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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*

I need your RSVPs for the Annual meeting! The meeting will be held April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1130am (lunch provided) at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Gulf Breeze.

## INFORMATION

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

### NEW PREPAREDNESS WEBINARS

FEMA's Community Preparedness Webinar Series announces its **February Webinar Schedule...**

- **Wednesday, February 15:** [Engaging Your Community in Preventing Terrorism](#)
- **Tuesday, February 28:** [Meeting the Emergency Management Needs of Latino Communities](#)

#### **Wednesday, February 15**

#### [Engaging Your Community in Preventing Terrorism](#)

2 p.m. ET (1:00 CT/Noon MT/11:00 PT)

Are you interested in learning how communities can work together to help prevent terrorism? If so, register for this webinar today! **Registration is simple and FREE...**

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- How Neighborhood Watch groups are currently training their members to be the "eyes and ears" of the community in a nationwide effort to prevent terrorism.

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For more information or to view the recording of the presentation after the event, visit the [Community Preparedness Webinar Series](#) web page.

If you have any questions regarding this webinar, please contact [citizencorps@dhs.gov](mailto:citizencorps@dhs.gov).

Additional webinar topics include:

- FEMA tools and community best practices supporting the inclusion of Latino communities in local emergency management.
- Recommended strategies for increasing Latino Community preparedness efforts.
- Best practices for empowering Latinos to participate fully and equitably in response efforts and recovery services.

Don't forget to check our recent [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\) Training Tools webinar](#), which highlighted additional Whole Community tools for the Latino community.

[Registration](#) is **FREE** and is required for the February 28 webinar. If this is your first time registering for a webinar in the Community Preparedness Webinar Series, register is easy and can be [accessed quickly](#). If you previously registered, you can use your current login information to [access the session](#). If you have any questions regarding the webinar, please contact [marcus.coleman@dhs.gov](mailto:marcus.coleman@dhs.gov).

### **DON'T TOUCH – IT'S HOT!**

Did you know [children](#) under the age of five account for fifty-two percent of all child fire deaths? Did you also know young children's skin is thinner than older children and adults, and [their skin burns](#) at lower temperatures and more deeply?

Since burns are recognized as one of the most painful and devastating injuries a person can sustain and survive, we want to arm you with the tools to keep the children in your community safe from this devastating injury.

Learn more about [Burn Awareness Week](#) and the role you can play to [prevent injuries at home, at play, and on the way!](#)

### **REGISTRATION OPEN FOR BASS TOURNAMENT, \$3,000 TO WINNER**

**When:** Saturday, April 14th

**Where:** Carpenter's Park - Milton, FL

**Prizes:** Grand prize \$3,000, payout to the top 10 places

**Cost:** Event is Free & Open to Public

**Registration:** \$110, per boat (one or 2 person teams)

**Timeline:** 3am - Boat Check-in 6am - Tournament Begins 3pm - Weigh in Begins 4:30pm - Awards

**Additional Info:** This tournament benefits United Way of Santa Rosa County and is hosted by United Way and the 3 Rivers Bass Club. Fishermen and women will fish the Blackwater River and adjoining waters for bass to win the grand prize of \$3,000. The event will feature delicious food,

music, door prizes for tournament participants and a 50/50 cash drawing.

**Register at United Way Santa Rosa** (6479-A Caroline St. Milton, FL 32570)

[Click here for rules & registration.](#)

### **LOCAL PHYSICIAN WILL SEE PATIENTS AT SRCHD MIDWAY CLINIC**

#### **Community partnership will bring additional services to the Midway area**

The Santa Rosa County Health Department is pleased to welcome community partner, Dr. John W. Ervin, to its satellite clinic at 5840 Gulf Breeze Parkway in Midway. In addition to services such as pregnancy testing, Healthy Start case management, and Medicaid eligibility, currently offered by the health department, Dr. Ervin, a specialist in OB/GYN, will offer pre-natal care for pregnant women on Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, beginning February 24.

Appointments will be required, and Medicaid and private insurance will be accepted.

"We are so pleased to have the opportunity to partner with Dr. Ervin to bring pre-natal services to our Midway Clinic," said Sandra L. Park-O'Hara, A.R.N.P., administrator of the Santa Rosa County Health Department. "This will provide patients in the Gulf Breeze and Navarre areas with additional resources for pre-natal care."

For more information, or to make an appointment, contact Dr. Ervin's private practice, The Center for Total Women's Health, in Milton at 850-983-9600. For information about other services available at The Center for Total Women's Health, visit their website, [www.cftwh.com](http://www.cftwh.com). For information on pregnancy testing and Healthy Start services, contact the Santa Rosa County Health Department at 850-983-5200, ext. 107, or visit our website at [healthysantarosa.com](http://healthysantarosa.com).

### **FREE PROGRAM FOR DISCOUNTED DRUGS**

Free FamilyWize Prescription Discount Cards available at the United Way office (6479-A Caroline St. in Milton).

FamilyWize cards can reduce prescription drug costs by an average of 35%. There is no income criteria for this program and it is open to anyone.

Cards are available to:

- Anyone who does not currently have health insurance
- Anyone who does not have prescription coverage

Anyone who is purchasing a medication not covered by their insurance

### **JOIN STORMSMART FOR A WEBINAR ON FEBRUARY 23**

StormSmart Coasts helps coastal decision makers find and share the best resilience-related resources available. Before the Storm: Part 1 is the first of four Gulf of Mexico-wide coastal storm planning, response, and recovery trainings. Each training will provide an overview of specific tools provided on the StormSmart Coast website.

**Title:** Before the Storm: Part 1

**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2012

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM (CST)

**Cost:** Free, registration is required

This training will begin with an introduction by **Margaret Davidson, Director of the NOAA Coastal Services Center**. Before the Storm: Part 1 consists of two parts: Resources and Identifying Hazards. The Resources section of the training will provide an overview of a variety of available coastal zone management resources. This portion of the training will also provide participants with tips and tools to assist decision makers to work with their community to prevent, endure, and repair damage caused by coastal storms through the use of local knowledge, geospatial data, and storm probability data. The second half of this training, Identifying Hazards, defines and explains the risks associated with Gulf-wide and state-specific hazards, such as shoreline change, sea level rise, storm surge, coastal inundation, and wind risk.

Following your participation in Before the Storm: Part 1, you will have a better understanding of the tools available to help you and your community prepare for coastal storms, how to access those tools, and the potential hazards that could impact your community during and after a coastal storm.

For additional information about StormSmart Coasts and all of these trainings, please visit <http://stormsmart.org/webinars>.

#### **Registration Space is limited.**

Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/643828058>

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

**SANTA ROSA MEDICAL CENTER TO HOST EXPRESS CLYDESDALES  
EVENT TO SUPPORT SANTA ROSA KIDS' HOUSE AND BAY AREA FOOD BANK**

**Wednesday, February 15 / 2:30 – 5:30 PM**

RIDES, PICTURES, MEMORABILIA, SAND ART, FACE PAINTING, FOOD & DRINKS  
Participants are encouraged to bring nonperishable goods for the Bay Area Food Bank.  
All money raised will go to the Santa Rosa Kids' House  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 626-5133

**From Central Ministerial Fellowship** of Santa Rosa County (FL) and  
**Love Thy Neighbor Ministry** @ St Rose of Lima Catholic church

**DISASTER RECOVERY TIP #6: NOT YOUR AVERAGE FLOOD -SPRING FLOODING**

Year after year, springtime flooding is linked to seasonal rain and rapid snowmelt, but this year may be a different story. Unseasonably warm temperatures and the noticeable lack of snow this winter may bring [variable weather conditions](#) in the coming months.

Areas that have received little precipitation this winter may later experience drought like conditions that, when the rain does come, can lead to flash flooding. Likewise, residents in western states may face an increased risk of flooding and mudslides due to the recent wildfires that left the ground charred and unable to absorb excess water.

The reality is, floods are the most common and costly natural disaster. Between 2006 and 2010, the average individual flood insurance claim was nearly \$34,000. All it takes is a few inches of water to cause thousands of dollars of damage. [Click here](#) for helpful preparedness tips from Ready.gov and start preparing today

**JUST RELEASED: CLINICIANS' BIOSECURITY RESOURCE APP**

*CBN Editors, January 17, 2012*

The Center for Biosecurity has just launched the Clinicians' Biosecurity Resource (CBR) iPhone app, which is available at no charge through the [iTunes App Store](#).

**The most dangerous potential biotreats:** CBR provides rapid access to the information clinicians need to recognize disease caused by the most dangerous potential bioweapons and to manage the care of patients who may have been exposed. Those agents include the following 6 pathogens.

- *Bacillus anthracis* (anthrax)
- *Clostridium botulinum* toxin (botulism)
- Hemorrhagic fever viruses (Ebola, Marburg, etc.)
- *Yersinia pestis* (plague)
- Variola virus (smallpox)
- *Francisella tularensis* (tularemia)

For each of the 6 most dangerous pathogens, there is a history of offensive weapons research and disease caused by these pathogens would be associated with high case fatality rates. The appearance of suspected cases would, therefore, be cause for concern, and rapid diagnosis essential.

**Succinct information, optimally organized:** In the event of a biological attack, rapid, informed healthcare response will be critical. During a biological attack, clinicians will have to make diagnoses, initiate treatment, and communicate with patients and families. To support timely and accurate response, CBR presents optimally organized, succinct information that can be used by all clinicians, including those who may not specialize in infectious disease but will likely play a role in response to a biological attack.

Because natural occurrences of these diseases are rare in the U.S., and smallpox has been eradicated, the CBR is also designed to raise awareness and healthy suspicion among clinicians. It is, after all, frontline clinicians who are often credited for recognizing cases and outbreaks of uncommon diseases. The CBR is also designed to be useful for all healthcare professionals and students.

**Agent profiles compiled from authoritative sources:** In addition to providing the following information, each profile also links to CDC guidelines and other authoritative resources.

- Naturally occurring disease (except for smallpox)
- Use of the agent as a bioweapon
- Priority actions if exposure is suspected
- Clinical features of disease caused by agent used as a bioweapon
- Microbiological diagnosis
- Recommended treatment
- Postexposure prophylaxis
- Prevention and/or vaccination
- Personal protection and/or infection control

Information presented in the CBR has been compiled and digested by Center for Biosecurity experts from the following sources: [Center for Biosecurity Fact Sheets](#); a series of consensus statements regarding these agents published in *JAMA*; and *Principles and Practice of Infectious Diseases* by Mandell, Douglas, and Bennett. The CBR was authored by Kunal J. Rambhia, MS; Matthew Watson, EMT-P; Amesh A. Adalja, MD, FACP; and Eric Toner, MD.

**Regular updates:** The CBR will be reviewed and updated biannually to ensure that the profiles are accurate and up-to-date. However, the CBR app is not a substitute for clinical guidance, and any decisions about treatment of individual patients should be made in consultation with infectious disease physicians, hospital leadership, state or local public health agencies, and/or the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as appropriate.

**Clinicians' Biosecurity News in your hand:** The CBR provides also provides mobile access to *Clinicians' Biosecurity News* (CBN). Current subscribers will continue to receive CBN via email and will have the option of reading articles on their iPhones as well. Each time a new CBN article is published, you can choose to be notified through the CBR and read the article in the app.

### **PUBLIC ALERTS NOW ON GOOGLE MAPS**

Today marks the launch of a new Google Crisis Response project: [Google Public Alerts](#), a platform designed to bring you relevant emergency alerts when and where you're searching for them. If a major weather event is headed for your area, you might go online to search for the information you need: What's happening? Where and when will it strike? How severe will it be? What resources are available to help?

The Google Crisis Response team works on providing critical emergency information during crises. Our goal is to surface emergency information through the online tools you use everyday, when that information is relevant and useful.

With today's launch of Public Alerts on Google Maps, relevant weather, public safety, and earthquake alerts from [US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#), [the National Weather Service](#), and the [US Geological Survey \(USGS\)](#) will be accessible when you search on [Google Maps](#). For instance, at the time of this post, "Flood Indiana" triggers an alert for a Flood Warning in Northern Indiana.

### **NEW NATIONAL HEPATITIS C HELPLINE PROMISES "ONE CALL – LOTS OF HELP"**

A new national helpline, 877-HELP-4-HEP, run by and for people affected by hepatitis C will formally launch February 1, 2012. This new consumer resource is the result of a year-long collaboration among five national nonprofits with a combined 90 years' experience in phone-based peer counseling.

Being diagnosed with hepatitis C creates many emotional and social challenges. It is especially complicated by the lack of comprehensive medical, mental health, and community support services. People with hepatitis C report spending countless hours trying to find a reliable support and information. Resources are few and often transient based on available funding. Judi, one of the 877-HELP-4-HEP counselors states, "People with hepatitis C just can't seem to get the help they need. Sometimes, I'm the fourth or fifth person they have spoken to. As a peer counselor, I can share common experiences and talk about different coping strategies and resources. When I was diagnosed I had many of the concerns and questions that they are having and since then have spoken to people with similar experiences. I can really set their minds at ease with answers to their questions that contribute to a sense of well-being and hope."

Unique to 877-HELP-4-HEP (877-435-7443) are specially trained peer counselors using a structured approach to help callers navigate through screening, diagnosis, medical evaluation, and treatment. Follow-up contact by the counselors keep callers engaged at each step of their journey and help them make and follow through with their hepatitis C related decisions. Additional HELP-4-HEP assets include an up-to-date national database of 25,000 referral resources and a secure shared caller database for counseling continuity. Andi Thomas, the helpline's managing partner, stated, "What sets us apart is our standardized health messaging and the follow-up call feature. HELP-4-HEP is designed to maintain contact with callers to improve health outcomes as well as document and measure the impact of our services." HELP-4-HEP is administered by The Support Partnership whose mission is to improve the well-being of people affected by viral hepatitis through collaborations that increase service quality, access, and impact. Founding partners are HealthPro (formerly Hep-C ALERT), FL; Hepatitis C Association, NJ; Hepatitis Education Project, WA; Hep C Connection, CO; and Project Inform, CA. 877-HELP-4-HEP (877-435-7443) operates Monday through Friday 9:00am to 7pm EST. To learn more, visit [www.help4hep.org](http://www.help4hep.org) or email [info@help4hep.org](mailto:info@help4hep.org).

### **ARE YOU READY TO BE AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR DURING A CRISIS?**

*Get Tips on Disaster Planning During Free SBA/Agility Webinar*

Because it's easy for even the best leader to be overwhelmed when a crisis hits and misinformation shows up in a twitter feed, managing the flow of information about your company is crucial when an emergency occurs.

Get tips on how to plan a communications strategy that will eliminate confusion and support your recovery efforts during a free webinar on February 14, hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration and Agility Recovery Solutions.

The discussion will help you assess your company's needs, identify a good spokesperson and develop fact sheets and talking points.

SBA has partnered with Agility to offer business continuity strategies through its "PrepareMyBusiness" website. Visit [www.preparemybusiness.org](http://www.preparemybusiness.org) to access past webinars and get additional preparedness tips.

The SBA provides disaster recovery assistance in the form of low-interest loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofits and businesses of all sizes. To learn more, visit [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster).

**WHO:** Bob Boyd, President and CEO, Agility Recovery Solutions  
**WHAT:** "**Crisis Communications Planning—The Keystone of Disaster Recovery Response**" will be presented by Boyd. A question and answer session will follow.  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 14, 2012 – 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST  
**HOW:** Space is limited. Register at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/421917136>

## **ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY IN PREVENTING TERRORISM**

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### **FACEBOOK**

SAFER is on Facebook, find us, and become our friend ;-)  
We are up to [322](#) people! Invite friends. **Let's keep growing this communications venue. Invite other Santa Rosans to participate.**



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/delivery. Barricades will cost \$8 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>

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### **Overview**

Join us Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> for presentations on strategies and resources to improve your community's awareness and likelihood of reporting suspicious activity that may be related to terrorism. Presentations will feature the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative (NSI), the Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say Something™" campaign, the National Sheriffs' Association's USAonWatch/ Neighborhood Watch program and new research and a resource guide from FEMA and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Presenters for this webinar include:

Tom Crane, from the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)

Sara Kuban, from the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#)

Steven King, from the [Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting \(SAR\) Initiative \(NSI\)](#)

Rosemary DeMenno and Jennifer Styles from the [International Association of Chiefs of Police](#)

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### **SKYWARN TRAINING**

The Navarre CERT Amateur Radio Club will be hosting an "Advanced Skywarn" training class on March 2, 2012, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Jeff Garmon, NOAA Meteorologist from the National Weather Service office in Mobile will be providing the training. This class is for those who have previously had the basic course within the past year.

We will be meeting in the training room at the Holley-Navarre's Fire Station #45, 8618 Esplanade St. (Turn North from US 98 at the flashing yellow emergency lights by the McDonald's East of the Navarre Beach Bridge.) Plenty of parking is available in the parking lot across the street.

For further information, contact me via either email (preferable) at [commo@navarre-cert.org](mailto:commo@navarre-cert.org), or on my cell at 850-637-2496. You can also check out <http://navarre-cert.org> and click on the "Communications" link at the top of the page.

### **HAZWOPER**

Please find attached the offering for 8 Hour HAZWOPER Refresher and 40 Hour HAZWOPER Classes. Please pass it on to those that may need one of the classes.

**DATES: February 24, 2012 for 8 hr refresher and March 2-4, 2012 for 40 hr course.**

**LOCATION: STATION #1, PACE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
4773 PACE PATRIOT BLVD.  
PACE, FLORIDA 32571**



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## **LEGAL ISSUES AND DISASTERS: THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW FEMA COURSE** **MGT – 366**

**When;** Thursday March 8, 2012 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST

**Where:** Escambia County Emergency Management  
6575 North "W" Street Pensacola, FL 32505.

This course is a survey of selected legal issues that typically arise during emergencies. The goal of the course is to enhance the ability of state, territorial, tribal and local governments, emergency managers and planners, first responders, and VOADs to identify potential legal issues that can arise during a disaster so that necessary adjustments to planning, policies or procedures can be developed prior to a disaster. The instructor-led, 8-hour course is divided into five modules; planning, evacuation, shelters, out-of-state volunteers, and federal financial assistance & reimbursement. At the end of the course, participants will be able to identify the most common legal issues associated with these issues and understand general procedures to avoid the associated liability. Register at link below.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e5ipexlg6354caf7&llr=h6jwpoeb>

### **INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSE MITIGATION PLANNING FOR LOCAL AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES**

In December 2011, an updated independent study course was released to support local and tribal mitigation planning. [IS-318, Mitigation Planning for Local and Tribal Communities](#), is a course offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The goals of this course are to:

- Assist participants in undertaking the hazard mitigation plan development process. This plan will meet the needs of your community and fulfill the requirements for local plans, as described in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §201.6, or for Tribal plans, as described in 44 CFR §201.7.
- Help federal and state plan reviewers interpret the regulations to inform the review of local or Tribal hazard mitigation plans.

### **IS-909 - COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS: IMPLEMENTING SIMPLE ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE**

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is909.asp>

#### **Course Description**

Community members are the key to our Nation's preparedness and resilience. As such, we need to:

- Support the development of prepared, vigilant, and engaged communities.
- Foster strategic partnerships among:
  - The private sector.
  - Nongovernmental organizations.
  - Foundations.
  - Community-based organizations.

The purpose of this course is to present a model program for community preparedness. In addition, resources materials are available to help organizations conduct simple preparedness activities for everyone.

#### **Course Objectives**

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify the definition of preparedness.
- Describe the role of individuals and households in preparedness.
- Identify community preparedness principles.
- Describe the purpose of community-based preparedness activities.
- Identify the steps for planning and conducting a community-based preparedness program.
- Identify resources for supporting community-based preparedness programs.

## Primary Audience

Whole community including emergency management personnel and representatives of faith-based and nonprofit organizations.

## IS-660 - INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is660.asp>

## 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

FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate Shares 3 Lessons from 2011

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/FEMA-Craig-Fugate-3-Lessons-2011.html>

'Doomsday Preppers' highlights extreme survival techniques

<http://yourlife.usatoday.com/health/story/2012-02-06/Doomsday-Preppers-highlights-extreme-survival-techniques/52993468/1>

FEMA has plan to waive debts of disaster victims

<http://news.yahoo.com/fema-plan-waive-debts-disaster-victims-163315017.html>

No solar disaster – this time

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21328503.700-no-solar-disaster--this-time.html>

Bus-Size Asteroid Buzzes Earth in Close Flyby

<http://news.discovery.com/space/asteroid-pass-by-earth-120127.html>

How climate change, urbanisation are changing disaster

<http://news.yahoo.com/climate-change-urbanisation-changing-disaster-110233362.html>

What if we could predict tornadoes a month out? Scientists make strides

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Science/2012/0127/What-if-we-could-predict-tornadoes-a-month-out-Scientists-make-strides>

HHS issues medical surge guidance for healthcare systems

<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/bt/bioprep/news/jan2512prepared.html>

Could you survive an extreme weather disaster?

[http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/27/us/extreme-weather-prepare-for-worst/index.html?hpt=hp\\_bn1](http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/27/us/extreme-weather-prepare-for-worst/index.html?hpt=hp_bn1)

United Nations, Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future worth Choosing Report

[http://www.un.org/gsp/sites/default/files/attachments/GSPReport\\_unformatted\\_30Jan.pdf](http://www.un.org/gsp/sites/default/files/attachments/GSPReport_unformatted_30Jan.pdf)

New National Weather Service Preview Website

<http://preview.weather.gov/>

*An Emergency Network for Natural Disasters*

<http://newswire.uark.edu/article.aspx?id=17629>

Skype's Disaster Response Platform

<http://blogs.technet.com/b/microsoftupblog/archive/2012/01/25/skype-s-disaster-response-platform.aspx>

America's Crumbling Infrastructure Will Challenge Emergency Managers For Decades

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Crumbling-Infrastructure-Challenge-Emergency-Managers.html>

Floods, heat, migration: How extreme weather will transform cities  
[http://edition.cnn.com/2011/12/23/world/asia/climate-change-impact-cities/index.html?hpt=hp\\_bn7](http://edition.cnn.com/2011/12/23/world/asia/climate-change-impact-cities/index.html?hpt=hp_bn7)

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