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New resources on distracted driving for the PIO and public educators

Public information officers (PIOs) and public educators now have a [new set of free messaging tools to help drivers learn to safely navigate the scene of active traffic incidents](#), provided by the Responder Safety Learning Network.

Each year, distracted drivers hit fire, law enforcement, EMS and other personnel working roadway incident scenes, resulting in preventable deaths and injuries. Though better staging at the scene and improved situational awareness by responders decreases the likelihood of these incidents, it is also important to keep the public mindful of the dangers of distracted driving

ResponderSafety.com provides resources and information to help PIOs and public educators with this task, including public service announcement videos, a press packet, training modules, a “backgrounder” for leadership, media advisory templates and many other downloadable resources.

These tools were successfully piloted in Maryland and Pennsylvania, where first responders discussed dangers of distracted driving to people stopping at visitor centers. Through these effective outreach methods, your department can go a long way to lessen the distracted driving problem in your jurisdiction and help everyone go home safely.

(Source: ResponderSafety.com)

Creating your digital toolkit: resources for your mobile devices

Technology is evolving so quickly that it’s hard to keep up with the sheer volume of applications available that claim to make your job easier. The National Library of Medicine produced the course “[Packing Your Digital Go Bag](#)” to help first responders and emergency preparedness professionals choose reliable apps to meet specific needs in the field.

These digital tools compliment the standard physical supplies used in the field and include mapping programs, decision support aids and situational awareness tools. Some, but not all, apps may be used without internet access. Apps are listed under some of the following topical areas:

- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) and Hazardous Substances.
- Medical and Psychological Health Information.
- Responder Safety.
- Surveillance and Alerts.
- Family Reunification.
- Social Media and Communication.

You may take the course in its entirety or go through individual modules that meet your specific needs. This course is part of the [Medical Library Association’s Disaster Information Specialization](#) and carries one continuing education credit.

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See the list of related courses on the [Disaster Information Management Research Center](#) website.

(Source: [National Library of Medicine](#))

Safeguarding houses of worship

The Justice Technology Information Center (JTIC) has compiled a [list of resources to help law enforcement agencies and houses of worship prepare for natural and man-made disasters](#). Recent catastrophic events, such as the church shooting in Texas and the hurricanes affecting multiple states, only serve to reinforce the need for emergency planning within every segment of the population.

These resources represent a wide variety of viewpoints and roles as they were developed by very different entities including federal agencies, legal libraries, churches and religious organizations, universities, insurance companies and law enforcement associations. This variety provides a broader scope, enabling better preparedness planning. Resources include:

- Facilities management and vulnerability assessment guides.
- Active shooter table top training for faith-based organizations.
- Emergency management planning guides.
- Programs on preventing crime.
- Counter terrorism protective security advice.

In addition, the National Institute of Justice created an app to help law enforcement and houses of worship work through preparedness activities together. Instructions for accessing the free app are at the top of the JTIC site.

(Source: [JTIC](#))

First responders needed for I&A Fellowship Program

The application period is now open for state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) partners interested in the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) Fellowship Program. The fellowship is open to mid- to senior-level employees from law enforcement, fire service, public safety/health, intelligence and more. [First responder experience is highly desirable](#) (PDF, 438 KB).

The program is designed to integrate SLTT partners into the intelligence and information sharing processes across the federal government and intelligence community. [Applications close on January 19, 2018](#) (PDF, 516 KB).

This program gives SLTT personnel the unique opportunity to come to Washington, DC, for one year to work alongside federal analysts and provide invaluable perspective, ensuring threat information is effectively shared between all levels of government. Past Fellows have contributed to the Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team, I&A Headquarters, and DHS at large. Housing, per-diem and travel are paid.

(Source: [DHS I&A](#))

The U.S. Fire Administration maintains the Emergency Management and Response – Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC). For information regarding the EMR-ISAC visit www.usfa.dhs.gov/emr-isac or contact the EMR-ISAC office at: (301) 447-1325 and/or emr-isac@fema.dhs.gov.

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