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

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

**14 February 2014**

**Higher Education Program News:**

* **16th Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, June 2-5, 2014.**

The 16th Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium is scheduled for June 2-5, 2014. Plenary, breakout sessions and workshops are once again on the schedule. More symposium information will be posted on the Higher Education website in the next few months including call for papers and presentations and registration information. <https://training.fema.gov/emiweb/edu/>

Questions or concerns about the symposium should be sent to [Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov).

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

Monday June 2, 2014 – 16th Annual EM Hi Ed Symposium

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; new knowledge to be disseminated amongst scholars; and, for the scholars to in turn build on this new knowledge through their own research and/or share the new knowledge with students in higher education programs. This sharing also provides the opportunity for those conducting research to receive peer feedback on their work, offer presentations that are meaningful for achieving tenure, and develop synergies that will enhance scholarship in the field.

As of this year, emergency management has such a research conference.

The FEMA Higher Education Program welcomes EM student and faculty scholars to submit abstracts to present at this year’s Workshop to be held Monday, June 2 at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland the day before the 2014 FEMA Higher Education Symposium.

Abstracts for research presentations that fall within the following categories are welcomed: advances in theory, analysis based on a literature review, results of basic research, or results of applied research.

**THE DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS April 7, 2014.** You can submit your abstract for consideration at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EMTandRWorkshop>

**Guidelines for Submission**:

1. Ensure your proposed presentation fits into one of the categories identified above.
2. Please ensure that your abstract clearly describes what your presentation will address.
3. Ensure that your proposed presentation can be delivered within a 20-30 minute time period.

**Workshop Selection Process**:

1. Selection of abstracts for presentation at the Workshop will be made based on four criteria this year:
2. Clarity of what the presentation would address based on the abstract submitted
3. A desire to ensure that all presentations reflect work contributing to the development of the academic discipline of emergency management
4. The number of abstracts received versus the amount of time available for the workshop
5. A desire to balance presentations across the categories in which submissions have been requested
6. Decisions regarding submitted abstracts will be made the week of April 7-11, 2014.
7. Notification of selection will be sent the week of April 14-18, 2014 along with additional information to assist Workshop presenters in the development of their presentation.

PLEASE CONTACT JESSICA JENSEN WITH ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE THEORY AND RESEARCH WORKSHOP AT [JA.JENSEN@NDSU.EDU](mailto:JA.JENSEN@NDSU.EDU) OR 701-219-4293.

**Intern and Scholarship Opportunities:**

* **Opportunity for Grad Students & Postdocs - Heidelberg Laureate Forum--Deadline: Monday, March 3, 2014 at 12:00 pm, Eastern Time**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) and Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) are pleased to announce that they will sponsor a maximum of 20 young researchers to attend the 2nd annual Heidelberg Laureate Forum in Heidelberg, Germany, from September 21 through 26, 2014. NSF and ORAU invite your institution to nominate graduate students and postdoctoral researchers to be members of the U.S. Delegation to this prestigious meeting.

The first Heidelberg Laureate Forum (HLF) was held in 2013 bringing together winners of the Fields Medal, Abel Prize, Turing Award, and Rolf Nevanlinna Prize with young researchers in Heidelberg, Germany on the campus of the University of Heidelberg. It is anticipated that about 200 young researchers from around the world will attend the weeklong meeting in 2014. There are formal lectures in the morning, and the remainder of the day is set aside for the young researchers to meet informally with the Laureate scientists, as well as with their peers from around the world.

U.S. delegation members will receive all business-related expenses to attend the HLF along with some additional benefits. We are seeking applicants from U.S. institutions and meet the criteria set forth by ORAU and HLF. We are especially interested in receiving nominations from a diverse group of students, including women, minorities and people with disabilities. Specific eligibility criteria and a nomination form may be found on our web site: <http://www.orau.org/hlf>. All applicants to the U.S. delegation must also apply to attend to the HLF Foundation at <http://www.heidelberg-laureate-forum.org/call-for-application>.

All nominations must be submitted before Monday, March 3, 2014 at 12:00 pm, Eastern Time.  We know this is a short time period but the HLF has a hard deadline for the completion of all nominations. Further information about the program, including the Web site for submission of nominations, can be found online at <http://www.orau.org/hlf>.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact: Samuel Held, Program Manager, ORAU

[hlf2014@orau.org](mailto:hlf2014@orau.org), 865-576-8223 office

**Employment Opportunities:**

* **Deputy Superintendent, GS- 0301-15**

A vacancy announcement has been posted for a Deputy Superintendent, GS- 0301-15 in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Directorate (NPD), and Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP).

DEU (All U.S. Citizens)

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/360935800>

Merit Promotion

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/360934600>

**Emergency Management/Homeland Security News:**

* **5th International Disaster and Risk Conference IDRC Davos 2014**

The 5th International Disaster and Risk Conference IDRC Davos 2014 serves as **the science & technology input platform for the post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (HFA2)** and provides recommendations towards the UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan, in March 2015 on achievements, gaps and needs in science and technology for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

**Provide your input towards risk reduction and the HFA2 by submitting your abstract via the dedicated call for abstracts portal on the IDRC website:** [**http://idrc.info**](http://visitor.benchmarkemail.com/c/l?u=32D7087&e=4278BA&c=A1E4&t=0&l=2D1B54C&email=vPZfB8JWYRNn4B2vl%2BI%2FqIfe7YS2wpsb3l6YYPuxTOA%3D)**. Submission deadline is 28th February 2014.**

* **28th Annual Governor’s Hurricane Conference - May 11 – 16, 2014  
  At the Rosen Centre Hotel and Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida**

Just a reminder that the deadline for Student Scholarship Application submittal is **Friday, February 21st**.  Please visit the portal website at: [http://ghc.cdrp.net/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001liklJRQnc16Jfk_RfCgSAlhm9iTFrTR3FF02Gl4N6jPNGB8X-ylmyWFP0fImoXOhm-V_lDLBikYDwiSCBEz8hLZhSpF_IEp7jsAR_F5QyJzEioxnzdhBs6oDWFFcsm7keS0U6d_1gIxli_mkNIz7IuMph1-jqFKhg9Y-1qUwWdI=&c=-u7nOro3srxm5F5rIg0IsxyPlD52oWAktW_FWzCFhlqVLPYIKRYwEg==&ch=IKF489BVvM2xfEhEquzA73oRA5hwkH_jzEWpgyOt7NB2dQlzgSr9FA==) and submit your application today!

* **Disaster Information Management Research Center, February 12, 2014**

\*Selections from over 100 e-sources\*

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\*\*\*World Health Organization (WHO) Providing Open Access to all Publications\*\*\*

WHO provides access to the numerous items they have authored and published through their website, under the belief that access to information is a basic right that supports better decision making. A new policy that will be effective July 2014 requires that any WHO authored or WHO-funded research published in non-WHO publications, such as journals and books, must also be made freely available to all. 

Press Release: <http://www.who.int/about/who_reform/change_at_who/issue4/information-sharing/en/index.html>

WHO Publications: <http://www.who.int/publications/en/>

WHO Institutional Repository: <http://apps.who.int/iris/>

\*\*\*Libraries Have a Role in Community Preparedness and Response Efforts\*\*\*

Dan Wilson, Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Emergency Preparedness & Response Initiative was the keynote speaker at the Libraries of Gloucester, Salem, and Cumberland Information Network (LOGIN) meeting in West Deptford, NJ. He spoke about the need for libraries to be prepared, and also encouraged libraries to increase their readiness capabilities so they are ready to respond.

<http://nnlm.gov/ep/2014/02/10/opal-for-login-meeting-report/>

\*\*\* ASPR Collaboration Community Forum\*\*\*

This community public forum was developed by the U.S. Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to allow stakeholders to discuss and share individual ideas about public health and medical emergency preparedness, response, and recovery.

<http://phegov.ideascale.com/>

\*\*\*Research Study Involving Health Care Providers Who Have Responded to a Disaster\*\*\*

World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADEM)

University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Disaster Responders are sought for a research study exploring stress in nurses/nurse practitioners, physicians, physician assistants, mental health workers, paramedics, and emergency medical technicians from any country who have responded to one or more major disasters or humanitarian relief events. Research is being conducted at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville (USA) by WADEM member and doctoral candidate Suzanne Boswell. Residents from any country are welcome to complete an online survey and participate in an optional interview.

<http://www.wadem.org/documents/responder_stress_study.pdf>

\*\*\*Now Trending on Twitter\*\*\*

Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)

This web-based application developed by ASPR searches open source Twitter data for health topics and delivers analyses of that data for both a specified geographic area and the national level. Data is displayed as word clouds of the top conditions and locations being Tweeted about in the last two weeks. The information available on this website is intended for health departments and other health entities to use in multiple ways, such as serving as an indicator of potential health issues emerging in the population, building a baseline of trend data, engaging the public on trending health topics, or cross-referencing other data sources.

<http://nowtrending.hhs.gov/>

\*\*\*Web-based Software Tools to Assist Hospitals and Emergency Responders\*\*\*

Johns Hopkins National Center for the Study of Preparedness and Catastrophic Event Response (PACER) has developed three web-based software tools to assist hospitals and emergency responders to prepare for disasters. These applications allow users to run through a number of scenarios that help them determine the need for supplies and resources during emergency and disaster events.

Apps Website: <https://www.pacerapps.org/>

Press Release: <http://www.healthnewsdigest.com/news/Forecast_630/Johns-Hopkins-Scientists-Launch-Advanced-Disaster-Planning-and-Flu-Forecasting-Apps.shtml>

\*\*\* Working and Sustaining the Virtual “Disaster Desk”\*\*\*

Project Epic

December 9, 2013

This paper outlines the growth of Humanity Road from a group of geographically dispersed volunteers supporting the relief effort after the 2010 Haiti earthquake to the non-profit organization that now formally supports emergency management through social media efforts. There are roles for librarians and information specialists in disaster response; this article describes an existing organization that makes use of volunteers with skills librarians have to offer.

<http://epic.cs.colorado.edu/wp-content/uploads/cscw2013_final.pdf>

\*\*\*Monitoring Healthcare Delivery System Stressors\*\*\*

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response monitors the healthcare delivery system in an effort to determine ongoing issues that can lead to reduced capabilities of systems to respond to emergencies.  The difficulty some healthcare organizations are currently experiencing obtaining adequate quantities of injectable 0.9% sodium chloride (normal saline) serves as a recent example of such an issue. You can review some resources that offer some information about the current normal saline situation, along with guidance which may assist providers in managing resource shortfalls.

\* The Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) current drug shortages web page: <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugShortages/default.htm>

\* FDA statement on fluid shortage here: <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm382255.htm>

\* The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (AHSP) list of current drug shortages: <http://www.ashp.org/DrugShortages/Current/>  
\* ASHP Information specific to 0.9% Sodium Chloride for Injection can be found here: <http://www.ashp.org/DrugShortages/Current/Bulletin.aspx?id=993>

\* The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials’ (ASTHO) 2012 report Coping with and Mitigating the Effects of Shortages of Emergency Medications: <http://www.ems.gov/pdf/2013/ASTHO_Shortages_of_Emergency_Meds.pdf>

\*\*\*Webinar Series on e-Government Resources: May 25 Session on Roles for Libraries in Disasters\*\*\*

The American Library Association (ALA) and the Information Policy & Access Center (iPAC) at the University of Maryland at College Park announced the re-launch of Lib2Gov, an online e-government resource for librarians. As part of the launch, they will host a webinar series beginning February 26th dealing with a number of topics to help libraries to better meet the e-government needs of their users.  Save May 15th for the webinar on roles for libraries and librarians in disasters.

Lib2Gov website: <http://www.lib2gov.org/>

Webinar series: <http://www.lib2gov.org/webinars>

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

Valentine’s Day Preparedness e-Card

The American Public Health Association has developed a series of e-Cards as part of its “Get Ready” campaign to help people prepare for disasters and hazards. This month, they have added an e-card for Valentine’s Day. Send someone you love a message of preparedness!

<http://www.getreadyforflu.org/ecard.htm>

\*\*\*New in the Resource Guide\*\*\*

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

Three Guides for Pandemic Influenza Planning

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response

A series of three discussion guides were developed to assist emergency managers, hospital staff and public health departments to develop, modify and assess their healthcare preparedness plans.

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

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

* **IAEM Dispatch, February 13, 2014**

**IAEM-USA NEWS**

**Action needed: Survey on return on investment for Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding** **IAEM**   
IAEM-USA is conducting our seventh annual survey seeking information from U.S. local and tribal government emergency management offices about the value of Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding. IAEM-USA and NEMA are partnering to offer Congress a joint report demonstrating the return on investment for EMPG. NEMA has collected information on state activities and IAEM-USA is collecting local and tribal data through Feb. 25. Local government and tribal emergency managers are encouraged to take a few minutes to complete the electronic survey. The link to the electronic survey, the details of the survey request, and a copy of the survey (to assist in gathering information) are located on the IAEM website under [Government Affairs news](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2026&&&http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=groups/us-committees/government-affairs&lvl=2).

**IAEM NEWS**

**IAEM Bulletin call for articles extended to Feb. 17, 2014** **IAEM**   
The submissions deadline for the IAEM Bulletin special focus issue on "What Is the New Normal?" has been extended to Monday, Feb. 17, 2014, 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. The IAEM Editorial Work Group is interested in articles defining what the "new normal" is for you, exploring the "new normal" in your community, how it has affected your community, what needs to be done, and the challenges that you're facing as a result. The "new normal" may be different in different states or provinces, and different among countries. Your article might focus on climate change, social media, new technology, economic changes, or any area in which you are confronted by the "new normal." Please read the [IAEM Bulletin Author's Guidelines](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2030&&&http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=resources/newsletter/author-guidelines&lvl=2), and keep your articles at no more than 750 words. [Email article submissions](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2031&&&mailto:Thompson@iaem.com) to Karen Thompson, IAEM Bulletin Editor, no later than **Feb. 17, 2014**.

**CEM® UPDATE**

**Plan now to participate in an upcoming prep course and CEM®/AEM℠ Exam** **IAEM**   
CEM®/AEM℠ candidates should mark their calendars for the upcoming Prep Course and Exam offerings:

* Brier, Wash — Mar. 6 (Exam only; deadline to register is Feb. 21.)
* Buffalo, N.Y. — Mar. 14 (Deadline to register is Feb. 25.)
* Atlantic City, N.J. — May 5 (Deadline to register is Apr. 18.)
* Lake Charles, La. — May 5 (Exam only; deadline to register is Apr. 18.)
* San Antonio, Texas — May 12-13 (Deadline to register is Apr. 28.)
* Savannah, Ga. — May 19 (Deadline to register is May 5.)
* Garden City, N.Y. — June 14 (Deadline to register is May 26.)

Registration details are posted on the [IAEM website](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2039&&&http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=certification/getting-started/prep-course-exam-dates&lvl=2). A minimum of 10 participants is required for courses to proceed. The cost of the prep course is $495. Candidates interested in taking the exam must also pay the certification fee ($395 for IAEM Members; $595 for non-IAEM members).

**Certification examination study note** **IAEM**   
CEM®/AEM℠ candidates should note that the exam is organized according to the NFPA 1600 Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs. The current exam is based on the 2007 version. IAEM will post a revised study guide brochure once the exam is updated. [Get the current study guide now](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2045&&&http://www.iaem.com/documents/CEM-AEM-Study-Guide-June2013.pdf).

**IAEM-STUDENT NEWS**

**Student Council Announces 2014 Student Essay Contest** **IAEM**   
In October 2012, seven Italian officials were convicted of manslaughter for "providing false reassurance" prior to the 2009 L'Aquila earthquake. The conviction, currently under appeal included sentences of six years in prison and fines of €7.8M. Reports of the convictions shocked the scientific and emergency management community and raises questions to whether this can happen elsewhere and what can be done to prevent or mitigate such convictions in the future. In order to raise awareness of this event, the Global Student Council is launching an essay contest to see if this could potentially happen elsewhere. [Download the contest flyer here](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2048&&&http://www.iaem.com/documents/IAEM-SC-Student-Essay-Contest-2014.pdf) with complete information and requirements. The deadline for entries is **Apr. 30, 2014**. A panel of academics, practitioners and a member of the IAEM Global Student Council will select both an undergraduate and graduate winner. Each winner will be provided with a complimentary registration and cover hotel costs for the 2014 IAEM Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE**

**Get conference updates in the February *Conference Call* newsletter** **IAEM**   
The February issue of [*The Conference Call*](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2055&&&http://www.iaem.com/documents/Conference-Call-Feb2014.pdf) is available. Download the issue to get information on the Call for Speaker, a new spouse program, conference hospitality and what to do in San Antonio. Watch the [IAEM Conference page](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2056&&&http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=events/annual-conference) for future issue and new information on the 62nd Annual Conference & EMEX in San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 14-19,2014.

**Last Call: IAEM Annual Conference call for speakers closes Friday, Feb. 21, 2014** **IAEM**   
Submit your abstract by Friday, Feb. 21, 2014, 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, to be considered for a breakout session at the IAEM 62nd Annual Conference & EMEX, Nov. 14-19, 2014, San Antonio, Texas. The conference theme is "Emergency Management: Navigating the New Normal." Review the [Speaker Guidance](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2051&&&http://www.iaem.com/documents/Speaker-Guidance-2014.pdf) for all the requirements, and [submit](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2052&&&https://submit.iaem.com/IAEM2014/submit/SpeakerSubmit.aspx) your presentation today.

**EM NEWS**

**BC Management's 12th annual BCM compensation study deadline is Mar. 15, 2014** **IAEM**   
Those who participate in BC Managements 12th Annual Compensation Study will receive a complimentary copy of the report. [The survey closes on Mar. 15, 2014](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2070&&&http://www.bcmanagement.com/participate-in-study.html). In addition to compensation, the study is collecting data on the skill sets within the profession, breakout of certifications, what's in demand by employers, forecasting future trends.

**TIEMS issues second call for papers** **IAEM**   
[The International Emergency Management Society (TIEMS)](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2066&&&http://tiems.info/) has published its second call for papers for the TIEMS 2014 USA Conference. This version includes the keynotes and also the other papers submitted so far, as well as additional relevant information for participants. [Download here](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2067&&&http://tiems.info/images/TIEMS%202014%20USA%20Conference%202nd%20Call%20for%20Papers.pdf). The TIEMS 2014 USA Conference, on "Global Response for Capacity Building of Disaster Preparedness," will take place July 11-13, 2014, in Hattiesburg, Miss.

**University of California invites participants for mass fatality survey** **IAEM**   
The University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine, is conducting a large-scale study of representatives from local and state emergency management offices regarding mass fatality incidents. Completion of the survey, which was developed with expert national leaders in mass fatality incidents, will help offices of emergency management to systematically review their key capabilities with respect to mass fatalities. All summary results will be posted on the [study's website](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2073&&&http://healthpolicy.ucsf.edu/DisasterPrep/MFM) at the conclusion of the study. [Click here to take the survey](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2074&&&https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NSFOEMSurvey).

**Getting the message across in natural disasters** **Phys.Org**   
Why do we see images of people being rescued from vehicles stuck in raging floodwaters despite repeated "If it's flooded, forget it" warnings from emergency services and media? Why do some people stay and some people go when a bushfire is bearing down on their home? A team of QUT researchers in the newly formed Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC is set to find out how people assess the risks of an unfolding natural disaster and use that to decide on their response to events like cyclones and bushfires.

**EM RESOURCES**

**DHS S&T releases key findings related to wireless emergency alerts** **IAEM**   
The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) has announced the release of a report entitled: [Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) Mobile Penetration Strategy](http://strongmail1.multiview.com:80/track?type=click&eas=1&mailingid=2085658&messageid=2085658&databaseid=Mailing.DS85658.2085658.70344&serial=17110102&emailid=barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov&userid=39051324&targetid=&fl=&extra=MultivariateId=&&&2085&&&http://go.usa.gov/BRn4). Launched in 2012, WEA provides a national capability to deliver alert messages directly to the public via mobile devices.in a specific affected geographic region. The report characterizes WEA coverage across the nation, identifies barriers to adoption, and suggests options for improving coverage. It provides recommendations for each group on how to improve the utilization of WEA nationwide and maximize public awareness and user acceptance.

**Natural disasters bring risk of fungal infections** **LiveScience**

Natural disasters can create conditions that put survivors at risk for fungal infections, which are often overlooked, according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes and other natural disasters can displace harmful fungi from their natural habitat, potentially bringing them into contact with injured and vulnerable people, the report said. Individuals may inhale fungal spores, or the spores can find their way into wounds, resulting in infections.

**NEW INSIGHTS**

**Steering clear of disaster on the climate 'Titanic'** **Mother Nature Network**   
"Just explain it to me simply ... how much time do we have left?" This is a question Karl Burkart gets asked a lot, and he's found that before long — after explaining the intricacies of the latest IPCC climate science consensus (known as AR5), carbon accounting metrics, "the gigatonne gap," CO2 sequestration, and several other key concepts — his subject's eyes glaze over with either boredom or confusion, or some combination of the two. So he's taken to a metaphor that seems to do the trick: the SMS Titanic.

**AROUND THE WORLD**

**Storm with 100 mph gusts hits soggy Britain** **The Associated Press via ABC News**   
Britain's weather service says it sees the tentacles of climate change in a spate of storms and floods battering the country, but has stopped short of saying warming directly caused the extreme storms. The latest round of bad weather hit Britain's west coast with winds gusting at more than 100 miles (160 kilometers) an hour.

**'Devastating' storm blasts South, heads north** **USA Today**   
More than 300,000 homes and businesses were without power in Georgia and the Carolinas as a fierce winter storm cut an icy swath across much of the South. The massive storm threatened to knock out power for hundreds of thousands more across the South before turning its sights on the Northeast. More than 100 million Americans are under some form of a winter storm warning, watch, or advisory, the National Weather Service said

**State audit: Oregon Office of Emergency Management not fully prepared for major disaster** **The Oregonian**   
Oregon's Office of Emergency Management has not finished critical disaster plans and that could delay relief efforts and decrease the effectiveness of recovery efforts, according to an audit released from the Oregon Secretary of State. One of the office's primary responsibilities is to prepare and maintain a statewide emergency management plan, but the audit found that the plan has undeveloped and incomplete sections, including ones on emergency operations, relief and recovery.

**Disaster aid for Colorado flooding surpasses $267 million** **Insurance Journal**   
Since heavy rains brought flooding in September 2013, Colorado survivors have received more than $267 million in federal/state recovery assistance, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. More than $219 million has come from disaster grants, flood insurance payments and low-interest disaster loans. More than $48 million has been obligated through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Public Assistance program, FEMA said.

**West Virginia faces fresh disaster** **National Journal**   
A month after a chemical spill threatened West Virginians' water supply, the state is facing a fresh disaster. Coal slurry spilled into a creek that flows into the Kanawha River after a slurry line ruptured and burst at a coal preparation plant. The slurry contains MCHM, the same chemical that leaked from a chemical-storage tank into the state's Elk River last month leading to a partial ban on drinking water across the state.

**Japan's nuclear regulator raps Fukushima operator over radiation readings** **Reuters**   
Japan's nuclear regulator has criticized the operator of the stricken Fukushima plant for incorrectly measuring radiation levels in contaminated groundwater at the site. Almost three years since the reactor meltdowns at the Fukushima Daiichi station, Tokyo Electric Power Co still lacks basic understanding of measuring and handling radiation, Nuclear Regulation Authority Chairman Shunichi Tanaka said. The utility has been widely criticized for an inept response to the March 2011 disaster.

**Railways quietly withdrew request to cut safety inspections following Lac-Mégantic disaster** **CBC News via Yahoo News Canada**   
It's getting harder not to surrender to cynicism about how big business operates in Canada after learning the railway industry sought to cut back inspection of rail cars carrying dangerous goods before the Lac-Mégantic disaster, shelved it afterward and then denied it had even made the request. Some digging by *CBC News* has unearthed correspondence between the Railway Association of Canada and the federal transport minister requesting Ottawa repeal rules requiring certified inspectors to examine crucial rail-car components such as brakes, axles and wheels before loading dangerous or explosive cargoes.

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* **IAEM and inWEM - Celebrate and Inspire - Women in Emergency Management & Homeland Security**

In Celebration of National Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day

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**Date/Time:**

Friday, March 7, 2014

**Time:**

11:00 am to 12:30 pm (EDT)

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Women leaders in emergency management and homeland security will discuss one of FEMA’s 2011 National Disaster Recovery Framework’s (NDRF) core principles; *Partnerships and Inclusiveness*. The panelists’ primary focus is the important role women leaders’ play in promoting inclusion of *“whole community”* and respect for social and cultural diversity.

**Co-Hosts:** Ms. Nancy Harris, Chair - IAEM Diversity Ad Hoc Committee

Dr. Jacqueline McBride, CEM - inWEM Founder and President

**Moderator:** Ms. Kay C. Goss, CEM - inWEM 1st Vice President

**Panelists:** Ms.Pam Bramlett, Lead Contractor at FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute

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

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* Defending the Homeland: The Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Response Enterprise <http://www.ausa.org/publications/ilw/DigitalPublications/Documents/tb-cbrn/index.html>

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* Hacks on Gas: Energy, Cybersecurity, and U.S. Defense <http://bakerinstitute.org/files/6195/download/>

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* Potential Effects of the Affordable Care Act on Income Inequality <http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/papers/2014/01/potential-effects-affordable-care-act-income-inequality-aaron-burtless/potential-effects-affordable-care-act-income-inequality-aaron-burtless.pdf>

**Census Bureau**

* Computer and Internet Access in the United States <http://www.census.gov/hhes/computer/>

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

* National Coastal Ocean Mapping: Advancing National Defense and Ocean Conservation <http://www.cnas.org/sites/default/files/publications-pdf/OceanMapping_MedinaSmithSturgis.pdf>
* Energy Rush: Shale Production and U.S. National Security <http://www.cnas.org/energy-rush#.UvcfX02Ya00>

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* Examining Challenges and Wasted Taxpayer Dollars in Modernizing Border Security IT Systems <http://homeland.house.gov/hearing/examining-challenges-and-wasted-taxpayer-dollars-modernizing-border-security-it-systems>
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* The FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012: Two Years Later <http://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=366219>
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**Congress. Senate. Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs**

* The Federal Government’s Track Record on Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure  <http://hsgac.senate.gov/download/the-federal-governments-track-record-on-cybersecurity-and-critical-infrastructure>

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* Privacy in the Digital Age: Preventing Data Breaches and Combating Cybercrime <http://www.judiciary.senate.gov/hearings/hearing.cfm?id=138603a26950ad873303535a6300170f>
* The Slow Recovery of the Labor Market <http://www.cbo.gov/publication/45011>

**Congressional Budget Office (CBO)**

* The Budget and Economic Outlook: 2014 to 2024 <http://www.cbo.gov/publication/45010>
* Effects of the Affordable Care Act on Health Insurance Coverage - Baseline Projections <http://www.cbo.gov/publication/43900>
* Historical Budget Data - February 2014 <http://www.cbo.gov/publication/45067>
* Key Assumptions in Projecting Potential GDP—February 2014 Baseline <http://www.cbo.gov/publication/45070>

**Department of State**

* 2014 U.S. Climate Action Report to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change <http://www.state.gov/e/oes/rls/rpts/car6/index.htm>

**Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)**

* *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin,* February 2014 <http://leb.fbi.gov/2014/february>
  + Responding to Persons with Mental Illness: Can Screening Checklists Aid Law Enforcement?
  + Pell Grant Fraud Awareness: White-Collar Crime Challenges

**Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR)**

* Inroads to Resilience; global Facility for disaster Reduction and Recovery annual Report <https://www.gfdrr.org/sites/gfdrr.org/files/publication/GFDRR_AR_FY13.pdf>

**Government Accountability Office (GAO)**

* Border Security: DHS Needs to Strengthen Its Efforts to Modernize Key Enforcement Systems. GAO-14-342T [testimony] <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-14-342T>
* Commercial Space Launches: FAA's Risk Assessment Process Is Not Yet Updated. GAO-14-328T [testimony] <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-14-328T>
* Federal Contracting: Commercial Item Test Program Beneficial, but Actions Needed to Mitigate Potential Risks. GAO-14-178
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**Heritage Foundation**

* 10 Ways the EXPAND Act Would Take the Energy Market in the Right Direction <http://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2014/pdf/IB4142.pdf>
* Top Homeland Security Priorities for Congress in 2014 <http://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2014/pdf/IB4130.pdf>
* INNOVATES Act Creates a More Effective National Lab System <http://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2014/pdf/IB4141.pdf>
* GSE Reform: The Economic Effects of Eliminating a Government Guarantee in Housing Finance <http://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2014/pdf/BG2877.pdf>
* Economy Better, but Still Growing Too Slowly Because of Anti-Growth Policy <http://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2014/pdf/IB4144.pdf>
* Don’t Crush the Ability of Entrepreneurs and Small Businesses to Raise Capital  <http://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2014/pdf/BG2874.pdf>

**Homeland Security Studies and Analysis Institute (HSSAI)**

* Analysis of Alternatives (AoA) Methodologies: Considerations for DHS Acquisition Analysis <http://www.homelandsecurity.org/node/1161>

**Institute for Public Policy**

* Hacks on Gas:  Energy, Cybersecurity, and US Defense  <http://bakerinstitute.org/media/files/Research/e00e5348/Pub-IT-HacksonGas-020514.pdf>

**Pew Research Center for the People & the Press**

* Public’s Knowledge of Science and Technology <http://www.people-press.org/2013/04/22/publics-knowledge-of-science-and-technology/>

**UPMC Center for Health Security and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)**

* Riding the Mobile Wave; What Local Health Departments Need in order to Adopt social Media and Mobile Health Technologies for Emergency Preparedness <http://www.naccho.org/topics/emergency/upload/Report-Riding-the-Mobile-Wave_UPMCHealthSecurity-and-NACCHO_Feb2014.pdf>
* **New York Citizen Corps Weekly News**

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**We Are New York: "The Storm" Episode**

Check out "The Storm"! A 25 minute episode of the [We Are New York](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooVdN5RpWhjEUaxheXzcvUqJxZs9MVWQF92Xmt4iZ6ouW0UNNCIUbQEJXwueZoGgPhgnWIslnlj9Hw5NizA0j2OYUZCmNR2n7kFf40A_FqP54ODuqm4GuDMKopH2PLC9uk52n0cT8tHnLfGYmQHkseOWGUuLe8WNrQTgkSC89IQOt&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==) series geared towards English-language learners (ELL). The episode focuses on emergency preparedness and access to city resources during emergencies and will be accompanied by various learning materials for beginner and intermediate English language learners. "The Storm" and study guide are available to view or download at any time [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooVp0IKY2PT52m-XfiT3C-gWe9QQkGyGq7JiGSO-w-qbZwtdH-Cjwk1p-W-IOXZFxQgyTEqFTD2ZnXhKV1H8iI4ny9AVBHe5mZpC__YbRvT4GNOOccGjqytkhQvam23bA3WDKc2i15g96v_Fs8FjnRZfFYk3fKNHI0wKTZ-oSP2SQ&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==). If you are interested in learning more about this project or ordering a toolkit to use these materials in your outreach, please contact Emily Accamando at  [eaccamando@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:eaccamando@oem.nyc.gov)

**Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities**

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During Hurricane Irene and Sandy, thousands of volunteers spent time in one of the City's Evacuation or Distribution Centers. [NYC Service](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooXNi5Lv6uQwLvmpF3P0pGxD-ooJCVHBMO9x_xJREWZFRrQ0KorJM-2D-txEK6jQWaO746v6My2ygR2DulBoaakC94_gkquHhRcrfabQBAJa6JtqRkd07zlRcvUkEBVVAWg==&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==) is working with NYC OEM to recruit New Yorkers who can be called upon in case of an emergency to help staff Evacuation Shelters and Commodity Distribution Points. To find out how you can use your skills for good, visit [EmergeNYC](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooQJGoK27KCC5scCID0UhH1I1a5QR0jmSidXyuRuizGBRiInx9WPRYZHYDnUxI7Kp6VFBD-m-sTuCWkjmVo8ZXbNwvCu2WyY96_LKu_gDTncHQ0hTC9Guv0neUyhLUhqFdc01GQUk1qzR6eEQfusxinfV6I1CXYkzqZ0oAoJtrFevrRw8nRUu8ic=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==).

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**WEBINARS/EVENTS And RESOURCES:**

**February 15th - Preparing for an Emergency Workshop**

Sponsored by The St. Anne's Guild and Episcopal Church Women, this emergency preparedness workshop will be held at 116-42 Farmers Blvd, St. Albans, NY 11412 at The Episcopal Parish Church of Saint Alban the Martyr**.** Presentations on preparedness, fire safety, and disaster safety by NYC OEM and FDNY will be held at 10 am and 11:30 am. For more info, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooSLQSDDxjRTx00lCwtURoCk4TfdBOZ2DIsH0RGSEEcDQUwjGAANxlYG76AiYgk21BjWh0-d2tG1he1aAiYeG6hVutY_OPN50sfOvSfW_eU2eI3OQ-9nVPItrBpWWAsIfxgQNoITcBnMivfMMFKtwJhOysMmaoT3bhwLdG_2m8ET9CJ9w8whVdoNjhP6ZlFYUsn-nIE-eKkjVyTb_b3yn2r8=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==) or send an [email](mailto:welcome@StAlbanTheMartyr.com).   
  
**February 18th - Emergency Preparedness & Building Resilient Communities: A Four Part Series (For Bronx Service Providers Only)**

DOHMH, OEM and CAUSE-NY in conjunction with The Bronx Long-Term Recovery Group present a four-part series on emergency preparedness. Participants can attend individual sessions but are encouraged to participate in all four parts of the series. For more info and registration, click [here.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooVp0IKY2PT52vcUBDsmHZENG8cBv1uTOrMyd9mEMA7NgPncSBWhf-dr-CZFMAUuc3M7pYOtY8PE13_BPAcvf4KvXVifgKHhyZ_tXourDR4zbZyr_T419j6YUrzlAtpJSri8FsZStIk-WreJOepusA2kNG-KN7TmGlHIGTWpigSuLQgQJT8VzdLtAE3NdzzLl8H_KFi6ZoNpVETxs5Z2Hxqw=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==)

**February 18th - Leading & Managing Your Constituents in Disaster Response Training**

World Cares Center will host this training workshop for community leadership of various non-profit organizations, volunteer groups, institutions, agencies, and faith leaders who will emerge as disaster managers when emergency and disasters strike. For more info and registration, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooX5QDT_NzkXGv4VcK1KWK_YVkAiK_iaeejR13zv3Ve6cFTdRHZ9EWlxx2zpwb0awM257leJreJh0nkXYWE53Zg4JpyFVyw046xJhQM9okNGjhWlfwWeml85u8C5jwgwzyRzy_iIw0Afvi5zH1lrEOpO5lWdW-vZorjmK7y8zUTJWZFdqotmBm4nImEnenbXSOleCqsXR0CgnabaOUle_bKtQvLRLRv-zlyWZ7dvQQ_7zSiEcTECQG0vuCk2Q6Tb6HWAMz1MdMChIzYgZ8A_PRUzHcM5DgwfVLWXS7kgycpKPevHfm9sMjO8bzhffT72mf66E0bXV8jhj&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==).

**February 24th - Emergency Preparedness & Building Resilient Communities: A Four Part-Series (For Queens Service Providers Only)**

NYC Department Of Health & Mental Hygiene, NYC OEM & The Jewish Community Relations Council of NY, in conjunction with The Queens Forum Present this four part series. The next three sessions of this series will take place on February 24, March 31, and April 28 at LaGuardia Community College. Participants are strongly encouraged to attend all four sessions. Sessions are free of charge to the Queens community. Registration is required - click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooUxzrCrMkR1Qn-RuRwavWxmbK0QVay3fFFaa7RNM8wKObwuFMY5x3N33EYz_SmbMN44stQ2qpyy0L8ySYNyelROWsnQgYtmlsk9N51r_P5eqskEpnYRIMkn2JFDIqXozx7lhq9Uden07k7c3rN9ffxua-qCX3jXeGtBy3O-aNBSpSY4PTab_sE9FRI9k2nTJ-UlTjuh-b2aCnf21hxcR964=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==) for registration. For more info, email [Hannah Weinerman](mailto:weinermanh@jcrcny.org) or call 212.983.4800 X144.

**February 25th - Becoming a Nonprofit: Incorporation and Tax Exemption**

This workshop, which costs $40 and is offered by [Lawyers Alliance for New York](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooVizfmCVzV7KhOIfvWaj4IFPWeAbmj2Nzi7q2KysnDgT45kcVGhWpeEWxTVYJz5f4bhgA1xZCRjM7b7eWE7HZSL6AiGjUZRJQT606AK1ZAcrmhmbFDDkYVHSvMvHAhDXZ9NsqkntAhOb&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==), will go step-by-step through the process of incorporating in New York State and applying for federal tax exempt status. Attention will be given to the benefits and obligations of incorporation and tax-exempt status including reporting requirements, the role of board members, and the limitations on lobbying and political activities. For more info and registration, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooVizfmCVzV7K_yR8pxGWUtjpCdss0os6856vFn2hl665A1dv56h0yeOmCoUDUuCo5a4q1L9UD1HLB0JHVdBYgcLhZA0Jw6flDnEe7ElrvDT9FiAzMY4szkvKmHeM5sfj6y-Os9yGa5Abf1xWpo3sLRcOojjbwz9Ysg==&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==).

**February 26th - NYC Citizen Corps Special Needs Symposium**

This free symposium will actively engage participants in a discussion around leveraging community partnerships in emergency planning and response for special needs communities.  Attendees will learn from a panel discussion showcasing creative strategies and best practices for serving clients before, during, and after an emergency through the use of community networks and partnerships.  Participants will also have the opportunity to develop their own strategies with their peers during interactive breakout sessions following the panel. For more info and registration, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooVizfmCVzV7K2O3fj5MDnvnpsPo6gb9B1A5lo-1LjgpZktf-SeQo7qpPLAn1u_8EFttQq7jbibTSrr-HMJu-03TvEJL-qZZQjdseZrY-sikhGF4yw_218LFBsguLI7nF3DkESgvT0W7Qrx6Q1ByLOqH_8yyNGu09r9xVx1zwbONCQ4bvoIjVRWcUnxriO35-ScIBYWL6bKZQVPNu1g44YWY=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==).

**February 26th - After Sandy: Recovery and Resiliency at NYC's Hospitals**

During this program, which costs $20, senior facilities executives at NYU Langone Medical Center, Bellevue Medical Center and Coney Island Hospital will present case studies on Hurricane Sandy's impact, the immediate response, post-storm recovery efforts and initiatives underway to increase resiliency. For more info and registration, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooXQx8OrAQ9LMmDG1SL0tf2tllTbyVipLwgFqjI-XnJLWfbK2vnZBznycweJt5LlnUDswQS2SgpnmwOKU8FD3cCSmdbZjYgxWiBevG0GXXR-ziG5CmACwJAm6xXhZstbAPuxrhsNdTgUJwZ7ax9GebHA1N0jvHtR53f3GvlvslSvwgz7WGa9ennI=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==).

**February 27th - Rebuild and Repair in New York City: Sandy Recovery Symposium II**

This free symposium is designed to familiarize recovery staff and advocates with best practices of disaster recovery, including successes and challenges here in New York City, and will provide updates from city and government programs as well as practical application of those programs.  The schedule is also designed to allow participants to network and collaborate across organizations. For more info and registration, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooXQx8OrAQ9LMmIoLfMvLKI2p3QgV41PD0_cWT59yVa9mDqaOQQ_7upvJGKY25m3hHkbYryQlbwMWFDYT-XJDYZrt5K1WZQIc9B_3Hv5GJu4QRBRvZ-rmyT456Arq8Dh0WiJW9IIjv9rRT6JKIuQCEGI4GCYbVfL0cfLCzTnZiF4bovmYJ3-LQusj8ox5_SLCDj5M-HhwIg1nZ6KB4xfCbzHFB3s6qKQjsCoNks7GSdbm&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==).

**May 15th - Core Principles of Trauma-Informed Care: The Essentials**

This full-day conference held at NYU Kimmel Center is the first in an ongoing workshop series about evidence-based trauma treatments. The program will expose participants to the essentials of trauma, including: defining trauma and trauma in the recovery process; examining the neurobiological implications of trauma; exploring EBP and emerging interventions; and looking at aspects of evidence-informed care in different populations. For more info and registration, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooYH_OFjePGmy1PYntQLQqjqV3VHwAPzIwcBgujigzxmilWF_8DNKSNq7mDaqgH16nb2MEfjRYvNqWTskv3uK7eWIphBLXeX1_s_Dgi_5MpeSr-SkOgGf4u6Br_WncN9R_gPK9czparBk1BaXQc19F_TOg5pgZTlEL3fauoiziCKumsrWGiYeR2KL_V_9XgATTRyFLQ4WeuF5&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==).

**SAMSHA Disaster Response Phone App Now Available**

The SAMHSA Disaster App makes it easy to provide quality support to survivors. Users can navigate pre-deployment preparation, on-the-ground assistance, post-deployment resources, and more-at the touch of a button from the home screen. Users also can share resources, like tips for helping survivors cope, and find local behavioral health services. For more info, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooXQx8OrAQ9LMFHRsvDhwkxq9mhzqE_uUDlwwIA9g1bu33fCLnI8nrHhIbPDURb4gJf4Ul5BPda0vwqkwhtXda2iCtX0IEE80pNAioHXE1HVgyhPVHrOHX7uO_-SZ5rGmHHIVzAR-0pqJRA2wAUDtfLQ=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==).

**FEMA Seeks Applicants for Youth Preparedness Council**

The Youth Preparedness Council is a unique opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a highly distinguished national council. Additionally, the youth leaders have the opportunity to complete a self-selected youth preparedness project and to share their opinions, experiences, ideas, solutions and questions regarding youth disaster preparedness with the leadership of FEMA. Any individual between the ages of 12 and 17 who is engaged in individual and community preparedness or who has experienced a disaster that has motivated him or her to make a positive difference in his or her community, may apply. For more info and the application, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooSLQSDDxjRTxhURSN8G9k-pkipeEinBH7h13uRCav2iOvKLYv-75jxU2tREKpHaf9Wo_YB6va0ScsSCnYNDX6vOE5axQaa79ynOzKDDbjPAIXHwtnJHP8pnIHtAUcjDx5n-pvJjG9m5WQqz9yFB3XCE=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==).

**Training Courses - Primary Care Emergency Preparedness Network**The Primary Care Emergency Preparedness Network (PCEPN) has developed a comprehensive training schedule for New York City's primary care centers. These courses have been designed to develop and enhance staff knowledge around some of the basic core competencies of emergency management. Visit [www.pcepn.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooVp0IKY2PT52rTpIrDuAGSZvSmGgw1zONoVR5lHAzEdmSGy_ap2T1HVMqiinG49eM7pbiG1egflqkvjfCX1mFTDyn5dBS6DgtxKvqQytq-TCpmTs0_99lDQ=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==) for dates and detailed training course descriptions. To register, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooVp0IKY2PT52jGRWdL51ATM-ZHCAZAECx-W11ljxhcEym-sM_u5oMHJ-TfCd56DjbyOvTpXbjodry2i62daM82W-YlNOSU05lyvN0ujmtdUTFI30HBOnCv_Aq2ZEQxFoK8-UBgdUX1d_vLKEqce1Ty_6qDLbKCcEwIvPKj0XZFlKyaJrp1zTFyGlbt2RNtvWyiBhOYSPI3YeBzuS0Zz-EXINxS01m_m826LvyELqz4Yv&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==). Please note that you do not need to be a PCEPN member to participate.

**Free Online Training Course on Disaster Preparedness**

The University of Pittsburgh, through Coursera, is offering a free Disaster Preparedness course. Please see the link and the course description below. This course will examine the Disaster cycle, government and institutional response, and personal preparedness plans. For more info and registration, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooSLQSDDxjRTxFTjKUMjfSBTa0VA7h1dn-URHTE5ktsNH7wr-W6vDdlDP57SvoYYg8HE5jEDPn7fI1UcVAo0s7L800RjYDznAkPXjczC94L8HoCfgtErQogKQjl5QlLUaXqnBhpLgtq309bNnPVymW3I=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==).

**SANDY RECOVERY:**

**#ConeyRecovers Mental Health Grant Program (Deadline 2/14/14)**

#ConeyRecovers has released a request for proposals to mental health providers serving the Coney Island community. Program awardees will receive direct funds to continue and build out long-term mental health recovery services for local residents impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Grant awards may range from $1,000 - $25,000. Click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooX5QDT_NzkXG9Y7l1M2m45yVYhnlYxF1AUTgdfMGJD5dTnjwdekxu45NOKDvwpscrmlWYp7r_PGhzh4Hh1_Ug7qoMtHqxr80VlT15mlWUvz2fEo95obN248=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==) to learn more about #ConeyRecovers and this program, and click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooX5QDT_NzkXG5Sp0pKGMLtiWQsAKVaXIk3hT58FPmeTOqqgAQBRbGgw_1dz8-LvAU6cExHUp4rhUpc9r1EWeYr5L-2cUA6ZyksmHak6BwYuC1iZ3Lz_3lyK45dU1WgPyCmjEXzBjAuLajKR8-dpPdWxusM_mG37VvAmnEGjlVU0M0H8qrxd3_KU=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==) for an application.   
  
**Resiliency Innovations for a Stronger Economy Competition (Deadline 2/28/14)**

This competition seeks projects that implement innovative measures to strengthen New York City's building systems and infrastructure networks. Potential applicants include the developers, manufacturers or providers of new resiliency technologies and solutions, as well as property owners, managers and businesses. For more info and to apply, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooXQx8OrAQ9LMBuBJOD3K0j_riMIbbKIL1WN0TNmvWxcOHkLDmgiyt2YQgJ1Us0R_xuK1VjsCr8ErGG0BfNsui8sXJqrLsFyj5s4AeUujvfVOsydwLEL6rwu_ScuwuL7b0d1_2ENGJKJX&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==).

**FEMA Proof of Loss Filing Extension (Deadline 4/28/14)**

A six month extension has been granted to Sandy survivors still in need of filing a critical legal document that itemizes losses they feel should be covered in insurance settlements. The [Proof of Loss](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooXKYfg9NN3YdBB_RBK0f9cTR4_3dQHdlDa1DRBTJbdt-5JBBfHHOmLkQmDlzLHjFlkz5fcps3D1Gl9I1k763tm26Epm23jlQIzQV8u-uRFG2J75spFMEaspiz8MiSlF30QdPQFuszZoIxOdP_u_iJc39SblmsYYeonwytHbQSZHpHKyhGJBhGCqXL8SbnVZ3PPUU85lHfAOedEVhLSBWPHlo5rPIefy4Yw==&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==) form is crucial to accessing federal relief funds such as those available through the [New York State Housing Recovery Program](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooSz9kvnV-aFsG5Cl99wvmVe9rPqIAx8pqLVM9idS0emldoXFQ-y67xCT1SWuapVyHVVwbhxcIBdukUDoL_L8gq8qRymYPdqnYyuOTDCfKu7qfY8K92cSYciUls_ztURFLkZcFvEIjAW3ofYeWTOE5_J6ICIuhBqD1o73YZpzum8fbZ2yemYQ-kI=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==). Read more on the extension and form [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooXKYfg9NN3YdYVRlO0RRzcizl1UewgqX3YtWEIdEsQhV8yi_KJBaLhek6laHvWN97zI_ooCueYQlR5riTeKdtIyfXNoR098RsHxv8b3oD9ag8aKcyc2zYc3itixgZKZfSMTdS2o6sbSZ9Gkxb6kwY8Vq4wl3lo1YnbtsdJE2aQwW0WomJEtmTqa5KkKL18wQtQ==&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==).

**Trouble the Water: Share Your Sandy Story**

Share your story! Help build a reservoir of local knowledge from cultural conversations on Hurricane Sandy, traditions, work and resilience.Staten Island Arts is working with the National Storytelling Network to create an online archive that documents the experiences of Staten Islanders during Hurricane Sandy. For more info, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooXQx8OrAQ9LMZjJTgOC620v6UmDLSAvsG_WeWtxqM_E_ktFdAxg60iK8h3YE3dvAnYtslcwWYmgqlmM5djQRM6cW8sl1KXaEhM72RA0Gz3up71l2955518fOA_Oa64i7CP_4AIvtBjSvv6A6vhKMhhX4mLYWSFoy3hdKnAZ18NoFBD7rScshRYu4d0gR7fjdv2xrPW60e22hszwgi7A-Ql0=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==).

**New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps Training**

Governor Cuomo has [launched](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooX5QDT_NzkXGGcsneJR_l2P57ajKmXEfp2r8wnmVps87kPGjYe9Zw1OJCiuPHSqGY63WrL5GUBDm8H-FlsGYjEYyVp1sb8sO53hJLPJXzik4YxfAB3IYvPy71fTvVqLIpWf85re0LdgKBtidgEGqYF2EqRapG28dF__10578RCpLcm884DrW5ktp7CxH0pxTgN1lp73pzYP2&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==) the New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps so residents have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. All training sessions will be coordinated with local county emergency management personnel. For more info about these trainings and program, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooX5QDT_NzkXGfo-u-tH5negdKLhTXhpwVDbRPC1VePygCOh5OJ-qE6tVOZPWFeac_1Tb8sqkyBCxSdLOpj4MugdFAMrPEd8yERXw9PFK0kH4Q6-G4obR3l7fOK0uDWh9j_-xZAr0hubOv6BE1w5o0GB9gF-chzAxVA==&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==).

**Rebuilding Together NYC Joins NRNYC Home Repair Program**

As part of the program, Rebuilding Together NYC will help assist low-income homeowners who may not be eligible for New York City's Build it Back program with a range of repairs for their Sandy-damaged homes. The program aims to rebuild up to 650 homes in 2014. Homeowners interested in being candidates for this program who are not registered for Build it Back can call NRNYC at 212-455-9309 for more information.

**Lutheran Social Services of NY Sandy Legal Representation Project**

The [NY Sandy Legal Representation Project](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooX5QDT_NzkXGN1jfCnwaBrZGTigF9LH2IPYBYsC2-WRP6Ndtxl-EdOcb-KIH40JO22_69uTdD-xFHQb-I1sVLpMpSY73K62VXJeDHW7ICFO3FSHYVn7vWrL22zL1vXa6ZcVN1xsSfd04FUN-GHwkueOTmL3N20xBShOyqyJnlah5jlWE--NvrxlnzuIyurzExsVNzZFxbGfz6E46tTXNiZ0=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==) at Lutheran Social Services of New York (LSSNY) is designed to provide free, needed legal services to immigrant and undocumented survivors of Superstorm Sandy. The agency is currently accepting referrals to this program. Please [email](mailto:ppatel@lssny.org) Priya Patel or call (212) 265-1826 ext. 3009 for additional information, or to refer a client.

**JASA's Emergency Response Volunteer Program**

JASA's Department of Volunteer Services would like to invite all interested volunteers to participate in their Emergency Response Volunteer Program. This [program](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooSLQSDDxjRTxnyQ77fKo8gRc3zYMYENOzIR4iiP9ydy2a9VpXwbznLlx-YXZ0SequaCBBdSpEqGsHxa0lDg5POkEYZbERcVknnLFfqF5gGq-39RCuZuffA78abG4mY4gx8wjGrMNp8wWWnpvmihUZTbdZx7wCLR-ewiHi77LrOAyNGCXq07XNkjnNVlhWGBGABMNsXu3NxuhqnFKpAzfdgg=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==) will train volunteers in effective techniques for assisting seniors in the aftermath of a disaster. Volunteers will attend a concise two hour training where they will learn how to perform vital tasks such as assessing the needs of our seniors and supplying them with basic necessities. Please contact Rosa Perez at 212-273-5285 or [rperez@jasa.org](mailto:rperez@jasa.org) to schedule a training session or to learn more.

**24/7 Access to Crisis Support**

If you are experiencing emotional distress related to severe winter weather, please note that LifeNet is always fully operational with 24/7 access to crisis support for all New Yorkers. You can reach [LifeNet](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooRxMss9E1by2QE205-gMWzFQAIy9WtJg2jWdFcLipddtY68GykY10A1-bFEGxC32TgL6hHeCqkxDZFYggyMW00OmfQYA1WdLHIN9orn7gWJDHyetCiBt_KETCKw_6NfMKPH8R27oS3XGYaizRPSt3Y1GaFqSGQFOdg==&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==) by calling 1-800-543-3638. If you are in/outside New York, you can also call the national Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990. Both services are toll-free, multi-lingual and confidential.

**Updated List of Repair and Rebuild Groups from NYC VOAD**

Based on individual reporting, voluntary agencies listed in the [Housing Recovery Resource Guide](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooRxMss9E1by2j2U2yk5frEMWp7ZkkvSdxgGYE4agXNulP2rPZFuH_jxCahNuuQMm54F8vn-imRV4XYTpyp5SkkasCWpwBngu6oizqfBRqHoU0aikeyehWux2ospUAvteQPT_eQ0XaF0754tXCQgapz3O_Ron_jIQ2wca8AAesO8dLkFmq11HDR8tU7O7EhXiJrh0ioyToQIMhMwBg1af9jI=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==) plan to provide more than 1,200 rebuild services in New York City in 2014. The vast majority of organizations are working in only one borough, with 355 services listed in Brooklyn. To add, change, or update information, email [Maureen Medina](mailto:mmedina@worldcares.org) at World Cares. Thanks to Colleen Smallfield at New York Cares for the guide.

**Hurricane Sandy NY Resource List**

Check out these great tools to see some of the resources available to New Yorkers in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

* [NY Disaster Grants Resources Guide (UPDATED)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooXQx8OrAQ9LMkDFC47z4ilwVzx0NXdCenP-mBOUvaHOe78DsUxRqIOLnyOvn_yL9ae6iZHVQyRG4b8UzeEVOIsjutAhOzFSoLXsHKgW5a4aim2S-Z9daMOGagM-cvQd02iD_6KdERoSq60e16qBXpCXhs7fr_kK8K7Km_nWKoZBI-9Py_M2XWClCbhm-gnmjo-dNTrXtzZ1HVteUwlzrAvo=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==)
* [NY State Recovery Resources Center](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooYccWxaQeQ7uIOeT_nl0w2rZb6T_4A19HxeZiyPhgyZXeAWtqUm5Klgwr36aK3vcxjfPvyTy5oJE8dYW_p7B7IEdU1EUywhhd4kvBdk0nmwfsJ1whZk3F-ShjVH5YZ73jA==&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==)
* [Brooklyn Community Foundation- Recovery Resources](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFoobETnLgjGCMFgH_dEqnrwpOIaR8TqV6coc2Fiuj0pdg0mfffxWQfSE9K6jo4eatTiYo8dOb2oSacr22fp34s-H8kkLd_Rntvy8xb0uR9tz3jCSVHNL5xaIwpMa6L35sGJLXZMkpoDoLKQFQ3jaYsPdd-5Iyszq5hz0co5V9-8ZT9BGDcUU1pYYOVNTTgO1fIGBulOZc9NIJa&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==)
* [NY Hurricane Sandy Disaster Recovery Resources (UPDATED)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFooYH_OFjePGmyPzsezDIai_mbeFSY--mzjY8L2sJ2QIVI1thEV1MAHYfn7pUGtv4iUnuJ-aN3tnVamjyZdIVk6e_B5H9WtHc5k0V_F29YUypBf9a0I6p99-_cYwkcPmlLI3xkIUjGhK2gQ176GzCwRzw7guITgFKHl-NmOCBGL0EQ7_dGcB0RrmQCRMSsbfBLLpIFtECSWb70J1_O6ldqIqg=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==)
* [NYDIS: Online Sandy Recovery Guide & Resources (with Widgets)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0011qn6BnrtY1_Q7EoR8zM89bNha4cvjs1JgEKUPhmnGsFfJMchHrFoobs0aBA6msrFstIi9W6IBXnaV3TRVBo_uftjmf3x7YPoXuLwzg0mBgpeytMprFON27i5_eXnWWCvY9nyWYxkvzNNelho7g5mMONjqnR9slFCpXkjQQ1qFC5C5wsZJDENyMEK9BC2pTfuSEZF7Q2PrR7-bwMuHKs75M66yIjIuZnWx4zkUusLUatzngsEnbw73ajsC1v8Hb-6IbZEUN1ZSts=&c=kJ2SEGynjA_78AUvjEFgnlkcn8p0vNBNgnq2hd_i8WulpmH4h2IJhA==&ch=quyAEivSfHYJTjjk9xAMPjVPf__NUh2f1iMsv4acRBtt-xIBkUXULw==)
* **T&E Committee Web Page Update = updates have been posted!**

The IS 2000 National Preparedness System and IS 2800 National Response Framework will be published within the next two weeks.  In anticipation, EMI wanted to share talking points that will help socialize the new materials and the course numbering system.

* *A secure and resilient Nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk* (National Preparedness Goal, SEP 20111)
* The Emergency Management Institute is publishing National Preparedness System training material for our online Independent Study Program (ISP) course format.  The National Preparedness System ISP courses will be arranged in the 2000 series course numbering system.   In some cases, these are new ISP courses within the 2000 series.  In one case, IS 800.b is replaced by IS 2800 National Response Framework.
* Organizations determine training requirements based on their need.  The IS 2800 National Response Framework should be reviewed to determine training requirements based on need.

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| IS 2000 National Preparedness System (FEB 2014) | Pending FEB 2014 |  |
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| IS 2001 Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment | Available |  |
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| IS 2500 National Prevention Framework | TBD |  |
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| IS 2600 National Protection Framework | TBD |  |
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| IS 2700 National Mitigation Framework | TBD |  |
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| IS 2800 National Response Framework (FEB 2014) | Pending FEB 2014 | Replaces IS 800 |
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| IS 2900 National Disaster Recovery Frameworks | Available |  |

\*Table contains talking points for IS 2000 National Preparedness System and IS 2800 National Response Framework

### The Three Mile Island Nuclear Crisis in Perspective: Analyses, Stories, Policies,

March 27-28, 2014, Penn State Harrisburg, Middletown, PA

Join us at our two-day on-site conference here at the Harrisburg campus of The Pennsylvania State University as we re-examine the lessons learned from the historic Three Mile Island nuclear crisis and answer important questions about how TMI set a precedent for nuclear security and safety, how it informed research, and how the event provided a catalyst for social change. We’ll also examine the management of complex catastrophic events today. What does such management look like in the era of Homeland Security?

Please find the full program attached. Highlights include: 

* Keynote speeches from:**Harold Denton -**President Jimmy Carter’s personal adviser for the TMI accident **Arnie Gundersen -**Fairewinds Energy Education, expert witness in the investigation of the TMI accident**James Loy** - Former Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security **Robert Walker** - Former Pennsylvania Congressman **Mark S. Singel** - Former Lt. Governor of Pennsylvania
* Oral history panel – The TMI accident from the point of view of involved/affected communities
* Round table: TMI 1979 in perspective – Changes in nuclear security and safety
* Panel: TMI and the comprehensive approach to crisis management – cross-disciplinary perspectives from Penn State research
* Student panel: Nuclear energy policy
* Concluding round table: Challenges ahead – What we did (not) learn from TMI for the era of Homeland Security

My team and I would be happy to welcome you here at Penn State Harrisburg on the occasion of this conference that beyond covering the TMI accident anniversary seeks to make a contribution to addressing the civil security research perspective within the field of homeland security studies.

To register: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/conference-tmi35-the-three-mile-island-nuclear-crisis-in-perspective-tickets-9802807461>

**Have questions about Conference: TMI@35 -- The Three Mile Island Nuclear Crisis in Perspective?** [**Contact Penn State Harrisburg, Chair of Homeland Security**](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/conference-tmi35-the-three-mile-island-nuclear-crisis-in-perspective-tickets-9802807461)

Thank you and have a cozy weekend,

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