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No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. - Aesop

## NEEDS, REQUESTS, DONATIONS

*We can do no great things -- only small things with great love. --Mother Teresa*

## INFORMATION

*When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die. - Eleanor Roosevelt*

### READY RATING – HOW PREPARED IS YOUR BUSINESS OR SCHOOL

Join Tuesday's webinar at 1:50 p.m., EST, [click here](#)

The American Red Cross Ready Rating™ program is a free, self-paced program designed to help businesses, organizations and schools become better prepared for emergencies. Members complete a 123-point self assessment of their level of preparedness, gain access to tips and best practices, and commit to improving their score each year to maintain membership.

If you're interested in making your organization better prepared for disaster and emergency events, join us next **Tuesday, October 11** to hear from Red Cross staff and a Ready Rating Member about this program and to learn how businesses, organizations and schools in your area can take the steps to become members and be better prepared to respond to and successfully withstand a disaster and other emergencies.

No registration is required, and the webinar is **free**. Click on the above link to login to the webinar at 1:50 p.m. The webinar will begin promptly at 2 p.m.

Thank you for your participation!

The National Office of Citizen Corps

FEMA Individual & Community Preparedness Division

### NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

**OCTOBER 9-15**

Every 82 seconds a home fire breaks out, according to the National Fire Protection Agency. Fires can cause irreparable damage to homes and businesses displacing families and employees. Last year, the American Red Cross responded to **63,000 home fires across the country** and provided comfort and basic necessities to those affected. Locally, in **Northwest Florida we assisted 254 families affected by house fires last year alone.**

This October 9-15 the Red Cross is helping families and businesses learn how to protect themselves and others from fires in observance of National Fire Prevention Week.

"Taking simple steps like installing smoke detectors and developing and practicing a fire escape plan can make a critical difference in saving lives, homes and workplaces," said Jerry Kindle, CEO of the American Red Cross of Northwest Florida, who recommends that every family and

business develop and practice a fire safety plan. "Everyone at home, school and work should know what to do when they hear the sound of a smoke alarm."

Additional recommendations include:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of the house and inside bedrooms.
- Replace batteries in smoke alarms at least once a year. Test each alarm monthly by pushing the test button.
- Ensure that household members know two ways to escape from every room and designate a place to meet outside of your house in case of a fire. Practice your plan at least twice a year.

Follow your escape plan in case of fire. Get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.

Visit [www.redcross.org/homefires](http://www.redcross.org/homefires) for additional fire safety tips.

### **CRIME PREVENTION MONTH**

October is Crime Prevention Month. Since 1984, the [National Crime Prevention Council](#) (NCPC) has worked closely with the federal family; state, local and tribal government agencies; civic groups; schools; businesses; and youth organizations to educate the public about crime prevention, while promoting awareness of important issues such as victimization, volunteerism, and creating safer, more caring communities.

This first week of October kicks off the month with a focus on [home safety](#). You don't have to completely overhaul your home to ensure your family is safe and secure. Check out these [five simple ways](#) from the NCPC, for how you can improve your home's safety today!

And don't forget to check out the activities and tips throughout the month. Weekly activities will be centered on each of these themes:

- [Crime Reporting and Community Engagement \(October 9-15\)](#)
- [School and Campus Safety \(October 16-22\)](#)
- [Drug Abuse Prevention \(October 23-31\)](#)

### **NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

October 2011 marks the eighth annual [National Cyber Security Awareness Month](#).

This year's National Cyber Security Awareness Month is sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in cooperation with the [National Cyber Security Alliance](#) (NCSA) and the [Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center](#) (MS-ISAC).

Through a series of events and initiatives across the country, Awareness Month engages public and private sector partners to raise awareness and educate Americans about cybersecurity, and increase the resiliency of the Nation and its cyber infrastructure.

Consistent with the Awareness Month theme that cyber security is our shared responsibility; you are invited to join the thousands of other individuals across the country, who have pledged their commitment to online safety. By [signing the MS-ISAC Cyber Security Pledge](#) you are affirming you take security seriously and use good practices both at home and at work.

Pass this information along to those individuals you know in your family, in your community and in those risk management and [PS-Prep](#) strategy planning teams where you work.

[Click here](#) to find out how everyone can do their part to practice cybersecurity during National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and throughout the year.

### **FEMA RISK MAP SURVEY**

From a newly released FEMA Risk MAP survey: Most of the general public (69%) doesn't believe that they are at risk of flooding, though most (68%) local officials know many are wrong to feel so safe. The public wants to hear about flood risk from municipal/county officials (47% want the mayor, 32% the floodplain manager)—unfortunately, nearly half (45%) report that they “never” do. As for methods to reach the public, almost everybody (87%) wants it via local news. You can download the summary here: <http://j.mp/pHO4Rm>

### **ATTENTION MRC VOLUNTEERS!**

In order to be ready and available for future MRC Mission deployments, please note for your calendar that on Saturday, November 5, 2011, the MRC - Santa Rosa unit will be having FREE MRC Background Checks from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the Santa Rosa County Health Department's Large Conference Room. (If any changes occur pertaining to this event, then an email will be immediately sent out.)

For those of you who still have not had an MRC Photo ID Card created and processed, our equipment will also be set up and available for the creation of MRC Photo ID Cards. We store all MRC Photo ID Cards in a secured location until an actual MRC Mission deployment is activated.

Please respond as soon as possible as to whether or not you can attend the November 5, 2011, MRC Background Checks event. Also, let me know what dates and times in the near future would be most convenient for those who cannot attend this event. Thank you for your continuing support within the MRC - Santa Rosa unit!

Vyvyan Boykin Medical Reserve Corps - Santa Rosa Coordinator MRC - Santa Rosa Unit  
Ofc: 850.983.5200 x166

### **VA STAND DOWN**

VA Stand Down Team: Hope you can help us spread the word about this year's VA Stand Down!

Attached are all the forms and other information with current updates as of 10/7/2011. If you want to be a vendor or know of another good vendor please get the vendor registration form completed and back to me this week. We got a few more tents so we will be able to furnish all the tents and tables and chairs this year.

Also make certain you have all your volunteer applications to Keelea.



For next week's Stand Down Meeting on Oct 14th at 10 AM I will distribute a copy of the site map and program so everyone will know where to set up on Thursday, Oct. 27th at 1PM. Remind your volunteers to attend their orientation also on Thursday, Oct. 27th at 1PM. We need everyone to understand their role prior to the day of the event.

The bus passes will be distributed the week prior to the event and please help us get the word out to all the homeless! A copy of the flyer is attached so you can print and distribute. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Thanks so much for all the great work everyone is doing to help ensure this will be our most successful VA Stand Down ever!

**Janis Wilson CSME, Homelessness Prevention and Outreach Program Director  
850-341-1399**

### **WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY—OCTOBER 10, 2011**

World Mental Health Day raises public awareness about mental health issues. The day promotes open discussion of mental health and investments in prevention, promotion, and treatment services.

This year, the theme is "Investing in Mental Health." Significant behavioral health disparities persist in diverse communities across the globe. To reach these communities, we need to increase investment for mental health and to shift available resources toward more effective forms of services delivered through primary health care and community settings.

Check out these SAMHSA publications that can help you and your community invest in mental health:

[Sustaining Grassroots Community-Based Programs: A Toolkit for Community- and Faith-Based Service Providers](#)

[Building Bridges: Mental Health Consumers and Primary Health Care Representatives in Dialogue](#)

[National Consensus Statement on Mental Health Recovery](#)

[Reimbursement of Mental Health Services in Primary Care Settings](#)

### **SRYP OCTOBER EVENTS**

#### **OCTOBER IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH FOR SRYP!**

***We are asking SRYP Members to bring as many guests as possible to our October Lunch Bunch and Membership Meeting. For every guest you bring, your name will go in to a prize drawing. Your guest's name will go in to a separate prize drawing. There is also a GRAND PRIZE for the SRYP Member who signs up the most new members in October. Will you be one of our three lucky winners? GET TO WORK!***

#### **Lunch Bunch sponsored by 102.7 WXBM**

**When:** Thursday, October 13 (11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

**Where:** Ruby Tuesday, 4917 Highway 90, Pace

*\*Please be sure to RSVP to Jayer Williamson by the end of the day October 12 (Wednesday) to reserve your seat. Even if you are a "maybe," please RSVP so we have enough spaces at the table. You can RSVP by clicking "attending" on our Facebook page as well. Bring a guest!*

#### **Membership Meeting sponsored by Santa Rosa Medical**

We are still ironing out the details for this month's membership meeting. It will be October 24 or 25 at a location to be determined. We'll get you the info ASAP!!!

**Guest Speaker:** Gulf Power Company

#### **SRYP Civic Committee Meeting**

**When:** Thursday, October 6 at 6:00pm

**Where:** SRC Museum of Local History (5234 Willing Street)

SRYP's Mardi Gras Ball fundraiser will be discussed as well as upcoming civic projects. Email

**Wes Meiss** with any information concerning the Civic Committee.

## **Grand Opening of The Women's Place at SRMC**

**When:** Tuesday, October 11 at 5:30-7:30pm

**Where:** 5992 Berryhill Road, Milton

Come out and enjoy live music, lots of good food, and of course, some entertainment from Santa Rosa Medical Center CEO Phillip Wright! Email [Lisa Walsh](mailto:Lisa.Walsh@srmc.com) for more information on The Women's Place or this event.

## **1st Annual Monster Dash**

**When:** October 29 at 5:00pm

**Where:** Milton High School Track

Run. Walk. Be Scared. Enter If You Dare. The Monster Dash will begin and end at the Milton High School track and includes a creepy stroll through the Milton Cemetery. Participants are encouraged to dress up as they run or walk on a course through the City of Milton. This will be a family friendly event and children are invited to participate with their parents on the run or in the Kids Fun Run on the track. The festivities will conclude with a Post Race Monster Bash. Proceeds will benefit the Andy Mac Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization serving families affected by Duchene Muscular Dystrophy. Email [Ashley Lay](mailto:Ashley.Lay@andyamac.org) for details or sign up here, [Monster Dash](#).

## **Sweet Season Farms - Corn Maze & more!**

**When:** October 1 - November 6, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 1-5

**Where:** 2260 Horn Road, Milton 32570

Come out and support the local farming industry in Santa Rosa County with a little family fun! Visit their web site for more details: [Sweet Season Farms Corn Maze](http://www.sweetseasonfarms.com).

## **HOLIDAY SHOPPING BAZAAR**

Friday, November 4th 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Lots of FUN & Prizes!! FREE Admission  
Milton Community Center 5629 Byrom Street Milton, FL 32570



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## **SMALL BUSINESS NETWORKING LUNCH**

12 Noon **Friday, October 14**

Nichol's Seafood, 3966 Avalon Blvd, Milton 32583

**Registration required by noon on Thursday, October 13.** Click [here](#) to register.

## **U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OFFERS MONTHLY SMALL BUSINESS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WEBINARS**

Small business owners have an opportunity to get tips on business continuity planning in 2011 through a series of free webinars hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration and Agility Recovery Solutions.

Dates and topics for upcoming free webinars are as follows:

### **Oct. 18 – “Preparing your business for the Winter Weather season”**

More preparedness tips for businesses, homeowners and renters are available on the SBA's website at <http://www.sba.gov/content/disaster-preparedness>

## **TOWN AND COUNTY AFFORDABLE ROOMING COTTAGES-MEN'S COTTAGE/WOMEN'S COTTAGE**

It is with great excitement and full of Faith that we have evolved our affordable housing program to a place where we can now offer two of our recently renovated Cottages to single men or single women at a lower monthly rent.

If you have a client(s) who can afford \$75.00 a week or \$300.00 a month please refer them to us. We offer all our renovated, one room Cottages fully furnished, all utilities/cable paid and a TV. NO cash deposits are required and NO credit checks are performed. We target individuals and families in our community who receive monthly governmental assistance checks-SSI, SSDI, VA, SSA, unemployment checks, etc.

The Cottages are an alcohol/non prescription drug free, independently living community with some sponsored programs offered to our residence through people of faith and neighborhood churches/temples/mosque. Our residents are given opportunities to volunteer in the outside maintenance of the Cottage's campus and/or contract paid work through our Willing Workers WorkForce Ministry.

If you have a client(s) living in a place not meant for human habitation/in their vehicles/doubled up with inappropriate people, please refer them to us and let us be a part of bridging them into safe, sanitary, affordable housing at the Town and Country Affordable Cottages (and now Rooming Cottages)..If your client(s) is a veteran, we work closely with the VA/City Housing in the VASH voucher program and the new VOA Veteran's Homeless Transitional Shelter. We also make referrals to the VOA/HUD permanent, subsidized housing for the low income/mental disable.

Remember, our cell phone number requires dialing the "850" before the 832-3014. Looking forward to your referrals. If you don't communicate with those we are targeting by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month, their money is spent or committed for the month, so please work these client cases and make your referrals today. We only have 4 men's and 4 women's rooming beds available in two of our largest Cottages-the Women's Rooming Cottage is two rooms where the Men's Rooming Cottage is just one large room. Of course, full bathrooms available in all Cottages. We have already rented two of the four men's beds. So, call today 850-832-3014. Move-in immediately. We can assist with transportation and move-in hauling. We also have some household storage space available in various local churches' vacant Sunday School rooms/buildings.

We also have one affordable Cottage vacant and available as a result of one of our former tenants moving back home. This Cottage rents for \$498 for single occupancy and \$600 for two. Again, fully furnished, all utilities/cable paid and a TV.

Let the client(s) referrals into safe, sanitary, affordable housing begin !!!!! Do this today, our



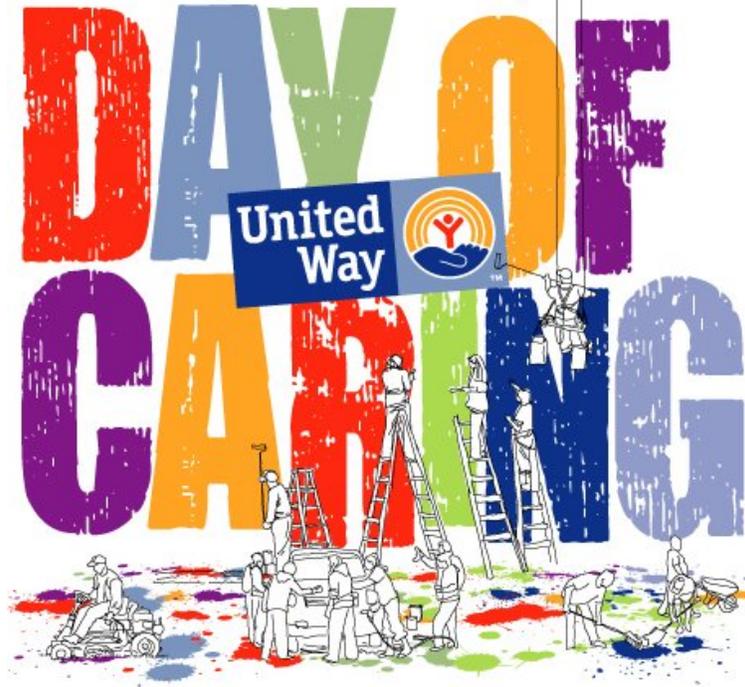
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renovated, Cottages will fill up fast.

Rick Dye 850-832-3014 cell

## DAY OF CARING

**Don't just wear the shirt, LIVE IT**



### **Day of Caring - October 21st**

Day of Caring is United Way's big volunteer event of the year. It exemplified LIVING UNITED when local businesses, churches, schools, civic groups and individuals come together to complete meaningful team projects for charities and their clients in Santa Rosa County. Through team involvement, groups are able to assist an agency or neighbor in need with a project that would not normally be completed for lack of funds or manpower. Join us as we celebrate our 7th annual Day of Caring!

#### **Volunteer!**

Recruit your coworkers, church members or friends to form a team. Pick a name for your team. You and your team will be matched with a service project to assist an agency or neighbor-in-need with a project that would not normally be completed for lack of money or manpower. Projects can include a facility work project, office help, yard work, painting a house, or services children or the elderly.

- Recruit A Team
- Adopt a Project
- Optional: Provide supplies for project
- RSVP to one of two kick off breakfasts on Oct. 21 at 7 a.m.

[Click here to sign up!](#)

#### **Have a project in mind?**

If you are an or know of an agency/person who needs assistance with project, please let us know as soon as possible. The type of project is limitless, but some examples are building a wheelchair, painting a house, yard work, organizing, spending time with an elderly person, making cards to veterans or sick children, etc. The sooner we know what projects you have, the sooner we can match the project with volunteers.

[Click here to submit a project.](#)

## **LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS AFTER A DISASTER**



### **Leveraging Partnerships After A Disaster**

When disaster strikes, partnerships between government agencies and voluntary organizations, like the American Red Cross and the Vermont National Guard, can play a vital role in providing survivors with much needed assistance and life saving supplies.

Time: **01:15**

## **DISASTER HAPPENS IN THE SOUTHEAST. ARE YOU PREPARED?**



### **Disaster Happens in the Southeast. Are You Prepared?**

The video shows how a person can pack an emergency supply kit so they will be ready next time a disaster strikes their area.

Time: **02:34**

## **FACEBOOK**

SAFER is on Facebook, find us and become our friend ;- ) We are up to [272](#) people! Invite friends.



Use of barricades policy: Free to parades in Santa Rosa County that are sponsored by a chambers or government entities (Christmas parades, Mardi Gras, 4<sup>th</sup> of July etc...) that are free and open to the public, with the understanding that the user is responsible for transportation of barricades, AND banners advertizing sponsors MUST be put on barricades. Others wanting to use the barricades must provide transportation and rent barricades at a cost of \$5 per barricade. Additional fees may be applicable if barricades are not returned within 7 days of pick up. Barricades will cost \$9 each if delivery is required. Average rental price for barricades is \$9-\$13 each through other vendors. SAFER barricades are a bargain.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up. - *Bernard Meltzer*

### **LOCAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Visit the state training web page to see all the Florida Division of Emergency Management sponsored training in the state. On this site you will learn what training is offered, where it will be conducted, how long the training will last, who the point of contact for the training is, and any other special considerations like prerequisites for the course. Remember when you are looking for classes, we are in region 1. Go to the following web page

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/TrainingCalendar/index.asp>

### **L 489 MANAGING SPONTANEOUS VOLUNTEERS IN DISASTER**

Marcus Pointe Baptist Church has agreed to host the L 489 Managing Spontaneous Volunteers in Disaster Course on Friday, October 21, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. The room at the Church that will be used for the training will hold up to 60 individuals.

Sign up on line <http://www.floridadisaster.org/TrainingCalendar/moreinfo.asp?id=2496>

### **MONEYWISE FINANCIAL EDUCATION SERIES: 'COMMON FINANCIAL MYTHS'**

Financial advisers Chris Whitman and Weston Lunsford are offering a 2-hour seminar on "Common Financial Myths" at the Chamber this afternoon.

If you are interested in attending, please click the link below or contact [Stephanie Prudome](#):

(850) 346-2806. [Register Now!](#)

### **SEARCH AND RESCUE TECHNICIANS 3 COURSE**

Search and Rescue Technicians 3 course is the first step in the NASAR requirements. There is no training requirement to take the SAR Tech 3 test (online test). However, SW Panhandle SAR is offering the class as a means of preparing for the exam. The course is Friday October 14th from 6:00 - 9:00 and Saturday October 15th from 9:00 to 5:00 at the Santa Rosa EOC. Those who want to take the exam can do it at the EOC however the cost of the exam is \$54.00 to NASAR.

There is a \$20.00 deposit requirement that is refunded if you show up for the class. Checks can be made out to

SW Panhandle SAR  
Nancy Locke  
820 Westmoreland Lane  
Cantonment, FL 32533  
850-712-6862



SAR TECH III WORK  
STUDY GROUP.pdf

They also suggest that you purchase the text book Fundamentals of Search and Rescue on the NASAR website. The book costs \$25.00

#### SAR TECH III WORK STUDY GROUP

SWPANSAR will be having work study on *"Leaving No Stone Unturned"*

**Oct 14th- 6pm-9pm and Oct 15th 9-5pm**

**At: EOC, 4499 Pine Forest Rd, Milton, FL (850)-712-6862**

Anyone who would like to come study with us for the SAR TECH III test is welcome. We will go over each chapter in the NASAR SAR TECH III book, then you will have the opportunity Sat. to go to a computer and take the online test.

Below explains the two types of payments. Each person will need a credit card or debit card and decide which exam they want to pay for.

#### **Basically:**

\$15.00 will pay for you to take exam and receive an unofficial certificate.

\$ 70.00 will pay for you to take exam and receive an official certificate and recorded in the NASAR database, along with receiving a patch from NASAR and rocker to show you are a certified searcher.

### **COFFEE BREAK TRAINING**

#### ***Fire Prevention and Public Education Series Assessing Vulnerability in Your Community***

Learning Objective: The student will be able to identify the five areas of vulnerability in a community.

[Download Your Coffee Break »](#) (PDF, 372 Kb)

Please share this Coffee Break Training segment and others with your peers

### **NEW ONLINE TRAINING MODULE: INTERSPECIES TRANSMISSION OF INFLUENZA VIRUSES**

To help advance the MCEIRS goal of global capacity building, the MCEIRS (Minnesota Center of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance) training team is announcing the availability of its newest online training module: **Interspecies Transmission of Influenza Viruses**.

The goal of this training module is to describe the process and the occurrence of interspecies transmission of influenza viruses. Topics included in the module are factors related to influenza transmission; transmission of influenza viruses between birds, between mammals, and between birds and mammals; and methods of preventing interspecies transmission.

Each module features the latest in online tools and enables users to complete the training on

their own time and at their own pace. Continuing education credits are available.

[Learn More . . .](#)

## **PER 259 SHARING INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO FOOD IMPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION**

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is collaborating with the Center for Agriculture and Food Security and Preparedness at the University of Tennessee-College of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Florida-Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences, and the Regional Domestic Security Task Forces to offer these Department of Homeland Security (DHS) certified courses in Florida. **The courses are open to all United States Citizens, and are free of charge through DHS grant funding.**

### **PER Course Offerings:**

#### **PER 259 Sharing Information and Intelligence Related to Food Importation and Transportation**

- Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm with an hour lunch break at the Escambia County Public Safety Facility, 6575 "W" Street, Pensacola, FL 32505

**register or get more information, by clicking on link:** [www.flsart.org/mgtcourses](http://www.flsart.org/mgtcourses)

If you have questions or comments regarding this course, please contact John Burkette with the Office of Agricultural Emergency Preparedness, Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at [John.Burkette@freshfromflorida.com](mailto:John.Burkette@freshfromflorida.com) or (850) 245-1387 sign up here

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/TrainingCalendar/moreinfo.asp?id=2452>

## **NEWS (blue is new)**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. --Margaret Mead

Waiting for a storm? No, there's much to do (Florida)

<http://www.fbnewsleader.com/articles/2011/09/25/news/00newswaitingforastorm.txt>

How Emergency Management Is Changing (For the Better)

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/How-Emergency-Management-Is-Changing.html>

CDC Report Shows Improvement in Health Preparedness despite Challenges

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/health/Report-Shows-Improvement-Health-Preparedness.html>

'Sovereign' President

<http://www.splcenter.org/get-informed/intelligence-report/browse-all-issues/2011/fall/-sovereign-president>

'New' Virus Catches CDC's Eye

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/healthcare/-new-virus-catches-cdc-s-eye-20110929>

The Amazing Decline of Deaths from Extreme Weather

<http://news.discovery.com/adventure/extreme-weather-death-110930.html>

30 Terrorist Attacks and Plots by Homegrown Jihadists

<http://www.splcenter.org/get-informed/intelligence-report/browse-all-issues/2011/fall/ten-years-after/30-terrorist-attacks-an>

CDC, Learn How to Shelter in Place

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/preparedness/shelter/>

Police: Homeless hacker led cyber-attacks in Orlando (Florida)  
<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/crime/os-anonymous-hacker-arrest-20110929.0.3927725.story>

A diabetic's desperation led to creation of new medical emergency kits  
[http://www.ksl.com/?nid=960&sid=17425930&s\\_cid=rss-960](http://www.ksl.com/?nid=960&sid=17425930&s_cid=rss-960)

Preparedness Measurements, Expanding Mutual Aid on the Horizon for Localities  
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Preparedness-Measurements-Expanding-Mutual-Aid-Localities.html>

La Niña likely to grow stronger this winter  
<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2011/09/24/1771219/la-nina-likely-to-grow-stronger.html#ixzz1Z5NgL0OU>

Five easy mutations to make bird flu a lethal pandemic  
<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21128314.600-five-easy-mutations-to-make-bird-flu-a-lethal-pandemic.html>

Congressional Research Service, Social Media and Disasters: Current Uses, Future Options and Policy Considerations  
<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homsec/R41987.pdf>

National Disaster Recovery Framework  
<http://www.fema.gov/recoveryframework/>

Rad Resilient City: A preparedness checklist to save lives after a nuclear detonation  
<http://www.radresilientcity.org/>

Responding Before a Call Is Needed  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/19/us/community-paramedics-seek-to-prevent-emergencies-too.html?\\_r=2&partner=rss&emc=rss](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/19/us/community-paramedics-seek-to-prevent-emergencies-too.html?_r=2&partner=rss&emc=rss)

Learn Lessons From Disasters? No, Thanks  
[http://www.npr.org/2011/09/07/140247999/learn-lessons-from-disasters-no-thanks?ft=1&f=1001&sc=tw&utm\\_source=twitterfeed&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://www.npr.org/2011/09/07/140247999/learn-lessons-from-disasters-no-thanks?ft=1&f=1001&sc=tw&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter)

FEMA's Craig Fugate Reflects on a Year of Disasters  
<http://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2011/09/femas-craig-fugate-reflects-on-a-year-of-disasters/245014/>

Survivors Search for Help Online Following Disasters, Analysis Finds  
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Survivors-Search-Online-Following-Disasters-Analysis.html>

Nature turns the tables on 'Contagion' plot  
<http://cosmiclog.msnbc.msn.com/news/2011/09/14/7763706-nature-turns-the-tables-on-contagion-plot>

Preventing Pandemic: The Wildlife Forensics of New and Emerging Diseases  
[http://www.usgs.gov/blogs/features/usgs\\_top\\_story/preventing-pandemic/?utm\\_source=twitterfeed&utm\\_medium=twitter&utm\\_campaign=Science\\_Features](http://www.usgs.gov/blogs/features/usgs_top_story/preventing-pandemic/?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=Science_Features)

New bird flu outbreak reported in India  
<http://news.yahoo.com/bird-flu-outbreak-reported-india-113232946.html>

FEMA's Collaboration Community  
<http://fema.ideascale.com/>

NIMS Training Program, September 2011  
[http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/nims\\_training\\_program.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/nims_training_program.pdf)

Ready.Gov, Get Tech Ready  
<http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/tech.html>

Health Emergency Management Weekly  
[http://paper.li/emergencymgmt/1315256787?utm\\_source=subscription&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=paper\\_sub](http://paper.li/emergencymgmt/1315256787?utm_source=subscription&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=paper_sub)

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