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## Two recalls affecting first responders: propane and injectable Naloxone

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced a **propane recall due to a safety hazard**. This propane did not have the proper amount of odorant added during production, making it dangerous as it would be difficult to detect a leak.

- Recalled: 1.7 million gallons of propane distributed in Texas and Louisiana through several companies and retailers between February and April 2018.

This propane is being sold in portable refillable cylinders (i.e., grill bottles) and as bulk tank delivery via distributors. [Instructions and procedures for this recall are listed on the CPSC website](#).

There is also a **voluntary recall of injectable Naloxone**, the opioid overdose reversal drug, due to the presence of loose particulate matter in the syringe plunger. The full recall notice, including lot numbers, dates and contact information, is posted on the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration website](#).

- Recalled: two lots of single-use injectable Naloxone Hydrochloride Carpuject cartridge syringe system, manufactured by Hospira, Inc.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is urging Naloxone carriers to check their product against the national recall list. Please inform anyone in your network who may be carrying Naloxone immediately.

(Sources: Various)

## Ebola outbreak spreading overseas again

Two years ago, West Africa was declared Ebola-free following the 2014 outbreak. New cases are now turning up in the same region and while international response is more proactive than four years ago, [this new outbreak has already spread from rural areas into a densely populated city area](#), increasing the potential for spread.

So far the outbreak is still small and officials hope to contain it. Unlike the 2014 outbreak, they have promising experimental vaccines in their arsenal this time, which already have proven to be helpful in recent trials.

It is always a good idea to keep ahead of potential threats, and [EMS personnel could again play a large role if Ebola makes it to the United States](#) (PDF, 636 KB) in the future. Agencies should review and update response plans, patient transport protocols, infection control or any other plans that might cover response to a patient with Ebola. Current guidance:

- The [National Association of State EMS Officials](#) has a list of Ebola-related resources including after-action reports, training, hospital preparedness, EMS checklists, fact sheets for law enforcement, legal issues and much more.
- [Public Health Emergency](#) provides EMS providers and other healthcare workers to prepare for and treat patients who may be infected.
- The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) describes transmission, signs and symptoms, prevention and treatment of Ebola.

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- The Journal of Emergency Medical Services published “[A First Responder’s Guide to Ebola](#)” during the last outbreak.

Ensure your personnel are up-to-date on recommended guidance from national-level agencies, and consider a formal review or in-house training on them.

(Sources: Various)

## VALOR Officer Safety app updated

The VALOR Team announces the launch of the [updated VALOR Officer Safety app](#). With a contemporary look and an array of additional features, the VALOR Officer Safety app is more prepared than ever to provide you with cutting-edge training.

This mobile app allows you to stay connected to the VALOR Program and access its valuable officer safety training materials from your home, your squad car, at the station and on your lunch break. Once you download the updated VALOR app, you will have access to:

- Daily preservice checklist.
- Officer safety tips.
- Training videos and the VALOR Voices podcasts.
- Bulletins, posters and other secure resources.

You will receive important VALOR Program information through app announcements, have links to all of VALOR’s social media accounts, and be able to view upcoming VALOR trainings that are open for registration.

The VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Program is a Bureau of Justice Affairs initiative focusing on officer safety, professional policing standards, casualty care, rescue tactics, and overall health and wellness.

(Source: [VALOR Program](#))

## Webinar: planning for drinking water emergencies

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting the webinar “Field Response Planning for Drinking Water Contamination Emergencies” on Thursday, June 14, 2018, at 2-3 p.m. Eastern. [Those interested must register](#).

Planning for drinking water contamination emergencies includes identifying activities utility personnel can be trained to perform in an emergency, planning with local emergency response partners, developing procedures, and conducting drills and exercise. Attendees will learn more about these activities and where to find additional resources for planning and training.

Those interested in planning for this issue should also check out the EPA’s “[Guidance for Building Field Capabilities to Respond to Drinking Water Contamination](#)” (PDF, 3.4 MB).

(Source: [EPA](#))

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