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

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

**6 March 2015**

**Higher Education Program News:**

* **Hi Ed Webinars:**

The Higher Education Program is continuing with the webinar series started in 2013.  The webinars will be used to increase the flow of information and knowledge to the emergency management higher education community.  Knowing what is important and essential to your programs is important.  To that end, we request that you provide us topics that are of particular interest and necessary to your academic programs or your institution.  An April webinar is currently in the planning stages.  Ideas for webinar topics may be sent to Lillian Virgil at [Lillian.virgil@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Lillian.virgil@fema.dhs.gov).

* **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.

* **Moderators/Facilitators Needed for the Hi Ed Symposium**

We are in need of moderators/facilitators for the symposium.  Moderators/facilitators are very important to the operation of the symposium.  They are responsible for keeping the breakout session to the allotted time, introduce speakers and maintain a cool and professional atmosphere for speakers and participants.   If interested please contact Shannon Cool, [Shannon.Cool@associates.fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Shannon.Cool@associates.fema.dhs.gov) or Barbara Johnson, [Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov). For more information about moderator/facilitator duties go to the Hi Ed website symposium section at <http://www.training.fema.gov/hiedu/educonference15.aspx> and click on the Symposium Moderators/Facilitators Information bullet.

* **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, Frederick Community College 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:**

* **Enhancing Disaster Survivability of Diverse Populations - Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management**

Providing equal opportunity for disaster survivability regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, language, sexual orientation, and disability are critical competencies for leadership in today’s society. Therefore, to bolster these competencies and enhance disaster survivability of diverse populations, a team of national experts will deliver presentations on Monday, April 27, 2015, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Frederick Community College Conference Center, E building, Room 126.  A participant registration fee of $59 will satisfy the cost of lunch and instructional materials.  Register for this conference at [www.frederick.edu/em](http://www.frederick.edu/em).  Direct questions to [macem@frederick.edu](mailto:macem@frederick.edu) or 240-629-7970.

# IAEM Scholarship Program

The International Association of Emergency Managers established the IAEM Scholarship Program to nurture, promote and develop disaster preparedness and resistance by furthering the education of students studying the field of emergency management, disaster management or a related program.

The purpose of the program is to assist the profession by identifying and developing students with the intellect and technical skills that can advance and enhance emergency management or disaster management.

The program is sustained through donations from individuals and corporations. The Scholarship Commission’s current goal is to reach $1 million in the endowment fund to ensure IAEM Scholarships into the foreseeable future.

# IAEM Scholarship Application

## The 2015 Scholarship Application is now available.

## Deadline: June 1, 2015, 12:00 a.m. (midnight) EDT

* [IAEM 2015 Undergraduate Scholarship Application](http://www.iaem.com/documents/IAEM-2015-Undergraduate-Scholarship-Application.pdf) (posted 28 Jan 2015)
* [IAEM 2015 Graduate Scholarship Application](http://www.iaem.com/documents/IAEM-2015-Graduate-Scholarship-Application.pdf) (posted 28 Jan 2015)

IAEM scholarships are awarded through a competitive process to full-time students pursuing an associate or diploma baccalaureate, or graduate degree in emergency management, disaster management, or a closely related field. Beginning in 2013, the application process was divided so that undergraduate and graduate students no longer apply using the same application.

For information about the IAEM Scholarship Program, contact:

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* **NASA Goddard Space Flight Center – Pathways For Students & Recent Graduates To Federal Careers**

**NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)** is embarking on great missions and seeking fresh ideas! Don’t miss out on the possibility of becoming a part of the NASA team and developing job skills that could take you farther than you have ever imagined. NASA is recognized as one of the best places to work in the Federal government.

GSFC is seeking current undergraduate and graduate students for the NASA **Pathways Internship Employment Program (IEP)**. The IEP provides paid opportunities for students to explore a Federal career while still in school.

***U.S. Citizenship is required.*** If you are not a U.S. Citizen, please visit <https://nasajobs.nasa.gov/jobs/noncitizens.htm>.

GSFC will be accepting applications between **March 9, 2015** and **March 16, 2015** for our **Fall 2015 Pathways IEP** opportunities.

You can search and apply for NASA federal opportunities on **http://nasajobs.nasa.gov/**. For the specific IEP jobs see below:

**Engineering and Technical Majors Job#**

Goddard Main campus Greenbelt, MD GS15I0001

Wallops Flight Facility Wallops, VA GS15I0002

NASA Independent and Verification Facility Fairmont, WV GS15I0003

**Business and Related Majors**

Goddard Main Campus Greenbelt, MD GS15I0004

Wallops Flight Facility Wallops, VA GS15I0005

For NASA’s Office of Education sponsors seasonal opportunities including internships, fellowships and scholarships.

If you are interested in **non-federal service student research-based science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) opportunities** (e.g. 10-week summer assignments) sponsored by NASA’s Office of Education, apply directly at: **intern.nasa.gov**. ***U.S. Citizenship is required.***

If you are not a U.S. Citizen, please visit https://intern.nasa.gov/non-us-opportunities/index.html.

For more information on **NASA Goddard Space Flight Center** visit the following website: [**http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/home/index.html**](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/home/index.html)

For more information on **NASA Goddard’s Wallops Flight Facility** visit the following website: [**http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/home/index.html**](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/home/index.html)**.**

For more information on **NASA’s Independent Verification and Validation Facility** visit the following website: [**http://www.nasa.gov/centers/ivv/home/**](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/ivv/home/)**.**

**Emergency Management/Homeland Security News:**

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

***There will be no Disaster Information Specialist webinar in March*.**

**Save the Date! Special Presentation: Disaster Info Specialist Webinar - April 9 1:30 pm ET**

**Save the Date!** We will have a very special presentation at our April 9 1:30 PM ET webinar from **Patrick Meier, PhD**. Patrick is an internationally recognized speaker and thought leader on humanitarian technology and innovation.  He will talk about being a digital humanitarian which is the subject of his recent book entitled "**Digital Humanitarians: How Big Data is Changing Humanitarian Response**."

Patrick is currently the Director of Social Innovation at QCRI where he both develops and deploys unique next generation humanitarian technologies in partnership with multiple humanitarian groups.  Among his many accomplishments, Patrick co-founded and co-directed the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative program on Crisis Mapping and Early Warning and served as Director of Crisis Mapping for Ushahidi.  Ushahidi made major contributions during the Haiti earthquake response through deploying its innovative crowdsourcing platform.

Patrick has received a numerous awards and recognitions for his work, including being named as a National Geographic Emerging Explorer.  Read more about Patrick at <http://irevolution.net/bio>

This webinar will be presented live through Adobe Connect and recorded for future viewing.  More information about logging into this webinar will be sent soon on this listserv and also will be posted at <http://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/dismeetings.html>

The Disaster Information Specialist monthly webinar is open to **everyone** – please spread the word and invite others in your organizations, send to your email lists, and post to your social media accounts.

**New issue of USGS GeoHealth Newsletter**

**What's In This Issue**

* [Chemicals Found in Treated Wastewater are Transported from Streams to Groundwater](http://www.usgs.gov/envirohealth/geohealth/v12_n01.html#article_pharms2gw)
* [Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals Persist Downstream from the Source](http://www.usgs.gov/envirohealth/geohealth/v12_n01.html#article_edc_downstream)
* [Commonly Used Chemicals Measured in Minnesota Groundwater](http://www.usgs.gov/envirohealth/geohealth/v12_n01.html#article_minnesota_groundwater)
* [Channel Catfish (Ictalurus punctatus) White Blood Cells are Functionally Modulated by Estrogens](http://www.usgs.gov/envirohealth/geohealth/v12_n01.html#article_edcs_immune)
* [Densovirus Calculated as Culprit Killing Sea Stars](http://www.usgs.gov/envirohealth/geohealth/v12_n01.html#article_sswd)
* [Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Detected for the First Time in Wild Birds in North America](http://www.usgs.gov/envirohealth/geohealth/v12_n01.html#article_hpai)
* [Land Disposal of Wastewater Can Result in Elevated Mercury in Groundwater](http://www.usgs.gov/envirohealth/geohealth/v12_n01.html#article_mercury_in_gw)
* [Comprehensive Assessment of Mercury in Streams Explains Major Sources, Cycling, and Effects](http://www.usgs.gov/envirohealth/geohealth/v12_n01.html#article_hg_circular)
* [Organic Geochemistry Research Laboratory Scored High on Proficiency Testing for Glyphosate](http://www.usgs.gov/envirohealth/geohealth/v12_n01.html#article_ogrl_glyphosate)
* [Public-Supply Well Pumping Regimes Influence Quality of Water Produced](http://www.usgs.gov/envirohealth/geohealth/v12_n01.html#article_pwp_qw)
* [Contaminant Transport Models Aid in Understanding Trends of Chlorinated Ethenes in Public Supply Wells](http://www.usgs.gov/envirohealth/geohealth/v12_n01.html#article_ces_dnapl)
* [Natural Breakdown of Petroleum Results in Arsenic Mobilization in Groundwater](http://www.usgs.gov/envirohealth/geohealth/v12_n01.html#article_arsenic_plumes)
* [Recognition for a USGS Scientist in Service to Others](http://www.usgs.gov/envirohealth/geohealth/v12_n01.html#article_meyer)

**\*\*\*Librarians’ Efforts\*\*\***

The following three brief posts on National Network of Libraries of Medicine blogs highlight a variety of efforts librarians across the country are carrying out to assist in preparation and response efforts to disasters in their communities. Take a few moments to read about the ongoing work to gather ideas that you can use or modify in your community.

\*Creating a Readiness Culture within Pennsylvania Libraries   
<http://nnlm.gov/mar/newsletter/2015/02/creating-a-readiness-culture-within-pennsylvania-libraries/>

\*Healthful Help for the Homebound during Disasters <http://nnlm.gov/mar/newsletter/2015/02/healthful-help-for-the-homebound-during-disasters/>

\*NIH Disaster Research Response Tabletop Exercise <http://nnlm.gov/scr/blog/2015/02/16/nih-disaster-research-response-tabletop-exercise/>

\*\*\*What is Big (Crisis) Data?\*\*\*

iRevolution

On April 9th, Patrick Meier will be speaking during our monthly webinar about the work he is doing in the arena of digital humanitarianism. His blog iRevolution is a helpful resource for disaster information specialists interested in the intersection of information, management of data and disaster efforts. For those who want background on “big data” as it relates to crisis information, the June 27, 2013 post provides a clear and straightforward explanation.

<http://irevolution.net/2013/06/27/what-is-big-crisis-data/>Digital Humanitarians Webinar, April 9: <http://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/dismeetings.html#upcoming>

\*\*\*Preparing for Possible Large Measles Outbreak\*\*\*

On January 23, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a Health Advisory Network (HAN) Advisory to notify public health departments and healthcare facilities about a measles outbreak and to provide guidance for healthcare providers and primary care providers nationwide in hospitals, emergency rooms and microbiology laboratories. Many of CDC’s recommendations apply to first responders as well. In addition to the guidance, the HAN provides links to additional resources on measles.

<http://www.firstresponder.gov/Pages/Preparing-for-Possible-Large-Measles-Outbreak.aspx>

HAN Advisory: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00376.asp>

\*\*\* Pandemic Influenza Storybook\*\*\*

The Pandemic Influenza Storybook is a tool to help emergency planners re-energize their efforts to fight influenza and combat preparedness fatigue and apathy.  The storybook is filled with first-person and family accounts of the 1918 pandemic, and examines the impact pandemic flu events have had on both survivors and the loved ones of those who lost their lives.

<http://www.cdc.gov/publications/panflu/>

\*\*\*FDA Drug Shortages Mobile App\*\*\*

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) launched the agency’s first mobile application (app) specifically designed to speed public access to valuable information about drug shortages. The app identifies current drug shortages, resolved shortages and discontinuations of drug products. App users can search or browse by a drug’s generic name or active ingredient, and browse by therapeutic category. The app can also be used to report a suspected drug shortage or supply issue to the FDA.

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm436481.htm>

\*\*\*Webinar: \*Understanding the CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) Proposed Rule on Emergency Preparedness\*\*\*

Association of State and Territory Health

National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO)

Monday, March 10th, 2:00 pm ET

This webinar will provide assistance in navigating a proposed rule to establish consistent emergency preparedness requirements for health care providers participating in Medicare and Medicaid to establish consistent emergency preparedness requirements.  Lisa Parker, JD, Director, Division of Institutional Quality Standards, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, will review highlights of the proposal and will discuss how these requirements will affect state and local health departments.

<http://disasterlit.nlm.nih.gov/search/?searchTerms=ID%3A8041&search.x=0&search.y=0&search=Search>

\*\*\*Webinar Series: Beneficial Practices for Improving Biosurveillance\*\*\*

University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health

Wednesday, March 25th, 2:00 pm ET

This webinar is the second in a series that reviews the key findings of a 2012-13 North Carolina Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Center project related to enhancing biosurveillance practice for situational awareness during a public health emergency. The four webinar topics around beneficial practices for improving biosurveillance are: mass gatherings, natural disasters, outbreaks and prioritizing surveillance enhancements. The March 25th session focuses on mass gatherings. Staff from New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene will discuss the response to Superstorm Sandy.

<http://disasterlit.nlm.nih.gov/search/?searchTerms=Beneficial+Practices+for+Improving+Biosurveillance+Webinar+Series&search.x=18&search.y=18&search=Search>

\*\*\* Webinar: Explore the New National Preparedness Training Plan TRAIN E-Book\*\*\*

Join the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response Learning Office (OPHPR LO) at the  Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for a webinar on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 2pm ET. The webinar, titled "Training for Results: Preparedness and Emergency Response Core Competency-Based Training," will focus on the creation of a national emergency preparedness training plan on  TRAIN, the nation's premier learning network for professionals who protect the public's health. Seating is limited, so  learn more and register today.

<http://www.phf.org/events/Pages/Training_for_Results_Preparedness_and_Emergency_Response_Core_Competency_Based_Training.aspx>

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

Set Your Clocks, Check Your Stocks

The American Public Health Association campaign “Get Ready: Set Your Clocks, Check Your Stocks” reminds people to refresh their emergency supplies before a disaster occurs. Check out some tools you can share this weekend.

<http://getreadyforflu.org/clocksstocks/index.htm>

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

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

National Health Security Strategy and Implementation Plan: 2015-2018

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), February 2015

This 110-page document is a strategy intended to provide a vision over the next four years to build health security in the areas of resilient communities; medical countermeasures and non-pharmaceutical interventions; situational awareness; integration and effectiveness of public health, healthcare, and emergency management; and global health security. It is intended for actions and collaboration by federal, state, and local governments; community-based organizations; the private sector; and academia.

<http://disasterlit.nlm.nih.gov/search/?searchTerms=ID%3A10198&search=Search&search.x=0&search.y=0>

2014 Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE) Strategy and Implementation Plan

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), February 2015

This 140-page document provides the blueprint for the Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE) to use in enhancing national health security through the procurement and use of life-saving medical countermeasures (MCMs). It identifies priority activities over the next five years across the various PHEMCE mission areas, including requirement-setting; basic research; discovery and early development; advanced development; regulatory science management; procurement and stockpiling; response planning; distribution and dispensing; and monitoring, evaluation, and assessment.

<http://disasterlit.nlm.nih.gov/search/?searchTerms=ID%3A10209&search=Search&search.x=0&search.y=0>

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**

**AWARD NOMINATIONS**

The deadline for the Governor's Hurricane Conference® Award Nominations is ***Friday, March 13th***!

The Award Nomination Form is on the Awards page of our website ([http://flghc.org/awards/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001MZ5ZYro5smRvSnEg4iJX4n3Cl027K1oMDyD99JLUDsSSDdoQv9hv2leAKD0v8YfyqfxmUKKIe0y-ipb9HaHHKwEpLv94rsmyeOATvbKi9owuGG4a36EA39jGEdtrrHMh0nnvJrXrXQbGs1rav-JHRYnH3mTjpx2mRVmu4PcA5Mc4fIGScdk1KQ==&c=phCHo1ox1gFaIKjSX7vV7UgNnA8J8rPqm8MPn6AhY1H1dQ1RbirJPA==&ch=6_zXThaixYpsb1lbpejCRVP8ltzbQWlO9WEbsmZOClGGx20-LQX7JA==)) and contains details regarding each category and all of the information you need to submit your nomination.  Please review the "Requirements for Nominations" carefully to ensure your nomination will qualify.  All nominations and supplementary material must be received in the GHC office by March 13, 2015.  Absolutely no late nominations will be accepted.

* **MACEM Preparer - Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management Newsletter**

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* A message from Director Kathy Francis
* Articulation Agreements
* FCC Student Intern Makes a Difference
* Maturing Public-Partnership
* Useful Links
* MACEM-Enhancing Disaster Survivability of Diverse Populations
* Business Continuity
* New! Course Announcement
  + Federal Emergency Management – 3-credit online course in 8 week format – Examine the role of the federal government in emergency management.
* Two New Online Courses
  + Complex Attacks Situational Awareness and Response (CASAR)
  + Situation Assessment for Complex Attacks
* New EM Courses Coming Soon
  + Mitigation and Hazard Management – 3 credits – online
  + Integrated Emergency Management – 3 credits – online
  + Social Impacts of Disaster – 3 credits – online
* New Staff were asked to respond
* Academic Program Changes
* New EM Proctoring Webpage
* Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness 2015 Summer Institute – Will be held July 27-31, 2015 at FCC.

***This year’s participants will work to:***

• Describe the recent changes and current focus of the Career and Technology Homeland Security and Emergency

Preparedness Program;

• Analyze the technique and process of utilizing case study methodology for student learning;

• Recognize the techniques utilized in Active Instruction in public safety disciplines;

• Develop an awareness of, and utilization of the current concerns emergency management, homeland security, and

law enforcement;

• Identify and develop local resources including federal, state, and local government along with private sector

organizations for support of HSEP classroom instruction;

• Develop a support network of peer educators, education professionals, and public safety personnel to support the

Career and Technology Program.

For more details contact Emergency Management program at 240.629.7970 or visit [www.frederick.edu/macem](http://www.frederick.edu/macem)

* **Natural Hazards Center - Number 641 • February 27, 2015**
* Off the Rails: A Crazy Week of Train Derailments Inflame Debates on Carrying Crude
* In From the Code: Code Blue Is Only the First Step in Keeping the Homeless Warm
* Hey, Students! Put Your Hazards and Disasters Papers to Work for You
* Nominations Now Open for Mary Fran Myers Award
* Call Outs: Calls for Abstracts, Papers, Proposals, and More
* Some New Web Resources
* Conferences, Training, and Events
* Jobs, Jobs, Jobs
* Webinars, Training, and Education

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* **Naval Postgraduate School - Greta E. Marlatt; email:** [gmarlatt@nps.edu/](mailto:gmarlatt@nps.edu/), March 2, 2015

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

* Points of Order in the Congressional Budget Process. 97-865
* Federal Employees’ Retirement System: Summary of Recent Trends. 98-972
* U.S. Citizens Kidnapped by the Islamic State, CRS Insights. IN10167
* Number of African American Judges Reaches All-Time High; Do Issues Remain?, CRS Insights. IN10234
* Anthem Data Breach: How Safe Is Health Information Under HIPAA?, CRS Insights. IN10235
* The Obama Administration's Proposed AUMF against the Islamic State: Some Immediate Takeaways, CRS Legal Sidebar. Aumf-take
* U.S. Tsunami Program: A Brief Overview. R41686
* Tax-Preferred College Savings Plans: An Introduction to 529 Plans. R42807
* Wildfire Management: Federal Funding and Related Statistics. R43077
* Legislation to Facilitate Cybersecurity Information Sharing: Economic Analysis. R43821
* The President's Immigration Accountability Executive Action of November 20, 2014: Overview and Issues. R43852
* Presidential Appointments to Full-Time Positions on Regulatory and Other Collegial Boards and Commissions, 112th Congress. R43893
* Public Trust and Law Enforcement-A Brief Discussion for Policy Makers. R43904
* Water Resource Issues in the 114th Congress. R43910
* The Community Health Center Fund: In Brief. R43911
* How Legislation Is Brought to the House Floor: A Snapshot of Parliamentary Practice in the 113th Congress (2013-2014). R43912
* Climate Change Adaptation by Federal Agencies: An Analysis of Plans and Issues for Congress. R43915
* Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program: An Overview. R43922
* The Unemployment Trust Fund (UTF): State Insolvency and Federal Loans to States. RS22954
* Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF): Program Overview and Issues. RS22037
* Veto Override Procedure in the House and Senate. RS22654
* Community Services Block Grants (CSBG): Background and Funding. RL32872

**Bipartisan Policy Center**

* Measuring the Metrics: Grading the Government on Immigration Enforcement <http://bipartisanpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/BPC_Immigration_MeasuringEnforcement.pdf>
* Restoring American Energy Innovation Leadership: Report Card, Challenges, and Opportunities <http://bipartisanpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/AEIC_Energy_Innovation.pdf>

**Center for a New American Security (CNAS)**

* Avoiding Trivia: A Strategy for Sustainment and Fiscal Security <http://www.cnas.org/sites/default/files/publications-pdf/CNAS%20Avoiding%20Trivia_final_for%20web.pdf>

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

* *CIP Report*, February 2015, v. 14, no. 5 <http://cip.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/The-CIP-Report_February-2015_Cybersecurity.pdf>
  + Cybersecurity

**Congress. House. Energy & Commerce Committee**

* The Uncertain Future of the Internet  <http://energycommerce.house.gov/hearing/the-uncertain-future-of-the-internet>

**Congress. House. Homeland Security Committee**

* Assessing DHS’s Performance: Watchdog Recommendations to Improve Homeland Security <http://homeland.house.gov/hearing/assessing-dhs-s-performance-watchdog-recommendations-improve-homeland-security>
* Addressing Remaining Gaps in Federal, State, and Local Information Sharing <http://homeland.house.gov/hearing/subcommittee-hearing-addressing-remaining-gaps-federal-state-and-local-information-sharing>
* Examining the President’s Cybersecurity Information Sharing Proposal <http://homeland.house.gov/hearing/hearing-administration-s-cybersecurity-legislative-proposal-information-sharing>

**Congress. House. Judiciary Committee**

* ISIL in America: Domestic Terror and Radicalization <http://judiciary.house.gov/index.cfm/2015/2/hearing-isil-in-america>
* The Unconstitutionality of Obama's Executive Actions on Immigration <http://judiciary.house.gov/index.cfm/2015/2/hearing-the-unconstitutionality-of-obama-s-executive-actions-on-immigration>

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

* Ensuring Government Transparency Through FOIA Reform <http://oversight.house.gov/hearing/ensuring-government-transparency-foia-reform/>
* Preventing Another MH370: Setting International Standards for Airline Flight Tracking <http://oversight.house.gov/hearing/preventing-another-mh370-setting-international-standards-airline-flight-tracking/>
* A Review of the Department of Homeland Security’s Policies and Procedures for the Apprehension, Detention, and Release of Non-Citizens Unlawfully Present in the United States <http://oversight.house.gov/hearing/review-department-homeland-securitys-policies-procedures-apprehension-detention-release-non-citizens-unlawfully-present-united-states/>

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

* President's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs <http://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=398626>

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

* Improving the Efficiency, Effectiveness and Independence of Inspectors General <http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/hearings/improving-the-efficiency-effectiveness-and-independence-of-inspectors-general>
* Toward a 21st Century Regulatory System <http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/hearings/toward-a-21st-century-regulatory-system>

**Dudley Knox Library**

* Lone Wolf Terrorism - A Brief Bibliography [Updated February 2015]  <https://www.hsdl.org/?view&did=727224>
* Posse Comitatus/Sovereign Citizens: A Brief Bibliography [Updated January 8, 2015]  <https://www.hsdl.org/?view&did=757849>

**East-West Center**

* Disaster and Climate Change Preparedness in American Sāmoa: A Handbook for Communities <http://www.eastwestcenter.org/system/tdf/private/pacificrisa-americansamoa.pdf?file=1&type=node&id=34978>
* Disaster and Climate Change Preparedness in Maui: A Handbook for Communities <http://www.eastwestcenter.org/system/tdf/private/pacificrisa-maui.pdf?file=1&type=node&id=34980>

**Government Accountability Office (GAO)**

* Disaster Relief: Agencies Need to Improve Policies and Procedures for Estimating Improper Payments. GAO-15-209
* <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-15-209>
* Department of Homeland Security: Progress Made, but More Work Remains in Strengthening Management Functions. GAO-15-388T [testimony]  <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-15-388T>

**Rand**

* The Relationship Between Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Symptoms and Career Outcomes of Army Enlisted Service members <http://www.rand.org/pubs/rgs_dissertations/RGSD343.html>
* Assessing DHS's Performance: Watchdog Recommendations to Improve Homeland Security <http://www.rand.org/pubs/testimonies/CT424.html>
* Federal Educational Assistance Programs Available to Service Members: Program Features and Recommendations for Improved Delivery <http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR664.html>
* Mitigating the Impact of Ebola in Potential Hot Zones: A Proof-of-Concept Approach to Help Decision makers Prepare for High-Risk Scenarios Outside Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone <http://www.rand.org/pubs/perspectives/PE146.html>

**White House**

* FACT SHEET: Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/02/25/fact-sheet-cyber-threat-intelligence-integration-center>
* Statement of Principles on Security Cooperation between the Governments of the United States and Mexico <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/02/27/statement-principles-security-cooperation-between-governments-united-sta>

**World Economic Forum**

* Strategic Infrastructure: Mitigation of Political & Regulatory Risk in Infrastructure Projects [http://www3.weforum.org/docs/Media/WEF\_RM Report 2015.pdf](http://www3.weforum.org/docs/Media/WEF_RM%20Report%202015.pdf)
* **New York Citizen Corps Communications Network, March 4, 2015**

**Food Safety During Blackouts**

Loss of power can jeopardize the safety of the food stored in your home refrigerator or freezer. In the event of a [blackout](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjBYnGmQIkaqsCHjVoEQaoumOq8xNVfSO6vsbRKhP3cgd6t3LAG3Lk_3NYklvIo7bUJ1f_ppdlKmu-yVQoP6XRoUsulePnC1T5x7tMOplbxdsgwfqmXoLJphu37rZ9Vi0fw==&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==), do you know how to determine if your food is safe to eat? [The U.S. Department of Agriculture](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjIrspmnk928f1tIQA09xHL_p6yOcutXpy_05CHDRcCYVwLrEIoQcptJRdXnsBN_wvCB8SwFIQbMEHibfZcUvicqd9yrnbUVS4dMXnWon9mSxaCGm2afXOERjKJXRXO_4-2fyjOTEHFz-ItKaqFjec0oOYLkOS6ez2oo9a7PQ4gBveHbbOWclEt4mpzqtALDQwf1cLYFpQVZg1A81cIjiWS1pgMMUbFaburOtizemkEmIMYfCkwAJfvpNpxQp3EkC2A6ujDOF0e5yfevd6FBTltz5LnbrBxyiE3UZpdwEv34TXUdlf_vI0Br56tZQ9dQYzPbrQ9n5nfT-o1s1FAzBh3U=&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==) (USDA) offers tips to minimize the potential loss of food and lower the risk of foodborne illness.   
  
Before a blackout:

* Gather an emergency supply of shelf-stable food, packaged foods, boxed or canned milk, bottle water, and canned goods;
* Have coolers and frozen gel packs on hand to keep refrigerated food cold if the power goes out longer than four hours; and
* Keep freezer items close together-this helps the food stay cold longer.

Bacteria in food grow rapidly at temperatures between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit. The USDA instructs setting your refrigerator at or below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. If the power is out for less than four hours and the refrigerator door is kept closed, your food should be safe.   
  
Following a blackout:

* Discard any perishable food items such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and leftovers that have been exposed to temperatures above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for two hours or more;
* Use a food thermometer to test the temperature of food - **never taste it**!  You can't rely on appearance and odor to determine whether food is safe; and
* Discard any items in the refrigerator that have come into contact with raw meat, seafood, or poultry juices.

Power outages can occur anywhere at any time of the year. Make sure you and your family are [prepared](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjBYnGmQIkaqsCHjVoEQaoumOq8xNVfSO6vsbRKhP3cgd6t3LAG3Lk_3NYklvIo7bUJ1f_ppdlKmu-yVQoP6XRoUsulePnC1T5x7tMOplbxdsgwfqmXoLJphu37rZ9Vi0fw==&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==) and know what to do to avoid getting sick.

[**NYC Emergency Management's Tip of the Week**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjCrBnjXRkYLrJuL_clNJ_9g8FieQ7b05KA7PQJygjRyBgbWsIFb9EwLDLCEUlndHdALPP92oNcMZel8LF_F-UFX-4_vUlXBOFx2lC5top-nadbUapWEoEJO9yAF8WpeSGsUb1S24zjn_KzWWCT5afsAftw3sAlbXs3ib2GVO848e&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==)

**Spring Forward but Remember to Check Your Supplies**  
Daylight saving time is this Sunday. As you move your clock ahead one hour, make sure you are a Ready New Yorker: update your disaster plan, check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and the expiration dates of your emergency food supply.

[Get more tips and information about Ready New York](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjPULdUYojzBhkrpTAs_rYFKm0_aDL1OnNK0oG7MyXIUz4swzt5cOY2SknkHGyHHcIFudfDf8w0OhCaA0CtpKVi5KMrhamOtAo_l-vtMJwHnv8_u2AQwVOAPT_8ofCSeSYkHRWnwareznnNfhP3SBz-jUsCs0WI3qnfAFu_YqpeEE&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==)

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NYC Citizen Corps and Other Initiatives

**(new) Governor's Office of Storm Recovery Announces $3 Million to Retrofit Volunteer Firehouses**

The NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program will increase resiliency of local emergency response facilities in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, and Hamilton Beach, Queens by committing $3M to retrofit 3 firehouses. The projects were developed as part of the NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Program - a grassroots planning and implementation effort managed by GOSR. For more information on GOSR programs, please visit [www.stormrecovery.ny.gov](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjIrspmnk928fPvu3ZPuJ6V9GB_Z9T_lknP7N48B0fHSjHgMQrYRdI9dKlabi5ABBxGeKYIjpqfArU3pK8WHAos2rnmqF2FPoRtt3f-8nMYNpLewKfQ6YRaYW_Qab6VwHrw==&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==)

Please click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjIrspmnk928fs4v92hlHhzwbULp_cOryGOocwGy8BwvJwNqdom6XBFFJZTmST45TACwWFl6HTzzcUagSrilzYun3uhST4OlJzEtaC578iUdjtGMI92JmMPfObQfn6KNy0LhA9Y2kZTFsmMdx60v5cyzt69zdPxrQD-aqJy48p-ffJCpgVSiytkqUc8H01fIl4w==&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==) for the press release.

**Resources**

**(new) Migration for Memory: A Disaster Mitigation Framework for Cultural Resources**

A resource for communities, this tool by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency presents a framework to give those safeguarding community treasures the tools they need to make sure cultural resources make it through. Everything from training to logistics to working with emergency managers is included. To read the report, please click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjIrspmnk928fNJG6dkHxWco3TgVrdCjqm7k4sCE70_LWv5Ob86zLQVYcQf3B0iodB5w0JUEKKyTyKjLQMyYd0PIiAG3YggNzLqDcETLZJy-vddTCzHSlbhiEmFeiWZAyEtLh3XOPjBhmzgUgYEW43R_7_xFdBqjOpjW92OpCnuL4f3y9-E1m7WYJ6_vdt-aNYN9eDtcvFeeyIVjFlcvBrbGDcB35I9Y9ZO45YUFFeH2iOlu3WsnZubjgsaTQo0v5jBf7NPFksgz-&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==).

**Upcoming Events**

**March 12th - The Annual Bill Lane Social Work Disaster Response Conference**

This free conference will focus on the topics of "Psychosocial Capacity Building in Response to Disasters: A Culturally Informed Approach," Joshua Miller, LICSW, Ph.D., and " Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery in Multicultural Settings," Guadalupe Pacheco, MSW. For more information about this event at Jacobi Medical Center-Corporate Conference Center (Building 4, 2nd Floor), please click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjIrspmnk928fh1bgGa76O40y0ZIX9IFxtvMM-NFsrzzhptfNwjBrmhtL3Jd6fbMXRabsxHo13QWLDym130kSkOINaqGuus5zHXQt9d3ObdTt35JBf0ZkWaXlmAOiYNZSPlxsHe_WloEAPYd6-uuZm4_McxQzPgsa--VFQXGHnttksFML40VoYM7i_EQQlSfALJOJEPn7zPtpq24IDaMnsCMxTuZ810omHr3J1euhRG8d&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==).

**March 23rd - Engaging Faith Communities in Disasters: Increasing Religious Competency & Literacy**

Co-sponsored by NYDIS and MCNY's (Metropolitan College of New York) Emergency & Disaster Management Program, the National Disaster Interfaiths Network (NDIN) will offer, "Engaging Faith Communities in Disasters: Increasing Religious Competency & Literacy" - a one-day training course. The training teaches best practices in working with faith communities in crisis settings, religious competency and literacy, as well as an overview of current resources and how to databank local faith communities. The course prepares government, non-profit and religious leaders to conduct outreach to and engage congregations and religious leaders in partnerships or to support disaster human services/mass care needs of religious populations. Tuition is $95 (includes breakfast, lunch & materials). For more information and registration click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjIrspmnk928fV7cfZ9BdOqE1okdhzFYkO3mCcRi1uv12dB7SoaavO9vOj8PP_z08aIn843PZ_OJSUhDg31UJuj9y_-FfXriS6SIzQkv_DfrQHSu95TYYVZ9wBeTaVV5ZckMklgMF8ESEWzSLNoiVESRJ51cHEqZvzmfa-qhQyCA_lHT1iZ2d3BfiFtwo41NU5g==&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==). **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=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjHbeD6iaMM4PzXPfFQW1ibruGYJ88T9vJpUvVbl-mPttPR8AQ9P4NmcntITYpUcyjIigxo05Ld7VKW-lJf3yrHptlO8MF6wjVdw04riksGk8COWrnV57Te9x6bklMTWqzmHp3pv25pnc4jX8Bg8vkJ3oAo9d9NUXo89k4XszQm8B&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==), through a training partnership with the [National Disaster Interfaiths Network](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjHbeD6iaMM4P1Vqy76u3XWQAtWC_8ptHAmuEY4FkpMrZcdq2yi0EUWuEBqCMJwEsX3UkzSRwbunSyGivzJc2-qf3apDooqKfMZzAz6UwZnxxNlI0KJxFuyg=&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==), 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=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjHCLcRzbeq_VinmpE009tnbp-6j3YQmEXCrDZYyALv3xPG498tDUXfdB3eial94aZshmzZ3HHp3a1I-zmCXpvKsE3834nmUwTHIXUc3MZArnsX7Ifrt-dvM=&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==). 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=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjHbeD6iaMM4PHy1g96vF9PyY7LaERFzkLsU5Z07UyldD7ZjVA62riOb8jV69--4iJ0dWtgl_h0cyIM2Xf3DjiCLcWrGmrTd5M4lN_aBLBBEuO2YviZBNv9DIERmpftKh_GhXSbF23-TmQ9tP70w7w3Nr7eXgyz5Vps5OnBYa4_XaN6fm1tnqfYec98Qo-m-dBg==&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==) for training brochure and tuition. To register, please click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjHbeD6iaMM4Ps7Fhnx0IP3FkJcdO9QUBQkDShLUXe8oLbW4OY0uK8yQviHclCwEAU8P0mNLDLZPn_z71oVQq3qYRN2iE1fXjF28dm-gBaIXFjEGTWnwexExzz3uqY1Nf0IryL3MEtMb8DyFmkRmmBHaz0Dsc1OqsP2ScGACFc79a&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==).

**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=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjKNhzAFhAntbqzBBNHI1qsR3dQPZZtGHnXG9_bpea11poZpiZ5D21doOx5m0L2kQaXW0I6IcpWSM8dgMLGPnigD9Y5eCind94ZApg4c7U326c7bNpW7TTIEiZpYiFA6t-HYHcVuRvv6Xsnl3p6swp7WOgm7jURSgqw==&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==) to register.

**April 25th - National Rebuilding Day in Rockaway, Queens**

In honor of National Rebuilding Day, Rebuilding Together NYC will be returning to Rockaway, Queens with the help of 150 volunteers to provide much needed repairs to homeowners and community members on April 25, 2015. With support from our volunteers as well as local and national partners, Rebuilding Together NYC will rebuild 5 homes and renovate a local community space. In addition, Rebuilding Together NYC will install 100 solar-powered security lights through our "Light it Up" program. If your company is interested in becoming a sponsor, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjIrspmnk928f80tLSJ6Vr9VD20XJ3wjK6HH1M8fA8ghL5UZ-ar6A1VTMV_EyMu2ag23IBNsXSiMl_nM5yTnHm5tB1FU7hriZZERsnoc1A5zzzhSfHcC84XPNawXvmIo-3ZaOoeUgW1QpKRXU1VJX2Mw=&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==) for information on opportunities. If you are an amateur or professional photographer looking for volunteer projects, please contact Caitlin Yumori at [caitlin.yumori@rebuildingtogethernyc.org](mailto:caitlin.yumori@rebuildingtogethernyc.org).

**May 11-14th - National VOAD Annual Conference**

The 2015 National VOAD Conference in New Orleans, LA will be the 23rd annual gathering of representatives from national organization members, state and territory VOADs, private sector partners and emergency management representatives. The conference will include disaster-related trainings, over 30 educational workshops, and valuable collaboration and networking opportunities for over 500 participants. For more information, please click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ybpKt916ObKwIraWc2ZQNo36OLqjy25vYVjYNfza1mdjHkfC0j9BjEpUkqvH0Y7Frh_e8sD28mE75jTvKPswdp_5ohVoeQA7_p-GFOWjItdnFARCLyw51Ri5x8wUBgAFh3Mf5lWruJw9TONiX0BEkrdnps9zFmTduNF4XMJNYZxhOxOr_XPzLg==&c=xc81nKVNLxuYMbRQHMMDQ8WdV_v6O85iPpEXg9vfg_caQ3qCrB0spA==&ch=xl54u_dWmhRNMY9vxIE9KhIijBfhYoD2M9RjcxabynRc668Jr0d6DA==)

**Employment Information**

* **Arkansas Tech University - Assistant Professor in Emergency Management**

Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Arkansas invites applications for two (2) tenure-track positions as Assistant Professor in the Department of Emergency Management within the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. These are nine-month positions with the opportunity for summer instruction; salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applications are due by April 1, 2015 with the anticipated starting date of August 2015. A successful interview and teaching demonstration is required.

Duties and Responsibilities include: develop and teach undergraduate and master’s level courses, both online and face-to-face, in the Department of Emergency Management; advise students; participate in scholarly activity; and provide departmental, college, university, and professional service.

A Doctoral degree in Emergency Management or a related field with a minimum of 18 master-level hours in the discipline is required. ABD candidates may apply with timely completion of a doctoral degree as a condition of employment.

Additional preferred qualifications include: experience in the development and delivery of both student-present and web-based college-level coursework; knowledge of current technologies for curriculum integration such as lecture capture, live video virtual teaching, and social media; a proven record of excellence in teaching, student advising and assessment, research, service learning, and scholarship; grant development and/or management; and experience related to disaster and crisis management, planning, response, and recovery.

To Apply: send letter of application; curriculum vita; transcripts; and three letters of reference to:

Dr. Sandy Smith

Head, Department of Emergency Management

110 Dean Hall

402 West O Street

Russellville, AR 72801-8803

[ssmith107@atu.edu](mailto:ssmith107@atu.edu)

This position is subject to a pre-employment criminal background check. A criminal conviction or arrest pending adjudication alone shall not disqualify an applicant in the absence of a relationship to the requirements of the position. Background check information will be used in a confidential, non-discriminatory manner consistent with state and federal law.

Arkansas Tech University is an AA/EOE employer committed to attracting and retaining a diverse workforce. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment.

* **FEMA Summer Hire Positions**

Summer Hire positions for USFA are listed under Administrative and Office Support (Student Trainee), GS-399-2/3/4/5. The job is open until this Friday, March 6th. This position does not have a 200 application limit since the posting has all Regions on one listing.

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/396181700>

* **University of New Haven - Assistant Professor/Lecturer in Emergency Management**

The Fire Science Department at the University of New Haven is one of the oldest and largest Fire Science programs in the United States supporting education in the area of Fire Science Administration, Emergency Management, Fire and Arson Investigation, Fire Protection Engineering and Paramedicine. The department is undergoing significant expansion and as part of that expansion is seeking to hire either a tenure track Assistant Professor or non-tenure track Lecturer in Emergency Management. This position will coordinate the department’s new online Master of Science program in Emergency Management. As a coordinator this is an eleven month appointment with both teaching and program administration duties. Appointment to a tenure track position requires an earned doctoral degree in Emergency Management, Fire Science or a closely related area, J.D. degrees will not be considered terminal degrees for tenure track appointments. Appointment to the non-tenure track position requires a Master’s degree in Emergency Management, Fire Science or closely related area of study. The department highly values professional experience in a senior leadership role in Emergency Management and previous teaching experience is also valued.

The University of New Haven is a private, top-tier comprehensive university. The University has over 3,500 undergraduates and 1,900 graduates and offers more than 80 undergraduate and 25 graduate degree programs. Conveniently located near downtown New Haven, the University provides employees with a comprehensive benefit package and a professional, productive and pleasant work environment.

Interested applicants should submit electronically their curriculum vita and a list of three professional references to [hrdept@newhaven.edu](mailto:hrdept@newhaven.edu). You must reference the search #15-03F in the subject line of the email to help ensure proper delivery. You may also mail this information to:

Search 15-03F

University of New Haven  
300 Boston Post Road  
West Haven, CT 06516

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* **York University – Associate/Full Professor in Disaster and Emergency Management (DEM)**

**Position Rank:** Full Time Tenure Stream - Associate/Full Professor

**Discipline/Field:** Disaster and Emergency Management

**Home Faculty:** Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

**Home Department/Area/Division:** Administrative Studies

**Affiliation/Union:** YUFA

**Position Start Date:** July 1, 2015

The School of Administrative Studies, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, York University invites applications for a dynamic teacher/researcher for a tenure-stream position at the Associate Professor or Full Professor level in Disaster and Emergency Management (DEM). The successful candidate will carry teaching responsibilities that include a range of undergraduate/graduate disaster and emergency management courses. This position is directed to candidates who have a PhD in Disaster and Emergency Management or a related discipline. Successful candidates will have a demonstrated record of dynamic, critical and productive scholarly research in the field, evidence of teaching excellence at the

undergraduate/graduate level in the field, demonstrative experience working with emergency management professionals and organizations, and a demonstrated capacity for effective leadership, both administratively and with respect to research. The candidate should have an established track record in teaching and research in disaster and emergency management and complement the existing expertise in the Disaster and Emergency Management area at the School of Administrative Studies. The successful candidate must be suitable for immediate appointment to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

The start date for this position is July 1, 2015. All York University positions are subject to

budgetary approval. The deadline for applications is April 10, 2015.

York University is an Affirmative Action (AA) employer and strongly values diversity, including

gender and sexual diversity, within its community. The AA program, which applies to Aboriginal people, visible minorities, people with disabilities, and women, can be found at [www.yorku.ca/acadjobs](http://www.yorku.ca/acadjobs) or by calling the AA office at 416-736-5713. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however,

Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

Candidates should submit a signed letter of application outlining their professional experience and research interests, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, summaries of teaching evaluations, and the names of three referees, and arrange for three reference letters to be sent directly, to: Professor Peggy Ng, Director, School of Administrative Studies, 223 Atkinson, at: York University, 4700 Keele St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M3J 1P3.

**Posting End Date:** April 10, 2015

***DON’T FORGET DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS FOR MOST OF THE UNITED STATES THIS WEEKEND.***

*Thank you and have a distinctive weekend,*

Barbara

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