

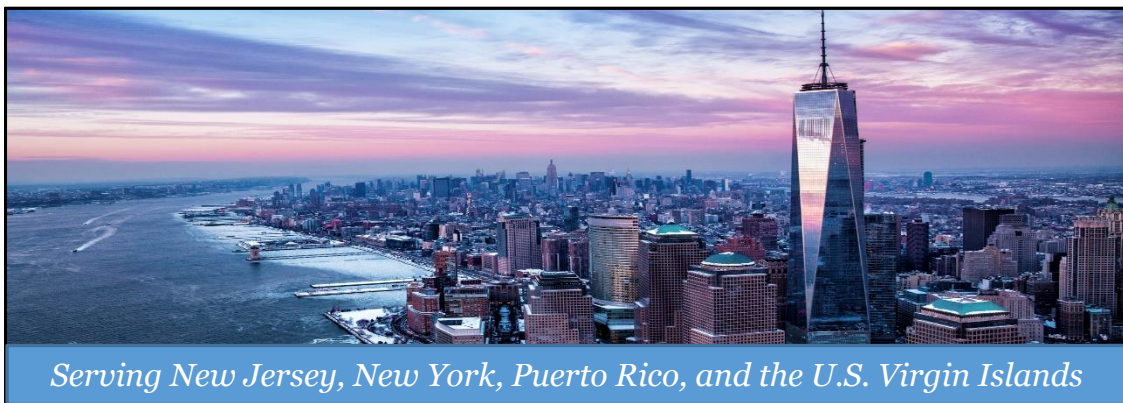


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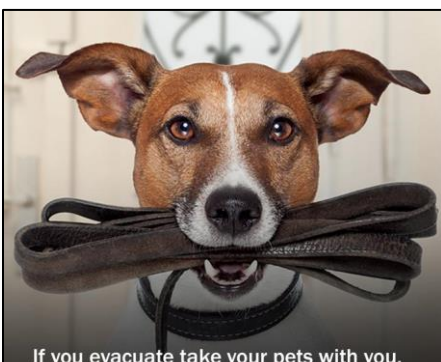
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## Region II Individual and Community Preparedness Bulletin



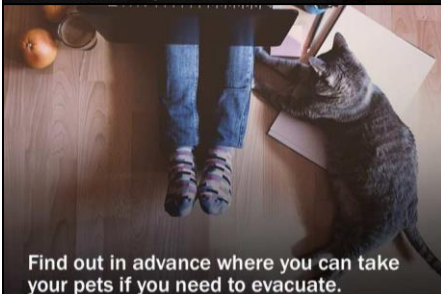
### National Pet Preparedness Month



If you evacuate take your pets with you.



A pet supply kit should contain basics for survival, like pet food, litter and water.



Find out in advance where you can take your pets if you need to evacuate.



Keep a selfie of you and your pet in your emergency kit to prove ownership.

June is National Pet Preparedness Month, and also marks the beginning of the Atlantic Hurricane Season. When preparing for a disaster, it is important to always think about your pets. Include them in your disaster preparedness plans, and pack their necessities in their own emergency supply kit. Their GO Kit should include water, food, a leash, any medicine they need, and a favorite toy to reduce stress<sup>1</sup>.

According to recent statistics, 68% of U.S. households (about 85 million families) own pets<sup>2</sup>. It is very important to develop a plan that takes your pets into consideration. After Hurricane Maria, an estimated 2,000 pets were left behind. After Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. government instituted the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act, requiring states seeking FEMA assistance to accommodate their pets and service animals in their evacuation plans<sup>3</sup>. Moving forward, we must do our best to leave no pets behind.

In addition to preparing an emergency supply kit for your pet, it is also important to locate a pet-friendly shelter in case of an evacuation and to choose a designated person to take care of your animal in case you are unable to. In case of separation, always have a photo of your pet to identify them when found. It is also a good idea to microchip your pets<sup>4</sup>. For larger animals (such as farm animals) be sure to also ensure they have some form of identification. Make sure you have adequate vehicles and trailers to move your large animals if necessary, and also ensure your destination has food, water, medical care, and the needed handling equipment.

Another simple preparation any pet parent can take is the use of a rescue alert sticker which tells the authorities how many pets live in your home, what type of animal they are, and your veterinarian's contact information<sup>5</sup>. Region II created twelve [Individual and Community Preparedness activities](#) including one for pet preparedness. Click [pet preparedness for kids](#) to check your level of pet preparedness.

Read more on [tips for dog owners](#), [hurricane pet preparedness](#), the Ready.gov [pet toolkit](#) and [general pet preparedness](#), and the [ASPCA disaster preparedness guidelines](#).

## Then and Now



6/8/18 - Region II staff conduct the hurricane preparedness activity during a quarterly meeting of the Long Island VOAD. All twelve scenarios may be found by following [this link](#).



6/8/18 - FEMA Region II's Mark Strohoefer and Marshall Mabry attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Naval Weapons Station Earle in Monmouth County, New Jersey.



## Coming Soon to Region II

### Ready Senior Workshop

**When:** July 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** 26 Federal Plaza, 6th Floor  
Conference Room A/B, New York, NY 10278

**What:** FEMA Region II is pleased to announce that it has partners with the Administration for Community Living, Center for Medicaid/Medicare Services, and the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration to develop a readiness workshop for those organizations that provide critical services to the senior citizen population. This one day workshop will share information on business continuity, staff preparedness, and becoming a conduit for preparedness in the senior citizen communities.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### National Homeland Security Conference

FEMA Region II will participate in the 2018 National Homeland Security Conference taking place on **July 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** at Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel. Attendees will receive educational and informative sessions on best practices and emerging trends in Homeland Security. On Monday, **July 9<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**, FEMA Region II will be hosting a workshop focusing on the effects of a long-term power outage caused by a cyber-attack. This event is sold out.

### Exercise Design Course

**When:** October 22 – 25, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Where:** Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad, 48 Old Highway 22 Clinton, NJ 08809

**What:** FEMA Region II will be conducting training for emergency exercise design and evaluation. The course is a 4 day program which focuses on the design phase of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). Skills learned during this program will enable jurisdictions to conduct NIMS required exercises. The course will conclude with students conducting tabletop and functional exercises in a group environment. Pre-registration is required and seating is limited, go to <https://hseepclinton2018.eventbrite.com>.

## Important Deadlines

### Regional Resilience Planning Grants

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)'s Resilient NJ planning grant program will provide funding to develop and implement up to 5 regional plans to build resilience to future flooding events. This competitive grant program is available to all municipalities in the nine Sandy-impacted counties as identified by HUD: Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Union, as well as multi-municipal organizations, utility authorities, and other regional entities within those counties. Please check out [the Resilient NJ website](#) for more information about the program. Questions related to the NOFA and the application and responses to those questions will be posted and updated on a regular basis there. Grant applications are due **Friday, July 20th**, and winning regional teams will be notified no later than October 21, 2018. For more information and application materials, visit: [www.nj.gov/dep/oclp/resilientnj](http://www.nj.gov/dep/oclp/resilientnj). Please send all inquiries about the program to [resilientnj@dep.nj.gov](mailto:resilientnj@dep.nj.gov).

## FEMA News

### FEMA Launches New Podcast

FEMA Podcasts are a new and innovative way for us to tell the FEMA Story. The new podcasts represent a new digital communications platform for FEMA to help the public better understand what our Agency does and how we do it. The FEMA Podcast includes 20- to 30-minute audio-only episodes updated on a weekly basis with new content. Topics range from innovative ways FEMA is approaching emergency management, stories from communities that have rebuilt smarter and stronger after a disaster, and testimonials of successful disaster recovery across the nation. New episodes are available each week to stream or download on [FEMA.gov](http://FEMA.gov) or Apple iTunes. The inaugural episode highlights our vision for the Agency moving forward and how we are working to make that vision a reality. For more information about the FEMA Podcast, visit [FEMA.gov/podcast](http://FEMA.gov/podcast). If you have an idea for a future podcast episode, email [FEMA-Podcast@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Podcast@fema.dhs.gov).

### FEMA Podcast: Closing the Insurance Gap

This month, many leaders in the flood insurance world met at the National Flood Conference in Washington, D.C. Among the speakers was FEMA Administrator Brock Long. Long is very vocal about the need for Americans to become prepared for disasters, and for him that means being financially prepared. Part of that is to understand insurance coverage and collectively doing what he calls "closing the insurance gap." On [this week's FEMA Podcast](#), we sit down with David Maurstad, FEMA's assistant administrator for federal insurance, to discuss Administrator Long's vision for equipping Americans with knowledge and the call to action to financially prepare for disasters.



## June is Pride Month

June is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month. Celebrated each year, it was first introduced to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall uprising in New York City, which is considered by many as the catalyst that launched the LGBTQ civil rights movement. FEMA, in collaboration with DHS and the



FEMA Pride Employee Resource Group, joins the Nation in recognizing the numerous contributions the LGBTQ community has made to this country. The fight for dignity and equality for the LGBTQ community is reflected in the tireless dedication of advocates and allies who continuously strive to build a more inclusive society. This month, let us reaffirm our belief in equal dignity for all. Pride month reminds us that recognizing and celebrating the richness of our differences is not limited to a single month on the calendar. Together, let us continuously honor the contributions and diversity of the vibrant LGBTQ community, and celebrate its accomplishments throughout the year.

## FEMA Life Saving Skills Materials

Read [FEMA's collection of life-saving skills materials](#), published last month. You can read infographics on several different preparedness topics, including natural gas safety, planning for an emergency, power outage, rainy day funds, fires, and evacuations. There are versions of each file in both English and Spanish.



## Hurricane Maria After-Action Panel Discussion

**Executive Summary:** On April 24, 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), with the assistance of MERCK and Ankura Consulting, hosted an After-Action Panel with many of Puerto Rico's private sector enterprises. The panel provided an opportunity to discuss the events and impacts of Hurricane Maria with an emphasis on improvement especially with the upcoming hurricane season quickly approaching. In bringing together federal and local government officials with large private sector organizations, the panel provided a venue for both sides to fully comprehend the events that precipitated, an understanding of their capabilities, and the areas in which improvement is possible. Keynote speaker, Alejandro De La Campo from FEMA's Caribbean Area Division, began the event by placing emphasis on community and expressed the shift in FEMA's mindset after the events of Hurricane Maria. FEMA is stressing the importance of bringing together community members from private sector organizations, academia, non-profit groups, and local

governments to collaborate in both planning and recovery efforts. In doing so, Puerto Rico can better prepare itself for what the future holds.

De La Campo went on to describe the improvement efforts being made by FEMA based on the lessons learned from Hurricane Maria. As the largest catastrophic event in U.S. history, Hurricane Maria has reshaped the way FEMA is approaching hurricane preparedness and disaster recovery. The combination of 100% utility failure, infrastructure collapse, and the challenges that are associated with being an island, made recovery extremely challenging for Puerto Rico. Knowing that these problems will persist into the next storm season, FEMA has conducted weekly meetings with state and local agencies to develop plans and to practice emergency management. Federal agencies have attended Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC) meetings to better understand what can be done in the future. Furthermore, Puerto Rico has been attending classes at the Emergency Management Institute in Maryland and will be the first jurisdiction to complete training.

The most important concept that FEMA stresses and the reason for hosting the panel is to maintain open lines of communication between the Puerto Rican government, FEMA, and the private sector. The panel brought together industry leaders from pharmaceuticals and medical devices, aerospace, and finance and insurance companies. With these being major employers and contributors to the economy of Puerto Rico, it is critical to understand their recovery efforts and what they observed as issues. Each industry approached the aftermath of Hurricane Maria differently, but they all brought up critical areas of improvement. Furthermore, they brought ideas in which collaboration with FEMA and the government's recovery efforts would allow for a much more efficient return to normal.

Observations and Recommendations:

### Key Takeaways

**Theme:** Infrastructure

**Observations:**

Improvements to key infrastructure throughout the island will not be completed before the upcoming storm season.

**Recommendations:**

1. Improve the access road to the airport radar. Consider installing a backup radar in an alternate location on the island.
2. Improve wastewater infrastructure surrounding pharmaceutical factories.
3. Actively communicate improvements being made to the communities and surrounding companies.
  - a. It was noted that dramatic improvements to the ports were being made to ensure their structural integrity. This information should be shared with the public to convey the message of continual improvement.
4. Develop MOUs with port owners that would allow for ports to be opened to FEMA and other companies during a state of emergency. FEMA may need to serve as the governing body of such agreements.
5. Establish a cross-functional public-private working group to identify, monitor, and update areas of improvement that specifically benefit and enhance the infrastructure capability of the island. Recommendations from the private sector can provide a critical point of view.

**Theme:** Communications

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1. Encourage and educate companies on proper standards of communication between leadership and employees. This would include what necessary employee information needs to be collected and how to ensure that it is readily available.
2. Establish open lines of communication between FEMA and key private sector members. In times of emergency, it is important to already be communicating to ensure safety and collaborate if necessary. FEMA and private companies would then be more able to express their resource capabilities and requirements.
3. Develop and formalize an island-wide private sector share group to facilitate communications and share best practices, as well as maximize capabilities and learning.
4. Encourage private sector collaboration through MOUs and agreements amongst private companies to maximize their capabilities during a disruption.
  - a. For example, JetBlue and Avis established a partnership, allowing JetBlue access to on-island fuel resources in exchange for supplying Avis with cargo space.
5. Identify and develop a directory of central contacts of companies and public agencies that will allow for a point of contact during an emergency.

## Other News

### Prepare Your Pet this National Pet Preparedness Month



June is [National Pet Preparedness Month](#). Since pets cannot plan for themselves, it is important to make a plan for your pet's safety. The [Ready Campaign](#) offers guidance and tips to:

- Make a pet emergency plan.
- Prepare to shelter with your pet.
- Protect your pet during and after a disaster.
- Care for large animals

Learn more about how to prepare your pets for emergencies at [www.ready.gov/animals](http://www.ready.gov/animals). Help spread the word about National Pet Preparedness Month with the [Pet Preparedness Social Media Toolkit](#).

### DHS Announces Preparedness Grant Allocations

Fiscal Year (FY) 2018's eight DHS preparedness grant programs total more than \$1.6 billion. The grant programs provide funding to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as transportation authorities, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector, to improve the nation's readiness in preventing, protecting against, responding to, recovering from and mitigating terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies. The grants reflect the Department's focus on funding for programs that address our nation's immediate security needs and ensure public safety in our communities.



#### **Preparedness Grant Program Allocations for Fiscal Year 2018:**

**Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)**—provides more than **\$350 million** to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments in enhancing and sustaining all-hazards emergency management capabilities.

**Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)**—provides more than **\$1 billion** for states and urban

areas to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other threats.

- **State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)**—provides **\$402 million** to support the implementation of risk-driven, capabilities-based State Homeland Security Strategies to address capability targets. States are required to dedicate 25 percent of SHSP funds to law enforcement terrorism prevention activities.
- **Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)**—provides **\$580 million** to enhance regional preparedness and capabilities in 32 high-threat, high-density areas. States and Urban Areas are required to dedicate 25 percent of UASI funds to law enforcement terrorism prevention activities.
- **Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)**—provides **\$85 million** to enhance cooperation and coordination among local, tribal, territorial, state and federal law enforcement agencies to jointly enhance security along the United States land and water borders.

**Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)**—provides **\$10 million** to eligible tribal nations to implement preparedness initiatives to help strengthen the nation against risk associated with potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.

**Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)**—provides **\$60 million** to support target hardening and other physical security enhancements for nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack. This year, \$50 million is provided to nonprofits in UASI-designated urban areas, and \$10 million is provided to nonprofits located in any state or territory.

**Intercity Passenger Rail - Amtrak (IPR) Program**—provides **\$10 million** to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and increase the resilience of the Amtrak rail system.

**Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)**—provides **\$100 million** to help protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, enhance maritime domain awareness, improve port-wide maritime security risk management, and maintain or reestablish maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities.

**Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)**—provides **\$88 million** to owners and operators of transit systems to protect critical surface transportation and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and to increase the resilience of transit infrastructure.

**Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP)**—provides **\$2 million** to owners and operators of intercity bus systems to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and to increase the resilience of transit infrastructure.

All preparedness Notices of Funding Opportunities can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Final submissions must be made through the Non-Disaster (ND) Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov>. Further information on DHS's preparedness grant programs is available at [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov) and <http://www.fema.gov/grants>.

## SAMHSA Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announces the update of an important resource on opioid overdose prevention. The [\*SAMHSA Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit\*](#) offers information and facts from literature and links to resources to prevent opioid-related overdoses and deaths. Because interdisciplinary collaboration is critical to success, SAMHSA offers the *Toolkit* as an educational resource for community members, first responders, prescribers, patients, and families. [Click here to download the toolkit.](#)



## SAMHSA Publication Available in Spanish

SAMHSA announces the release of the Spanish translation of the fact sheet, [Finding Quality Treatment for Substance Use Disorders](#). This fact sheet serves as a guide for individuals seeking behavioral health treatment. It outlines the three necessary steps to complete prior to utilizing a treatment center, and lists the five signs of a quality treatment center, which include a review of the accreditation, medication, evidence-based practices, position on the role of families, and support networks. You can [View the Spanish Publication](#) or [View the English Publication](#).

## Disaster Lit® Database for Disaster Medicine and Public Health

The National Library of Medicine released a new design for the [Disaster Information Management Research Center](#) website and the [Disaster Lit®](#) database. The new design improves access to key resources on natural and man-made disasters, as well as public health emergencies such as emerging infectious diseases. **Disaster Lit: Database for Disaster Medicine and Public Health** is the National Library of Medicine (NLM) database of links to disaster medicine and public health documents available on the Internet at no cost. Documents include expert guidelines, research reports, conference proceedings, training classes, fact sheets, websites, databases, and similar materials for a professional audience. NLM selects materials from over 1,400 non-commercial publishing sources and supplements disaster-related resources from [PubMed](#) (biomedical journal literature) and [MedlinePlus](#) (health information for the public).



## Prepare for Summer Power Outages

Prepare to beat the heat this summer. Heatwaves often cause power outages. Be ready in case one affects your neighborhood. Learning to prepare for power outages this summer is easy. The [Ready Campaign](#) offers the following tips:

- Make sure you have alternative charging methods for your phone or any device that requires power.
- Learn about the emergency plans in your area. Visit your state's website to locate the closest cooling center.
- Build or restock your [emergency kit](#). Include food, water, prescription medicines, flashlight, batteries, hearing aid batteries, cash, copies of important financial documents, and first aid supplies.
- Be prepared to stay cool if the power is off for a long time. Consider going to a movie theater, shopping mall, or library that has air conditioning.



For more information on preparing for power outages this summer, visit [www.ready.gov/power-outages](http://www.ready.gov/power-outages).

# Emergency Preparedness Tips



## FEMA Region II Pet Preparedness Tip



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### Steps for Administering CPR to your Cat or Dog

1. **Check for breathing and a heartbeat** - Check if the pet is breathing and has a heartbeat. If you do not see your pet's chest moving and cannot find a heartbeat, begin CPR with chest compressions.
2. **Give chest compressions** - Place the heel of one of your hands directly over the pet's heart and Place your other hand directly over the first hand. Push hard and push fast at a rate of 100-120 Compressions per minute, compressing 1/3 to 1/2 the width of your pet's chest. Make sure the chest comes back fully (recoils) before compressing again. Perform 30 chest compressions.
3. **Give rescue breaths** - To give rescue breaths, gently close the pet's mouth and extend the pet's neck to open the airway. Cover your pet's nose with your mouth and exhale until you see the pet's chest rise. Give a second rescue breath.
4. **Check again for breathing and a heartbeat** - Continue CPR and get help.



Find out more at

<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr/performing-cpr/pet-cpr>



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## FEMA Region II FIREWORK SAFETY TIPS

- Wear protective eye gear.
- Always have a hose or bucket of water nearby.
- Keep fireworks and sparklers outside and away from the face, clothing, and hair.
- An adult should always supervise all firework activity.
- Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area.
- Soak your fireworks in water after use before discarding.



### PET TIPS

- Animals have sensitive ears and can be very frightened or stressed by fireworks.
- Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they'll run loose or get injured.

For more safety tips go to: <http://fireworkssafety.org/safety-tips/>



# 2018 HURRICANE SEASON PREPAREDNESS



## CHECK YOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE



Confirm with your apartment's administration what is covered by its insurance. Contact your agent to insure your personal property and to buy flood insurance, if it is not included.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS



It's important to know who may need or can lend a helping hand in an emergency. Residents will likely gather in communal areas, and working together helps everyone get through the emergency.

## PARK YOUR VEHICLE IN A SAFE AREA



Assess your assigned parking spot and, if necessary, take your car to another location away from possible flooding and falling debris.

## SUGGEST AN EMERGENCY FUND



Establishing an emergency fund or redirecting monies for maintenance fees may help cover items like generators and other emergency repairs in common areas.

## CONTACT YOUR BUILDING ADMINISTRATION OR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



**Whether you live in a condominium, co-op or walk-up complex, the manager or condo board administers the by-laws, information and funds to manage the building. Check to make sure the preparedness plan includes:**

- Assigning captains to help share information and check on residents with special needs.
- Gathering residents' emergency contacts.
- Providing administration and management contacts for residents.
- Informing residents how access gates will operate in case of a power outage.
- Making a communications plan for residents in case phones are down.
- Ensuring the generator maintenance is up-to-date with extra supplies available (filter, oil, fuel).
- Scheduling waste pickups and sewer cleanups.



**Now is the time to be prepared!**

- If you or someone in your family is experiencing issues with disaster-related stress, call **Línea PAS at 800-981-0023**, TTY 888-672-7622.

- For more information on hurricane season preparedness visit [www.fema.gov/disaster/4339/hurricane-preparedness](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4339/hurricane-preparedness)





# Educational/Training Opportunities

## FEMA Emergency Management Institute



### [1407 - Training Opportunity - Lo388 Advanced Public Information Officers July 2018](#)

**Course Description:** The Advanced Public Information Officer Course provides participants the knowledge and skills to establish, manage and work within a joint information center through multimedia lectures and individual and group activities. The training allows participants the opportunity to apply advanced public information skills during a multi-day functional exercise designed to test the participants' abilities to analyze, coordinate, process and create information in a fast-paced, realistic environment. Participants evaluate their processes to help them generate new ways of viewing challenges. Read more in [Training Opportunity 1407](#). Course dates will be **July 16-20, 2018**. Additional sessions: the [November 2018 Session](#), and the [February 2019 Session](#).

### [1391 - Training Opportunity - E0089 NDRF Leadership Workshop Drought Rural and Agricultural](#)

**Course Description:** The course is designed to enable more effective collaboration between federal, state, tribal and local recovery partners pre- and post-disaster, especially in rural or agricultural areas subject to drought. Course dates will be **July 30 – August 2, 2018** in Emmitsburg, Maryland. [Read more in Training Opportunity 1391](#).

### **Apply to the Master Public Information Officer Program at FEMA's Emergency**

**Management Institute:** FEMA Emergency Management Institute's (EMI) Master Public Information Officer Program is a three-course series designed to prepare public information officers for an expanded role in delivering public information using a whole community approach. The course is open to full time public information officers with a minimum of five years of experience and who have a demonstrated influence capable of advancing the relevance of whole community external affairs. For more information go to [this link](#), or email [FEMA-Master\\_PIO\\_Program@FEMA.DHS.GOV](mailto:FEMA-Master_PIO_Program@FEMA.DHS.GOV). The application deadline is **June 30, 2018**. For instructions how to apply for the program, go to the [Training Bulletin](#).

FEMA is pleased to release the following two revised online NIMS courses. Together, these two online courses form the foundation of NIMS training for all incident personnel.

**IS-100.c, An Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100:** This course introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. The course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

**IS-700.b, An Introduction to the National Incident Management System:** This course provides an overview of NIMS. NIMS defines the comprehensive approach guiding the whole community - all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations (NGO), and the private sector - to work together seamlessly to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the effects of incidents. The course provides learners with a basic understanding of NIMS concepts, principles, and components.

## How to Create a Security Transformation

Digital transformation can be a risky business. New tools can open up new windows of vulnerability into agency networks. To reduce risk, government must pursue a security transformation. [Enroll in this 10-minute course](#) to learn how a security fabric, rather than one-off platforms or tools, can increase cybersecurity as agencies innovate. In three lessons you can learn: the risks of digital transformation, the components of a more robust security transformation, and what a security fabric is and how it can transform agency operations and innovation.

## FedVTE Registration

Provides government-wide, online, and on-demand access to cybersecurity training to help the workforce maintain expertise and foster operational readiness. With courses ranging from beginner to advanced levels, the system is available at no cost to users and accessible from any Internet-enabled device. [FedVTE](#) is available for U.S. active duty military, veterans, and federal, state, local, tribal and territorial government employees.



## Focus: Providing Healthcare During Mass Violence Responses

In [this issue](#) of the [ASPR TRACIE](#) Exchange, the challenges associated with providing care during no-notice incidents (e.g., mass shootings) are discussed. We interviewed healthcare practitioners and first responders to highlight experiences from the pre-hospital, trauma hospital, non-trauma hospital, and rural hospital perspectives. We hope that these real-life experiences, shared by your colleagues across the nation, help you plan (and adjust existing plans) for no-notice incidents. Access [Issue 7 of The Exchange](#) and download [previous issues](#) that address a variety of vital and timely topics.

## National Seminar and Tabletop Exercise for Education Institutions

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) invite you to participate in the **2018 National Seminar and Tabletop Exercise for Institutions of Higher Education (NTTX)** on **September 24-25, 2018** at the [UTSA Student Union](#). This two-day event will include workshop sessions, a tabletop exercise and an after-action review session on preparing participants to respond to a campus emergency. This year's event will focus on threats of campus disorder during a large event. More detailed information on the specific topics for workshops and the tabletop exercise will be available closer to the event. The event seeks to provide participants with insight into planning, preparedness and resilience best practices for the academic community. Because emergency planning involves a team of individuals from across an institution, **we recommend a team of five (5) to seven (7) senior leaders representing various functions** (i.e. *public safety, security and law enforcement, academic affairs, student life, communications, etc.*) attend from each institution. Participants also will include representatives from federal departments and agencies that support campus resilience. [Register here](#), or learn more about the [National Seminar and Tabletop Exercise for Institutions of Higher Education Series](#).

# Webinars



## Family Reunification: Debut of a New AAP Tool

Friday, June 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. ET

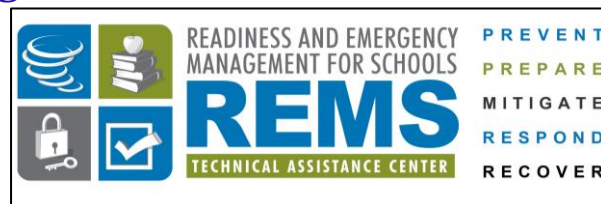


The presenters of [this free webinar](#) will provide background information and lessons learned from their experiences. The webinar will also highlight key actions that participants can take now to increase their preparedness. The presenters will walk through the new American Academy of Pediatrics family reunification tool for hospitals, which includes information on assembling a planning team, involving external stakeholders, the elements of a hospital family reunification plan, how to activate a plan, and how to exercise the plan. The AAP designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Registration is [required](#). This webinar is open, so anyone can participate, so long as they register. Individuals can submit questions ahead of time to [DisasterReady@aap.org](mailto:DisasterReady@aap.org) or live during the Q&A portion of the webinar. This webinar will be archived for viewing after the live presentation.

## How the REMS TA Center Supports Higher Education Institutions

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

Do you want to learn more about how the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center (REMS TA Center) supports institutions of higher education (IHEs)? Join Madeline



Sullivan, a management and program analyst in the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Healthy Students, and Janelle Hughes, director of communications for the REMS TA Center, for an overview of the services, resources, and support systems available to IHEs. They will showcase the REMS TA Center website and the sections it houses to support IHEs, as well as describe key resources that have been developed by federal partners in higher education safety, security, and emergency preparedness to support the development of high-quality emergency operations plans (EOPs) for IHEs. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## Healthcare Challenges after Radiological Incidents

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. EDT



While there is an abundance of resources geared towards healthcare, public health, and emergency management professionals planning for a large-scale radiological release or nuclear detonation incident, concrete planning remains challenging and few jurisdictions have detailed plans. Power plant incidents,



radiation dispersal devices, and improvised nuclear device detonations result in very different injury and exposure patterns and response planning must account for all of these. Webinar panelists will discuss the effects of radiological incidents on health, healthcare, and planning strategies related to different incidents. They will also share guidance and lessons learned from recent exercises and research in assessing, triaging, treating, and following up on casualties of radiological and nuclear emergencies. [Register for this webinar today!](#)

## Disaster Response Efforts of DHS Civil Rights and Liberties Office

Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 2.30pm EDT

Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) leads the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) commitment to protecting civil rights in natural and man-made disasters. In this session, CRCL's Rebekah Tosado and Brian Parsons will introduce CRCL's disaster related responsibilities drawing upon examples from CRCL's experiences during the 2017 and prior disasters. They will describe CRCL's collaboration with FEMA (a Component of DHS) and federal civil rights partners to provide proactive guidance, address emerging issues, and engage members of the disability community.

Learning objectives:

- Learner will understand the role of the DHS CRCL in ensuring nondiscrimination in disasters.
- Learner will be able to describe how compliance with civil rights laws contributes to more effective preparedness, response, and recovery for the whole community.
- Learner will be familiar with CRCL's civil rights resources that support compliance with civil rights laws.
- Learner will understand how to contact CRCL to obtain technical assistance, report civil rights issues in disasters, and file a complaint of discrimination under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and other bases.



[Registration is free online](#) and **closes at midnight, July 11th, 2018.**

## How Safe is Your Data?

Tuesday, July 17, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET

Insider threats, malicious cyberattacks, natural disasters, system outages...the list of potential threats to an agency's data is practically endless. And while the forms of these threats vary greatly, the result is always the same: sensitive data is jeopardized and agency productivity comes to a grinding halt.

[Register now](#) for this free 1-hour online training to learn why your agency needs a strong disaster recovery policy and how cloud can support it. You will learn:



- The biggest barriers facing agencies looking to invest in disaster recovery.
- Best practices for securing your data in the cloud.
- Examples of how agencies have successfully and proactively protected their data.

## Access Recordings of Recent ASPR TRACIE Webinars

Two ASPR TRACIE webinars are now available online. [Healthcare Response to a No-Notice Incident: Las Vegas](#) features healthcare providers who responded to the mass shooting incident sharing their experiences and planning recommendations. Download [the webinar and Q & A session](#) today!



## Building Child-focused Community Preparedness & Resilience



The Resilient Children/Resilient Communities (RCRC) project team will debut a new preparedness resource to provide communities with the tools they need to help prepare for the needs of children during a disaster. You will see the tool in action as hear tips on how interested communities could build their own Community Resilience Coalitions. [Watch the RCRC Toolbox Release](#) webinar, or [access the RCR Toolbox](#).

## Must Reads



### 2018 Salmonella Outbreaks in Backyard Flocks

DC is investigating [several multistate outbreaks of Salmonella infections linked to contact with live poultry](#) in backyard flocks. Also available in [Spanish](#). So far, there have been 124 sick people reported from 36 states. Do you or someone you know keep a backyard flock? Read [CDC's tips](#) on how to handle live poultry safely, including washing your hands after touching chickens, ducks, and geese. Also available in [Spanish](#).

## 'Hidden Tunnels' Help Hackers Launch Financial Services Attacks

The security tools and strategies financial services organizations use to protect their data could be leveraged by cybercriminals who sneak in undetected via "hidden tunnels" to conceal their theft, according to a new report published by Vectra. Ironically, financial firms have the biggest non-government security budgets in the world, Vectra says. Bank of America invests more than \$600 million in cybersecurity each year, while JPMorgan Chase spends \$500 million. Equifax, while smaller than both, spends an annual \$85 million on security. [Read more here](#).

## FBI Public Service Announcement



The FBI recommends any owner of small office and home office routers reboot the devices to temporarily disrupt the malware of infected devices. Foreign cyber actors have compromised hundreds of thousands of home and office routers and other networked devices worldwide. [Learn more here](#).