Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday from the ICPD team. Dale, Larry, Russell, Devin, Eric, Ruthann, Thea, Mark and Dee
Region II Holiday Safety Tip
Car Travel Safety Tips

- Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive.
- Buckle up and observe speed limits.
- Give your full attention to the road.
- Don’t drive impaired.
- Be well rested and alert.
- Use caution in work zones.
- Make frequent stops.
- Be respectful of other motorists.
- Don’t follow other vehicles too closely.
- Check the weather forecast before you go.
- Don’t let your vehicle’s gas tank get too low.
- If you have car trouble, pull off the road.
- Carry a Disaster Supply Kit in your trunk.
https://www.ready.gov/car

Region II Individual Community Preparedness - Then and Now

Last Week’s Events Included:

December 14: Webinar: Successful Social Media Practices to Strengthen Your CERT Program

December 14: Gotham Shield Campus Resilience Workshop – Shelter in place, evacuation, and student reunification workshop for colleges and universities, held at New Jersey City University in Jersey City.

December 15: #WinterSafety Twitter Chat

December 15: Healthcare Enrollment!

December 15: Webinar – Communications Methods in Disaster
FEMA Bulletin:

FEMA Implementing New Public Assistance Program in Georgia

FEMA and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency will implement the second stage of the new model for delivering the FEMA Public Assistance (PA) program during recovery operations from Hurricane Matthew.

Are You Ready for Tomorrow?

The FEMA YPC is back with a new video to discuss the importance of taking proactive steps before a disaster hits.

“It doesn’t matter who you are, what walk of life you come from,” said David Bedard, Region III. “Any disaster, it doesn’t discriminate. It affects everyone in the community.”

Check out the Ready for Tomorrow video today, and don’t miss the Council’s previous video, “Don’t Wait. Communicate,” which encourages families to make a family emergency communication plan.

FEMA Announces FY16 Emergency Food and Shelter Program Allocations

On Friday December 9, 2016, FEMA announced the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board’s determination of funding allocations to jurisdictions throughout the country. The grant program, which is commemorating its 34th year (Phase 34), is administered by a National Board of voluntary agencies chaired by FEMA.

The National Board qualifies local jurisdictions for annual EFSP allocations based on criteria involving current population, unemployment, and poverty levels. This funding will support social service agencies in cities and counties across the country to help feed and shelter the Nation’s hungry and homeless. EFSP funds are used to supplement food, shelter, rent, mortgage, and utility assistance programs for people with non-disaster related emergencies.

Information on Phase 34 (FY 2016) of the EFSP allocations by jurisdiction are available on the National Board’s website at www.efsp.unitedway.org.

In the next several weeks, the National Board will provide a packet with further instructions to each jurisdiction that is receiving an allocation of funds.
Important Deadlines:

Health Care Open Enrollment is Here!
There are only a few days left until the December 15, 2016 deadline to get coverage starting January 1, 2017. If you do not have coverage you may have to pay a penalty. Don’t miss your chance and get covered today at www.healthcare.gov.

For more on how the Affordable Care Act impacts your business, please visit www.sba.gov/healthcare.

DO YOU HAVE AN AMAZING SUCCESS STORY?

SUBMIT A NOMINATION TODAY FOR THE 2017 NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK AWARDS

Recommended Webinars:
January 10 – Managing the Psychosocial Consequences of Conventional and Unconventional Terrorism.

Incidents of mass violence involving shooting, bombing and kidnapping (conventional terrorism), as well as the use of more exotic hazards such as chemical, biological and radiological agents (unconventional terrorism) produce unique and complex psycho-social reactions in individuals and communities. This awareness-level webinar explores the types and nature of acts of mass violence involving both conventional and unconventional means, as well as the emotional and behavioral reactions to these incidents. Attention is given to the demands on leaders and planners, as well as crisis responders and others who mobilized to assist. Both long- and short-term effects are explored, as well as models and methods of support and intervention.

**Speaker:** Steven M. Crimando, MA, BCETS, CHS-V, is the Director of Training for the Disaster & Terrorism Branch in the New Jersey Department of Human Services-Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services. He is an internationally-recognized expert in the prevention, response and recovery from acts of mass violence who has developed crisis response programs for government agencies and NGOs, hospital and healthcare systems, and multinational corporations

**Registration Link:** [https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2specialjan2017/event/registration.html](https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2specialjan2017/event/registration.html)

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January 11 – Preparing for Winter Weather

It’s that time of year again where we all have to make the necessary preparations to deal with snow, frigid temperatures, and ice. The National Weather Service will provide us with valuable tips on how to better prepare your home, business, or loved ones for the coming winter.

**Speaker:** Gary Conte is the voice of several weather updates from the National Weather Service office in Upton, NY.

**Registration Link:** [https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2jan2017/event/registration.html](https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2jan2017/event/registration.html)

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Higher Education Program is hosting Teaching with Cases Webinar Series

This webinar series provides an overview of the use of cases in teaching emergency management higher education programs. More information and a training announcement will be coming soon.
Webinars scheduled in the series in 2017:

Webinar #2: Using Cases as Simulations in Teaching and Assessment
- Wednesday January 11 at 3 PM EST

Webinar #3: Using Cases as Examples in Teaching and Assessment
- Wednesday February 8 at 3 PM EST

Webinar #4: Using Cases for Their Intrinsic Value
- Wednesday March 8 at 3 PM EST

Catalog: Trainings/Events

Funding options for your Small Business

What:
Small business owners often have many questions regarding the variety of funding options that are available to them. Online lenders, micro lenders, community lenders, crowd funding and traditional lenders all offer various financing products - but not every loan is right for every business.

Why:
This workshop is an opportunity to speak one-on-one with SBA subject-area specialists, SCORE counselors and various lenders about your business and different ways to access financing. At the end of the workshop, attendees will be able to:

- Compare pros and cons of self-funding, financing from friends and family, alternative lenders and conventional bank lenders
- Describe what lenders are looking for when evaluating a loan application
- Define "leverage"
- Distinguish between alternative community lenders and conventional banks
- And more!

When:
Monday, December 19, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., EST

Where:
Brooklyn Central Library - In the Dweck Auditorium
10 Grand
Army Plaza Brooklyn, NY 11238
Did You Miss Our Active Shooter Webinar?

Last week’s webinar, Seven Best Practices for Active Shooter Preparedness, was the most highly rated and well attended webinar in 2016, with more than 1,300 attendees. You can view the archived session here. Remember, the deadline for documenting CPEs toward recertification of ASIS credentials is January 30, 2017, and each Security Management webinar is worth one CPE credit.

Application period opens for communities to exercise local disaster response

FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute conducts Integrated Emergency Management Courses (IEMC) throughout the year and across the country. The four-and-a-half day training course is designed specifically for communities, providing both lecture and exercise-based training focused on response operations for a disaster or emergency that could happen in their area. IEMC classes are principally delivered at FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland; however, delivery may also occur in the community. Learn how to apply for the program. The deadline for applications is Feb. 15, 2017.

Integrating Emergency Management into Institutions of Higher Education

EMI will conduct the "Integrating Emergency Management Education into Your Institution" course to assist Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges and Universities with either establishing or enhancing their emergency management curricula.

The course will be taught on the following dates:

- February 27-28, 2017, for Hispanic Serving Institutions
- March 27-28, 2017, for Tribal Colleges and Universities
April 19-20, 2017, for Historically Black Colleges and Universities

All sessions of the course will be taught at the Emergency Management Institute, National Emergency Training Center (NETC) at Emmitsburg, Maryland. The application deadline is no later than eight weeks prior to the start of the course. Enrollment is limited to the first 20 applicants. To apply, complete a FEMA Form 119-25-1, General Admissions Application, with student signature and signature of supervisor or sponsoring agency official. Mail, scan, or fax the application to: NETC, Admissions Office Room I-216, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727-8998; Phone: (301) 447-1035 Fax: (301) 447-1658; Email: netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov.

COURSE: Business Technology Simplified

Are you taking advantage of current technology to make your business more efficient? Gain insight from this course which will discuss:

1. How current desktop technology can help to save time
2. The advantage of web-based (cloud based) services
3. How to manage your marketing and sales with applications
4. How increasing your knowledge will help you make more informed business decisions

FEMA EMI News/Training Opportunities

Course: V-0015A - Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) – Cyber Focus

Emmitsburg, MD

1293 - Training Opportunity - VTTX Cyber V0015 - January 24-26, 2017

Exercise Description:

This VTTX is designed for organizations interested in raising awareness of cyber risk management, cyber related planning, and other issues related to cyber incident prevention, protection, and response. The scenario will focus on increasingly complex and severe cyber threats, beginning with
general information on a potential security risk and culminating with the containment, eradication, and recovery from a cyber-incident. The complexity of this exercise will largely depend on your organization’s choice of recommended discussion questions (beginner, intermediate, advanced), based on your audience and general level of cybersecurity preparedness experience. Read more in Training Opportunity 1293.

Emergency Management Institute Mission

To support the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA’s goals by improving the competencies of the U.S. officials in Emergency Management at all levels of government to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the potential effects of all types of disasters and emergencies on the American people. Read more...

Course: E0194 Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts

Emmitsburg, MD

1244 - REISSUED - Training Opportunity - E0194 FY17

Course Description:

This advanced floodplain management course is a dynamic and interactive course covering National Flood Insurance Program Floodplain Rules and Regulations in Depth, Local Floodplain Manager Roles and Responsibilities, Letters of Map Change and Preparing for Post-Disaster Responsibilities. Each topic is designed to be discussed and reviewed in detail. Read more in Training Opportunity 1244 - REISSUED.

Course: L0388 Advanced Public Information Officers (PIO)


Course Description:

The Advanced Public Information Officer Course provides participants the knowledge and skills to establish, manage and work within a joint information center (JIC) 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 (FE) designed to test the participants’ abilities to analyze, coordinate, process and create information in a fast-paced, realistic environment.

Through a tabletop exercise (TTX), participants evaluate their processes to help them generate new ideas, products, or ways of viewing challenges or situations as well as improve their processes ensuring every action has a measurable relevance for each identified audience, including senior leadership. The course begins promptly at 8:00 AM (Eastern) and concludes each day by 5 PM (Eastern). Read more in Training Opportunity 1290.

**L0363: Multi-Hazard Emergency Management for Higher Education**

2017 Schedule is Available

Emmitsburg, MD

1289 - Training Bulletin - L0363 Higher Ed 2017 Schedule

Course Description:

This Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Institution (EMI) course is designed to be delivered to teams of higher education campus personnel and their emergency partners who are responsible for creating, reviewing, implementing and exercising emergency operations plans (EOPs). The target audience for this course is people who have traditional response or strategic experience, but minimal experience in emergency management planning. The three-day course is primarily interactive presentations coupled with numerous individual and group activities and exercises.

The course will be taught on the following dates in Region II:

March 7-9, 2017 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

April 25–27, 2017 Nassau County Office of Emergency Management, Bethpage, NY

For additional information including registration information for specific offerings, contact the program manager, Tina Hovermale at (301) 447-1207 or TinaHovermale@fema.dhs.gov. Read more in Training Bulletin 1289.

**E214 Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistanc: Project Implementation and Programmatic**
Closeout

Emmitsburg, MD — You are subscribed to EMI News for FEMA. The following information has recently been updated, and is now available on http://training.fema.gov/EMI/

1296 - Training Opportunity - E0214 UHMA Project Implement and Closeout - February 22-23, 2017

Course Description:
This course will provide participants with the knowledge and skills required for effective implementation and closeout of a project. Read more in Training Bulletin 1296.

Catalog: Online Public Health Videos & Webinars and Literature

Strengthening America's Health and Safety by Partnering with Local Health Departments: Recommendations for the Next President and the 115th U.S. Congress

12/14/2016 05:00 PM EST
National Association of County and City Health Officials. 12/09/2016
This 26-page report provides recommendations for the next President and 115th Congress that are designed to protect and improve health and well-being in the nation's communities. These recommendations provide the incoming administration with a list of essential, short-term priorities to improve local infrastructure, as well as promote the longer-term success of healthy and thriving communities by strengthening national capacities in disease prevention and public health.
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Alternative Approaches to Refugee Mental Health

12/14/2016 05:00 PM EST
Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services. 08/18/2016
This one-hour, 31-minute webinar provides an overview of alternative modalities to refugee mental health, and identifies replicable tools and approaches to integrating modalities into health and resettlement services. Speakers explore the meanings of alternative, non-traditional, complementary, and integrative theories and methods; highlight program frameworks that encourage holistic health care; and explore various body-based and art therapy interventions.
(Video or Multimedia)

Workshop on Building Communication Capacity to Counter Infectious Disease Threats

12/19/2016 05:00 PM EST
National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Health and Medicine Division (former Institute of Medicine). 12/14/2016
This resource provides information, presentations, and videos from a workshop on building communication capacity to counter infectious disease threats, held on December 13-14, 2016. Its goals were to examine the key
elements of communication capacity necessary to address infectious disease threats; examine the current state of science regarding public engagement and trust, understanding of risk and health-protective behaviors, and behavioral responses; and assess the implications of the 2005 International Health Regulations (IHR) and lessons learned from recent outbreaks.

(Vide or Multimedia)


12/20/2016 05:00 PM EST
U.S. Food and Drug Administration. 11/18/2016
This 33-page report summarizes the major findings of the National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System (NARMS) for calendar year 2014, including the most important resistance findings for Salmonella and Campylobacter, Escherichia coli (E. coli) and Enterococcus. Although overall resistance continues to remain low for most human infections, and there have been measurable improvements in resistance levels in some important areas, the report discusses a few findings of potential concern.

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**Biological Security Threats: Situation Report on Biological Attacks, Weapons Development and Misuse**

12/17/2016 05:00 PM EST
Danish Centre for Biosecurity and Biopreparedness. 12/14/2016
This 48-page report presents an overall assessment of current biological threats and risks. Its main focus is on biological threats of an intentional nature, i.e. bioterrorism, but it also includes other factors that can affect the overall biological security situation. It discusses security aspects of natural outbreaks of disease, technological developments, and the risk of an uncontrolled release of a dangerous biological substance.

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**Staying Safe and Warm during Severe Winter Weather**

Frigid temperatures, snow and ice are coming to much of the country in the coming days. If winter weather may be headed your way, take some time to brush up on staying healthy if you have to go out to clean up or just want to go out to play. Some things are simple - like remembering your hat and scarf. But you also need to take steps to prepare for common cold weather threats, like frostbite and hypothermia. Also remember that you may need to take it slow out there - cold weather puts an extra strain on your heart. Learn More >>

**From the ASPR Blog: 4 tips to De-Stress Your Kids This Holiday Season**

The holidays can be a wonderful time of year - but they can also be stressful. If buying presents, making cookies, and adding to your to-do list is causing more stress than joy, you aren't alone. Parents and caregivers of children are more likely to experience stress than most. And if the holidays remind you of a disaster or loss, that can add to your stress level. Your kids might pick up on some of that stress. So here are four tips to help your family better cope with the stress that the holidays can bring. Learn More >>

**Cold Weather Pet**
If it’s too cold for you, it’s probably too cold for your pet, so keep your animals inside.

If left outdoors, pets can be susceptible to frostbite, hypothermia, become disoriented, or lost. Don’t leave pets alone in a car during cold weather, either. Cars can act as refrigerators that hold in the cold and cause animals to
freeze to death.

To help prevent cold weather dangers from affecting your pet’s health, follow this advice from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA):

- Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. If your dog is short-haired, consider getting him a coat, sweater with a high collar, or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly.
- Winter walks can become downright dangerous if chemicals from ice-melting agents are licked off of bare paws. Bring a towel on long walks to clean off stinging, irritated paws. After each walk, wash and dry your pet’s feet and stomach to remove ice, salt, and chemicals—and check for cracks in paw pads or redness between the toes.
- Massaging petroleum jelly or other paw protectants into paw pads before going outside can help protect from salt and chemical agents. Booties provide even more coverage.
- Make sure your pet has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy pet bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

For more information, visit the ASPCA’s Cold Weather Safety Tips page, the Humane Society or Best Friends Animal Society, and find Cold Weather Guidelines for Large Animals and Livestock on Ready.gov.

**Winter Safety for Senior Citizens**

Did you ever hear a parent tell a child to put on a coat before they catch a cold? That’s because just being really cold can make you very sick, and it’s not limited to kids. The National Institute on Aging (NIA) says older adults can lose body heat fast—faster than when they were young. A big chill can turn into a dangerous problem before an older person even knows what’s happening. NIA has a brochure, Stay Safe in Cold Weather! with tips on how to stay warm when it’s cold.

Here are a few of the tips they recommend:

- Set your heat at 68 degrees or higher.
- Dress warmly on cold days even if you are staying in the house.
- Wear loose layers when you go outside on chilly days. Wear a hat, scarf, and gloves.
- Don’t stay out in the cold and wind for a long time.
- Talk to your doctor about health problems that may make it harder for you to keep warm.
- Find safe ways to stay active even when it’s cold outside.
- Ask a neighbor or friend to check on you if you live alone.
- If you think someone has hypothermia, call 911 right away. Cover him or her with a blanket. Don’t rub his or her legs or arms.

For more tips including keeping warm inside and how to talk with your doctor about staying safe in cold weather, check out the Stay Safe in Cold Weather Booklet from NIA.
Happy Holiday Tips

It's the holiday season and it's definitely keeping us all on our toes. We've got plenty of tips and tricks for you to keep your spirits bright and stay safe, but this year we thought we might bring them to you a little differently—via a poem. We hope you enjoy—and have a very happy (and safe!) holiday season.

The clock is ticking and we're down to the wire

Everything feels like it's just caught on fire.

But, let's be certain that isn't true

Keep your real trees watered and your plants too.

The gift list keeps growing, everyone gets a toy

Tablets, e-readers and chargers, oh boy!

There are plenty of deals out here and out there,

If you're buying online, be secure and aware.

Plenty of people with candles alight

Might want to keep them from becoming a fright.

The way to do that is to keep them away

From the things that could catch on fire some way.

The big day is near, you plan to travel some place.

But a big winter storm rears its big ugly face.

It might change your plans and keep you at home

But that's better than going out in a snow dome.
The best thing to do is sit down to a feast,

Mashed potatoes and stuffing and a big old roast beast at least.

**Keep an eye** on them as they sit and they stew.

That way your dinner will be sure to woo.

When the day is over, the kids all in bed.

It's time to settle into the comfy bedspread.

Turn out the **holiday lights**, their job is all done.

We hope your holiday's a big happy one.

As an aside, we hope you really do have a big happy holiday season and we have some great tips and tricks for all your friends on social media in the **holiday and travel safety toolkit** on our website.

**Avoid the “Invisible Killer”**

Breathe easy this winter and avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

CO is called the “Invisible Killer” because it’s a colorless, odorless, and poisonous gas. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), more than 150 people in the United States die every year from accidental nonfire-related CO poisoning associated with consumer products, including generators. Other products include faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters, and fireplaces.

Protect your family from CO poisoning with these USFA tips:

- Install and maintain CO alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home to provide early warning of CO.
- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows, and vents.
- Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.

Learn the symptoms of CO poisoning and other CO safety information on the USFA **Carbon Monoxide Safety** page.
This Week’s Must Reads:

**Syrian Conflict and Its Effect on the Future of Humanitarian Action**

12/17/2016 05:00 PM EST
Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center for Refugee and Disaster Response.
09/21/2016
This one-hour, 12-minute seminar discusses how the consequences of the Syrian conflict have accelerated needed change in humanitarian preparedness and response, and the evolving context. The speaker details current humanitarian norms, which include people in refugee camps, weak governments, and communicable diseases. He discusses current trends in humanitarian crises and funding, and makes recommendations for the future. This is the first seminar in the 2016 Humanitarian Seminar Series.
(Video or Multimedia)

**ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Safe Schools Initiative: A Compilation of Case Studies**

12/16/2016 05:00 PM EST
Association of Southeast Asian Nations. 12/12/2016
This 45-page report is a compilation of six country case studies involved in the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Safe Schools Initiative (ASSI). Three of the case studies on Cambodia, Indonesia, and Lao PDR showcase ASSI's good practices and discuss key learnings. The other three case studies on Myanmar, Philippines, and Thailand feature the good practices, key learnings, and enabling environments from various school safety initiatives in the countries.
(PDF)

**When Guns and Drugs are Democratized: Potential Technical Solutions to Counter the Negative Consequences of Three Dimensional Printing**

- by Jonathan Percy

**What Comes Around, Goes Around (and Around and Around): Reviving the Lost History of FEMA and its Importance to Future Disasters**

- by H. Quinton Lucie

**Tiered Response Pyramid: A System-Wide Approach to Build Response Capability and Surge Capacity**

- by Joseph W. Pfeifer and Ophelia Roman

**Summary of Assessment Findings and Recommendations: The Situation of Refugee and Migrant Women; Greece 2016**
United Nations Population Fund. 11/30/2016
This eight-page report provides recommendations from efforts to conduct a rapid sexual and gender-based violence assessment to identify protection risks and service gaps in the camps; to analyze the impact of the European Union-Turkey deal on refugee women and girls in Greece; and to conduct a gender analysis to understand the different impacts of the situation on migrant and refugee women, as well as the way which humanitarian actors address gender differences and inequalities within the response.
(PDF)

Psychosocial Support and Social and Emotional Learning for Children and Youth in Emergency Settings

12/13/2016 05:00 PM EST
Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies. 11/14/2016
This 81-page report clarifies relevant terminologies and approaches relating to psychosocial well-being and social and emotional learning (SEL) in education in crisis-affected contexts, and to explore how psychosocial support (PSS) and social and emotional learning relate to one another. The target audiences are education practitioners, academics, and policy-makers working in education in emergencies and protracted crises.
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Achieves: Readings You May Have Missed

Critical Health and Safety Issues in the Volunteer Fire Service

12/13/2016 05:00 PM EST
U.S. Fire Administration. 12/2016
This 96-page document reports on an effort to re-evaluate known issues, discover new or emerging concerns, and provide the tools and resources necessary to overcome health and safety concerns plaguing the volunteer fire service. It identifies critical issues affecting the volunteer emergency services, including personal health, safety protocols, violence against first responders, and personal protective equipment.

Emergency Management and Response Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC)

The EMR-ISAC InfoGram for December 8, 2016 contains the following articles:

1. *Salmonella Latest in Drug-Resistant Worries*
2. *Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks Program*
3. *Health and Safety Courses Free for Limited Time*
4. 9-1-1 Training for Active Shooter Response

Immigration Documentation

The United States' new electronic immigration system has caused significant errors in the distribution of green cards—in the past three years, at least 19,000 cards have been sent out with incorrect information or as a duplicate. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) issued an audit of the Electronic Immigration System (ELIS), which was implemented in 2013. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is meant to oversee the ELIS, but the OIG report found that the organization was unable to address the inappropriately issued cards.

FEMA Higher Education Newsletter

Welcome to the FEMA Higher Education Program newsletter. The newsletter may contain information regarding Hi Ed website updates, scholarship opportunities, emergency management articles and journals, and other items of interest to the emergency management academic community.

Climate Change Indicators in the United States, 2016

12/13/2016 05:00 PM EST

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. 09/08/2016
This 96-page report, the fourth edition of the publication, presents 37 indicators, each describing trends related to the causes and effects of climate change. It focuses primarily on the United States, but in some cases global trends are presented to provide context or a basis for comparison. Categories include Health and Society, and indicators include heat-related illnesses and deaths, certain diseases, and wildfires.

Additional Materials:

Holiday and Travel Safety Toolkit
Help your community prepare for the holidays with the Ready.gov Holiday and Travel Safety Social Media Toolkit. Find holiday safety and preparedness information and graphics you can either copy and paste directly, or customize them to reach your audience.

The main tips for holiday and travel safety include:

- Stay off the road during and after a winter storm.
- Keep candles away from flammable materials or consider using flameless candles instead.
- Keep an eye on food when cooking.
- Put a winter supply kit in your car.
- Shop securely online over the holidays.

For more tips, hashtags, promotional content, Twitter and Facebook messages, visit the Holiday and Travel Safety Toolkit.

**Disaster Preparedness Workbooks for Children**

**Audience:** Elementary school students

**Topics:** Earthquakes, Extreme heat, Fire safety, Floods, General preparedness, Hurricanes, Lightning, Severe weather, Terrorism, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tsunamis, Winter weather

**Description:** Activity and coloring books are great resources for children to learn about and cope with disasters. Check out some of the options available online:

- Be Ready. Be Safe Activity Book
- Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book
- Ready Kids Activity Book
- Ready ... Set ... Prepare! Activity Book
- Ready Wrigley
- Sam the Disaster Horse: Tornado Safety, Lightning Safety, Flood Safety, and Terrorism Awareness
- Sesame Street and U.S. Fire Administration Fire Safety Coloring Book
- Shakey the Squirrel Earthquake Preparedness Coloring Book
- The Be Ready Book
- Tsunami Safety Booklet

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