3eFKcyRaPg==&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==) are now open for The **John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service**, a student fellowship with the City devoted specifically to emergency management. The program provides an opportunity for ten graduate students in the New York City area to complete a nine-month paid fellowship (15-20 hours per week) at a New York City government agency or non-profit organization focusing on emergency management gaining first-hand experience from agency mentors. Applications are due March 30, 2015.  
  
For more information on eligibility, selection or the fellowship, please click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK25WaXXFHY1tTRTYevHAowFzJTaor-ncizmQpO8sWckiDv03uYg26t3O-rs5Ac12V1n-7ot6zLvNdDNzaNsWV1WRti2piDEpJWZhZdaFwFmdxkZiIGk9blT9gp8WZyNxRyytT5Xf8nfjgsy_zh2L_DsYuR1hJB6EafpOEc9doai_MHE-szubqM5ZUmPtIArsGKg==&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==) for the John D. Solomon Fellowship page.

**Upcoming Events**

**March 24-25th - Volunteer Disaster Chaplain Training Course**

The [Metropolitan College of New York, Emergency & Disaster Management Program](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK2wXXJu5KftHHwGtDQ2s-s81k6EwEZOOgIf-Q-BtlXCu6KYaeecM5rs0OkUT9AJOBJWJdlwext4Y2bIHcGk0Y90ebEK5g1A29xCh9usTgBgtDxbZXUJLBVm_JNbbN8cHRiF37XaVLTrQ0pADf_dBFH5vuX4LQ0YPUhYUS4p9n1GEl&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==), through a training partnership with the [National Disaster Interfaiths Network](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK2wXXJu5KftHHf2VuFd6RJ5Y0FsEqm93sEE0HfRCmwQdSPfVAdQgY92UcjRNFi5Xc2rw2sqkOgvkKDUAtjBo3nCOLSmOWHJcSdXDS5Ir0CFcwSfvzt90eN84=&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==), invites religious leaders, spiritual caregivers of all faiths, emergency managers, and disaster mental health professionals to take this two-day Disaster Chaplain Training. This training is being co-sponsored by [NYDIS (New York Disaster Interfaith Services)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK2xH1GVKbGTj0YUojgAt4LkYa30IUrGdyKa5EZWqhqMhIITM0_mXFPB0hj_X5dwUktQQu-nlOfpRVojP_KiwC8fVpVxf_yJ1zOV7utPmcX919AJvJ-y8rzI8=&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==). New York City area participants who complete this certification can volunteer as disaster chaplains with NYDIS. NDIN can also assist unaffiliated volunteers in finding disaster spiritual care volunteer opportunities in local communities across the United States. For more information, please click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK2wXXJu5KftHHr9Wr7UnP2lSOLS1kK3JCiZWp6H9rp2pbti0OCcnBy6vJGlJFVhSR4NTviPBhcIZBtxoGo_LvXb07ziMzGIMqAyKrQWOaMWGr_aogBxOwE8jTNy43TqPQO4zHCZebe58_sggOl6Dk8cHo9hOkn4VpOF95zLR9DrVIflFcMj9Az8cSKMpgC397jg==&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==) for training brochure and tuition. To register, please click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK2wXXJu5KftHHGdDlmoaRTBsnEY1VUDC-8wcplJKqGIWYOI2cdkSeDkic5HtmAPJ6pnlEMgMaHQXS2grOdt8EAHaEySRpRwJ-7XPheAWdNmLLQWeWv99AbN2QgykU5rsndw483KMjw-_Of-2X_MECLZirM4L-rg-dEZb6q_CAIp9E&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==).

**March 25th - 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. NYC Emergency Management 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 Emergency Management 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=0017CaC5Ne0DEWfoNb9e8qq7NgKHtPnmSK7-k7izdVyrgUlEv1GkBKK242mkniKCxts0ymabi_jLxS_s2va18ICscMlDm4S8pZJMxyawbzNTw3sTGY6US6BlYR63Cwuea0gWw8FLIloIiP4Xph1f3C-tfWl5mMjSJl9Y1XooiGEa8tVU7UklZmkRvjq2IjUbJpyAiHj5y7Pd__5ZQY0JoO3UA==&c=g9Qsosv0SOXoom7RvqhMpGe38LwFrMQ5Jl-TQ_ojjnT9H0Rbf-nMBg==&ch=3lyzWLaYIhwzd0uBBxEMZDkAL5ARfE_WFhNZKi3wsix1irOhR76E8Q==) to register.

**Employment Information**

* **Royal Roads University – Associate Faculty – Course Developer and Teaching Contract Position**

**Associate Faculty – Course Development and Teaching Contract Positions**

Reference: **Associate Faculty\* – SHS Graduate Programs – DEM Focus**

Closing Date: **April 13, 2015, or until each course has been contracted**

Permanence: **Associate Faculty – Course Development and Teaching Contract Positions**

\*Associate faculty hold limited-term contracts to develop and/or teach individual courses in our programs. Royal Roads University, located in Victoria, BC, has a mandate to offer professional degree programs with a focus on applied research. With a reputation for innovation, Royal Roads University is a leader in online delivery and primarily attracts learners who are working professionals.

The School of Humanitarian Studies is seeking applications for associate faculty to both develop and teach elective courses in the second year of our **Master of Arts in Conflict Analysis and Management, Disaster and Emergency Management,** and **Human Security and Peacebuilding** programs. These courses that will be delivered either entirely online, or are blended courses involving both online and face to face teaching during a short residency on campus.

Preference will be given to prospective associate faculty who can both develop *and* teach a particular course. We also ask that any new associate faculty who do not have previous online teaching experience take an instructional skills workshop for teaching online. We provide this training for free once we have a contract in place.

The **Conflict Analysis and Management, Disaster and Emergency Management,** and **Human Security and Peacebuilding** programs are dedicated to educating both aspiring and existing professionals in these fields. To learn more about our three graduate programs, please visit our website at:

http://www.royalroads.ca/prospective-students/master-arts-conflict-analysis-and-management

http://www.royalroads.ca/prospective-students/master-arts-disaster-and-emergency-management

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**Courses requiring course development and teaching are listed:**

* **HUMS 641 Foundations of Policy and Practice in Humanitarian Action**
* **Development starts immediately; course starts November 15, 2015**
* **HUMS 652 Planning for Resilience in 21st Century Environments**
* **Development starts by April 28, 2015; course starts February 15, 2016**
* **HUMS 642 Psychosocial and Behavioral Health in Humanitarian Action**
* **Development starts by July 7, 2015; course starts May 2, 2016**

**Qualifications:**

The ideal candidate for teaching at RRU is someone who has experience as a scholar and a practitioner. For our graduate programs, requisite qualifications include:

• A PhD in a field related to **disaster and emergency management** is preferred

• Professional experience working in these fields related to course content

• Expertise that aligns with the focus of one or more of our graduate courses

• demonstrated teaching excellence at the graduate level

• experience working within an interdisciplinary outcomes-based curriculum

• experience teaching in web-based distance education programs and face-to-face environments

• A teaching philosophy that is compatible with RRU’S **Learning and Teaching Model**, available at: http://www.royalroads.ca/about/learning-and-teaching-model

**To apply via email:**

1. In your application, please include all four items: a **one-page cover letter**, your **curriculum vitae**, a **rank ordered list of specific courses** that you are qualified to teach, and a one-page statement of your **teaching philosophy**.

2. Type ‘**HUMS-DEM Associate Faculty Development and Teaching**’ in the subject heading

3. Submit all documentation to: [**AFInquiries@royalroads.ca**](mailto:AFInquiries@royalroads.ca)

**Please note:** While Royal Roads University values all applications we receive, only those candidates chosen for further consideration will be contacted. If requested, shortlisted candidates will be required to provide the names and contact information for three referees, and to arrange for the forwarding of degree transcripts directly from the granting institutions.

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* **Syracuse University – Chief of Public Safety**

Job posting at Syracuse University for the Chief of Public Safety. This position also oversees Emergency Management and Fire and Life Safety. Feel free to forward to anyone who may be interested. The position will be open until March 19th.

Chief of Public Safety Job Posting<<https://www.sujobopps.com/postings/58177>>

*Thank you and have a very soothing weekend,*

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