

Emergency Manager's Weekly Report

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"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

Martin Luther King



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Introduction and Contributions

Introduction

The Emergency Manager's Weekly Report started back in 2000 as a simple e-mail message to share news and resources with a select group of colleagues. Since then it has grown significantly and shares news and resources with emergency management professionals from around the world.

The Weekly Reports social media presence includes the following:

- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Emergency-Managers-Weekly-Report/110533579036082>
- LinkedIn: http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Emergency-Managers-Weekly-Report-3833131?mostPopular=&gid=3833131&goback=%2Egmp_3833131%2Egde_3833131_member_47547619
- Twitter: [@steveorange2003](https://twitter.com/steveorange2003)

Feel free to like, join and follow these pages because I regularly share news and information through them daily.

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News and Information Contributions

The following individuals or groups contribute to the Emergency Manager's Weekly Report.

- International Association of Emergency Managers
- National Emergency Management Association
- Florida Emergency Preparedness Association
- Emergency Management Institute, Higher Education Program
- Montgomery County, PA Department of Public Safety
- Natural Hazards Center
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities
- EAD & Associates, LLC
- Emergency Information Infrastructure Project
- U.S. Access Board
- Florida Division of Emergency Management
- Dave Freeman
- Gregory Banner
- Arthur Rabjohn
- Martha Braddock
- Ed Kostiuik
- Kenny Shaw
- Dean Larson
- Chris Floyd
- CNN
- MSNBC
- Associated Press
- Reuters
- USAToday
- Time
- Drudge Report
- Central Florida News 13
- Orlando Sentinel
- LA Times
- Government Executive
- BBC
- Homeland 1
- Federal Computer Weekly
- Firehouse Magazine
- Emergency Management Magazine
- Homeland Security Today
- ReliefWeb
- Big Medicine
- IRIN
- Homeland Security Today
- Washington Post
- NY Times
- Yahoo News
- Big Medicine
- Emergency Management Daily
- PreventionWeb

Distribution Contributions

The EM Weekly Report is also distributed through numerous social media platforms. Below is a comprehensive list and I would like to thank the page/group administrators for allowing me to post the link to the weekly report. These sites are:

Facebook Groups/Pages

- Emergency Managers
- National Tribal Emergency Management Council
- Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council
- NEMRC
- Pearce Global Partners
- Emergency Management issues

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- FEMA Only
- EMPOWER
- Emergency Management Higher Education Community
- California Disasters

Linkedin Groups

- All Hands Community Network
- California Emergency Services Association
- Emergency Management and Homeland Security Professionals
- Emergency Management Professionals
- FEMA Only
- International Emergency Managers
- Journal of Business Continuity and Emergency Planning
- National Emergency Management Resource Center [NEMRC]
- Natural Hazard Mitigation Association
- Professionals in Emergency Management
- Social Media Crisis Communications
- SMEM Social Media Emergency Management
- Comprehensive Emergency Management Research Network
- Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) - US Membership
- Disaster & Emergency Management
- Emergency Management Professionals Workgroup
- Recovery Co-Op
- Emergency Management in Florida
- IAEM-MA

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Executive Summary

This section of the EM Weekly Report will contain news articles, reports and resources that are of particular interest to emergency management professionals:

'Hurricane domes' rising across Texas as shelters -- and gyms

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/12/28/16218175-hurricane-domes-rising-across-texas-as-shelters-and-gyms?lite>

Providence EMA using GPS for snow removal (Rhode Island)

http://www.foxprovidence.com/dpps/news/local_news/region_1/ema-officials-tracking-storms-impact_5240251

Study finds flaws in Virginia's emergency shelter system

<http://www.dailypress.com/news/breaking/va-ap-emergency-planning-20121231,0,7578122.story?track=rss>

Ex-FEMA official to plead guilty to steering contracts to Gallup during job hunt

<http://openchannel.nbcnews.com/news/2013/01/03/16333287-ex-fema-official-to-plead-guilty-to-steering-contracts-to-gallup-during-job-hunt?lite>

FEMA Corps: Expanding Opportunities for Young Adults

http://www.serve.gov/stories_detail.asp?tbl_servestories_id=994

In An Age of Catastrophes, Federal Disaster Aid Spirals

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/johnmcquaid/2013/01/04/in-an-age-of-catastrophes-federal-disaster-aid-spirals/>

Alaska plan for emergency food stockpile hits bump

http://news.yahoo.com/alaska-plan-emergency-food-stockpile-hits-bump-004608553.html;_ylt=A2KJNF9c.IQmRQAkiHQtdMD

Disaster Dozen: 12 Myths of Disaster Preparedness

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/12-Myths-Disaster-Preparedness.html>

Using Social Media to Enhance Situational Awareness

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Social-Media-Enhance-Situational-Awareness.html>

Preparedness is theme as disaster conference kicks off in New Orleans

http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2013/01/preparedness_is_theme_as_disas.html

Division of Emergency Management offers online updates (Florida)

<http://www.srpressegazette.com/news/division-of-emergency-management-offers-online-updates-1.69615>

Rebuilding a Hospital

http://www.nfpa.org/publicJournalDetail.asp?categoryID=2761&itemID=59884&src=NFP_AJournal&cookie%5Ftest=1

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Thanks, But No Thanks: When Post-Disaster Donations Overwhelm
http://www.npr.org/2013/01/09/168946170/thanks-but-no-thanks-when-post-disaster-donations-overwhelm?utm_source=NPR&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=20130109

Military turns to ESPN to help analyze drone footage
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2012/12/19/drone-video/1770337/>

Retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf dies
<http://m.usatoday.com/article/news/1795095>

CIA's Global Response Staff emerging from shadows after incidents in Libya and Pakistan
http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/cias-global-response-staff-emerging-from-shadows-after-incident-in-libya-and-pakistan/2012/12/26/27db2d1c-4b7f-11e2-b709-667035ff9029_story.html

Petition urges White House to classify Westboro church as hate group
<http://news.yahoo.com/petition-urges-white-house-classify-westboro-church-hate-192906943.html>

State Department made "grievous mistake" over Benghazi: Senate report
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/12/31/us-usa-benghazi-report-senate-idUSBRE8BU07L20121231>

NYC suspects had 'terrorist encyclopedia,' police say
<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/12/31/16269819-nyc-suspects-had-terrorist-encyclopedia-police-say?lite>

How Air Force database is preventing its old bombs from claiming new victims
<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Military/2013/0103/How-Air-Force-database-is-preventing-its-old-bombs-from-claiming-new-victims?nav=87-frontpage-entryNineItem>

Secret US cybersecurity program to protect power grid confirmed
<http://news.yahoo.com/secret-us-cybersecurity-program-protect-power-grid-confirmed-230132788.html>

Defense bill's Guantanamo Bay provisions have human rights groups upset with Obama
http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/defense-bills-guantanamo-bay-provisions-have-human-rights-groups-upset-with-obama/2013/01/03/778be520-55e0-11e2-8b9e-dd8773594efc_story.html?hpid=z13

Stopping a Suicide Bomber
<http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2013/january/stopping-a-suicide-bomber/stopping-a-suicide-bomber>

New state law aims to trade military experience for college credit
<http://www.homeland1.com/homeland-security-news/1387996-new-state-law-aims-to-trade-military-experience-for-college-credit/>

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U.S. nuclear lab removes Chinese tech over security fears
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/01/07/us-huawei-alamos-idUSBRE90608B20130107>

Taking to the air on hunt for dirty bomb threats
http://security.blogs.cnn.com/2013/01/07/radiation-scanning-helicopter-surveys-washington/?hpt=hp_t3

Secret Service announces security information for the 2013 Presidential Inauguration
<http://www.secretservice.gov/press/GPA01-13InaugSecPlans.pdf>

US sees Iran behind hostage photos of ex-FBI agent
<http://news.yahoo.com/us-sees-iran-behind-hostage-photos-ex-fbi-185004550--politics.html>

Half of Orange County elementary schools get police (Florida)
<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-school-shooting-officers-orange-county-20130104,0,5356266.story>

Arizona sheriff orders armed 'posse' to patrol schools
<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/12/28/16215255-arizona-sheriff-orders-armed-posse-to-patrol-schools?lite>

Alleged Teen Terrorist Was Openly 'White Power' in Alabama School
<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2013/01/08/alleged-teen-terrorist-was-openly-white-power-in-school/>

Texas school can force teenagers to wear locator chip: judge
<http://news.yahoo.com/texas-school-force-teenager-wear-locator-chip-judge-021126100.html>

Md. School Board Seeks Stronger Penalties for Bomb Threats
<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/School-Safety/News/2013/01/09/Md-School-Board-Seeks-Stronger-Penalties-for-Bomb-Threats.aspx>

FEMA Continues Innovations to Meet Access and Functional Needs Integration
<http://www.fema.gov/news-release/fema-continues-innovations-meet-access-and-functional-needs-integration>

Columbia set to restart undamaged W.Va. pipeline
<http://www.register-herald.com/todaysfrontpage/x349504649/Columbia-set-to-restart-undamaged-W-Va-pipeline>

Storms on US Plains stir memories of the 'Dust Bowl'
<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/12/30/16248220-storms-on-us-plains-stir-memories-of-the-dust-bowl?lite>

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Ski patrol veteran dies after avalanche at California resort

<http://news.yahoo.com/ski-patrol-veteran-dies-avalanche-california-resort-050420096--ski.html>

2012: Dodged the Mayan Apocalypse, Still Costly Year in Disasters

<http://calemanews.wordpress.com/2012/12/27/2012-dodged-the-mayan-apocalypse-still-costly-year-in-disasters/>

Barge companies fear Mississippi River shutdown because of water levels

http://www.cnn.com/2012/12/27/us/mississippi-river-traffic/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

Massachusetts legislature approves plan to improve dam safety

<http://www.hydroworld.com/articles/2013/january/massachusetts-legislature-approves-plan-to-improve-dam-safety.html>

Storms bring minor improvements to drought

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/NewsOutreach/NDMCNews.aspx?id=70>

In Arid West, Cheatgrass Turns Fires Into Infernos

<http://www.npr.org/2012/12/05/166574589/in-arid-west-cheatgrass-turns-fires-into-infernos>

Gov't report blames floods for 16 pipeline breaks since '93; 2.4M gallons spilled

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/apnewsbreak-floods-blamed-for-16-pipeline-spills-24m-gallons-of-hazardous-liquids-released/2013/01/03/c58fe83c-55d3-11e2-89de-76c1c54b1418_story.html

Dust Bowl Wilting U.S. Wheat as Funds Turn Bearish

http://mobile.bloomberg.com/news/2013-01-03/dust-bowl-wilting-u-s-wheat-as-funds-turn-bearish-commodities.html?BB_NAVI_DISABLE=PULSE&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulse_news

Snow fall: The Avalanche at Tunnel Creek (Washington)

<http://www.nytimes.com/projects/2012/snow-fall/#/?part=tunnel-creek>

California Megaflood: Lessons from a Forgotten Catastrophe

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=atmospheric-rivers-california-megaflood-lessons-from-forgotten-catastrophe>

Preliminary Info on 2012 U.S. Billion-Dollar Extreme Weather/Climate Events

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/news/preliminary-info-2012-us-billion-dollar-extreme-weatherclimate-events>

Neighborhood Biolabs: How Safe Are They?

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/infectious-disease-lab-irks-bostonians/story?id=18134903>

DO NATURAL DISASTERS BREED HEALTH EPIDEMICS?

<http://www.popsoci.com/science/article/2012-12/do-natural-disasters-really-make-epidemics-spread>

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911 Dispatchers at Risk for PTSD

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/Stress/ptsd-911-emergency-dispatchers-risk/story?id=16020576#.UN-uHfhcfY>

Responder Input Is Key for a Successful National Network (Opinion)

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Responder-Input-National-Network-Opinion.html>

In the new year, be a first responder

http://www.cnn.com/2012/12/30/opinion/greene-first-responders/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

Take-home police cars may be nearing end of the road

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2012/12/29/take-home-police-cars/1797073/>

Robot Firefighter for Shipboard Firefighting

<http://www.firefighternation.com/article/technology/robot-firefighter-shipboard-firefighting>

President Obama Signs 'Dale Long Act' Supporting Injured First Responders and Families

<http://www.jems.com/article/news/president-obama-signs-dale-long-act-supp>

Aurora cops detail grisly scene at mass shooting

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201_162-57562477/aurora-cops-detail-grisly-scene-at-mass-shooting/

FBI: Colorado Shooter Created Extensive Booby Traps in Apartment

<http://www.firefighternation.com/article/news-2/fbi-colorado-shooter-created-extensive-booby-traps>

New positioning technology could compete with GPS

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21728985.600-new-positioning-technology-could-compete-with-gps.html>

Column: A Hindu moment for Congress

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2013/01/03/hindu-tulsi-gabbard-congress/1808127/>

Clever flashlight uses whatever batts you have lying around

http://dvice.com/archives/2013/01/panasonic-flash.php?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

Security Council urges implementation of UN strategy against Lord's Resistance Army

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=43816&Cr=resistance+army&Cr1#.UNJ5beTAcbA>

Analysis: The militarization of hospital beds

<http://reliefweb.int/report/world/analysis-militarization-hospital-beds>

Thousands fleeing S. Sudan clashes seek U.N. refuge

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/thousands-fleeing-ssudan-clashes-seek-un-refuge/>

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Emergency aid for almost 90,000 people in east (Democratic Republic of Congo)
<http://reliefweb.int/report/democratic-republic-congo/emergency-aid-almost-90000-people-east>

2004 tsunami and the fight against disaster amnesia (Indonesia)
<http://www2.thejakartapost.com/news/2012/12/26/2004-tsunami-and-fight-against-disaster-amnesia.html>

U.S. official: North Korea likely deceived U.S., allies before launching rocket
<http://security.blogs.cnn.com/2012/12/27/u-s-official-north-korea-likely-deceived-u-s-allies-before-launching-rocket/>

Rebuilding in Haiti Lags after Billions in Post-Quake Aid
http://www.nytimes.com/2012/12/24/world/americas/in-aiding-quake-battered-haiti-lofty-hopes-and-hard-truths.html?_r=2&

Japan PM Abe praises Fukushima nuclear work during visit
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-20865268>

Saving the world through social media? How development is going digital
http://www.guardian.co.uk/global-development/poverty-matters/2013/jan/04/saving-world-social-media-development-digital?CMP=twf_fd

INSIDE CHINA'S SECRET ARSENAL
<http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2012-12/inside-chinas-secret-arsenal>

Western plot to sterilize Muslims? Polio vaccine rumors spark killings in Pakistan
<http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/12/20/16039942-western-plot-to-sterilize-muslims-polio-vaccine-rumors-spark-killings-in-pakistan?lite>

God's Surgeons in Africa
http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2012/12/gods-surgeons-in-africa/266635/?utm_source=pulsenews

Haiti travel warning issued by US after kidnappings, killings
<http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/12/29/16235370-haiti-travel-warning-issued-by-us-after-kidnappings-killings?lite>

Silent sub: Russian noiseless Borei class nuclear submarine immersed
<http://rt.com/news/russian-noiseless-borei-submarine-106/>

Where it's most dangerous to be an aid worker
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/worldviews/wp/2012/12/26/heres-where-its-most-dangerous-to-be-an-aid-worker/>

Emergency Management B.C. ups efforts on tsunami warnings (Canada)
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/emergency-management-bc-ups-efforts-on-tsunami-warnings/article6972950/?cmpid=rss1>

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Still waiting for recovery (Haiti)

<http://www.economist.com/news/americas/21569026-three-years-after-devastating-earthquake-republic-ngos-has-become-country?fsrc=scn%2Ffb%2Fwl%2Fpe%2Fstillwaitingforrecovery>

Iran Targets Dissidents with 30,000-Strong Spy Army

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2013/01/iranian-spies/>

U.N. wants to use drones for peacekeeping missions

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/un-seeks-drones-for-peacekeeping-missions/2013/01/08/39575660-599e-11e2-88d0-c4cf65c3ad15_print.html

Russia's deep freeze: dozens die, feels like 50 below

<http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/12/20/16022433-russias-deep-freeze-dozens-die-feels-like-50-below?lite>

4 ways the world could actually end

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/story/2012/12/19/apocalypse-end-of-the-world-scenarios.html?cmp=googleeditorspick>

Japan's Tepco sued by US sailors over radiation

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-20856051>

Modern-Day Typhoid Marys

http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/pandemics/2012/12/superspreaders_of_disease_sars_and_other_pandemics_are_spread_by_modern.html?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

The Worst Pandemic in History

http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/pandemics/2012/12/spanish_flu_mystery_why_don_t_scientists_understand_the_1918_flu_even_after.html?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

8 Dead in Christmas Day Fires, Riot in Philippines

http://world.time.com/2012/12/26/8-dead-in-christmas-day-fires-riot-in-philippines/?xid=rss-topstories&utm_source=pulsenews&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+time%2Ftopstories+%28TIME%3A+Top+Stories%29&utm_content=FaceBook

Tackling China's public health crisis

http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2013/01/03/tackling-chinas-public-health-crisis/?hpt=hp_bn2

More than 100 dead as northern India deals with historic cold spell

http://www.foxnews.com/world/2013/01/03/more-than-100-dead-as-northern-india-deals-with-historic-cold-spell/?cmpid=app_pulse&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

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Too Big to Flood? Megacities Face Future of Major Storm Risk

http://e360.yale.edu/feature/megacities_face_increasing_risk_as_sea_levels_rise/2602/

Supercomputers help salvage operation- Video (Italy)

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=50137226n>

Plane crash at Moscow airport kills 4

http://www.cnn.com/2012/12/29/world/europe/russia-plane-crash/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Between Drought and Floods – A Year of Extremes in Sri Lanka

<http://reliefweb.int/report/sri-lanka/between-drought-and-floods-%E2%80%93-year-extremes-sri-lanka>

Natural disasters leave 1338 dead in 2012 (China)

http://www.china.org.cn/environment/2013-01/07/content_27610226.htm

Jakarta sinking as water supplies dry up (Indonesia)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-12-29/jakarta-sinks-as-water-supplies-dry-up/4447022>

Winter storm brings devastation to Syria and neighbors

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/winter-storm-brings-devastation-to-syria-and-neighbours/>

In year-end news conference, Ban flags UN's challenges and successes in 'tumultuous' 2012

http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=43807&Cr=secretary-general&Cr1=#.UNJIXm_d2So

Israel moves to further seal off Jerusalem from West Bank

<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Middle-East/2012/1219/Israel-moves-to-further-seal-off-Jerusalem-from-West-Bank?nav=87-frontpage-entryLeadStory>

European disunion done right

<http://www.economist.com/news/christmas/21568659-old-empire-offers-surprising-lessons-european-union-today-european-disunion-done?fsrc=scn/fb/wl/pe/europeandisunion>

Egypt transfers tons of building materials to Gaza

<http://news.yahoo.com/egypt-transfers-tons-building-materials-gaza-142354572.html>

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