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Emergency Manager's Weekly Report 1-18-13

(The articles, reports and additional information contained in this edition were collected from 1-11 to 1-18)

“A man is great by deeds, not by birth.”
Chanakya



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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.

Steve Detwiler
EM Weekly Report Creator

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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:

The Decontamination Challenge in Hospital Emergency Preparedness

<http://ehstoday.com/emergency-management/decontamination-challenge-hospital-emergency-preparedness>

Disaster planning from long range (North Carolina)

<http://www.thetimesnews.com/opinion/our-opinion/disaster-planning-from-long-range-1.76057>

NUCLEAR MATTERS: A bridge too far (Massachusetts)

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/plymouth/news/x1146192513/NUCLEAR-MATTERS-A-bridge-too-far#axzz2ID03OqEh>

TONY ROBINSON NAMED FEMA REGION 6 ADMINISTRATOR

<http://www.fema.gov/news-release/2013/01/10/tony-robinson-named-fema-region-6-administrator>

Federal appeals court considers release of postmortem Osama bin Laden photos

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/federal-appeals-court-considers-release-of-postmortem-osama-bin-laden-photos/2013/01/09/d7882ab0-5aa9-11e2-beee-6e38f5215402_story.html?hpid=z6

Guantanamo prosecutor wants conspiracy charge dropped in 9/11 case

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/01/10/16442972-quantanamo-prosecutor-wants-conspiracy-charge-dropped-in-911-case?lite>

U.S. Now Targeting Mexican Drug Lord's Family, Too

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2013/01/sinaloa-family/>

Special Afghanistan inspector blasts Pentagon, USAID waste

<http://www.govexec.com/management/2013/01/special-afghanistan-inspector-blasts-pentagon-usaid-waste/60610/>

CIA sisterhood: One spy cared for her dying colleague, an agency pioneer

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/cia-sisterhood-one-spy-cared-for-her-dying-colleague-an-agency-pioneer/2013/01/15/e3b66470-5e8f-11e2-9940-6fc488f3fecdd_story.html?hpid=z1

Navy says no one injured after minesweeper ship runs aground off Philippines

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2013/01/17/navy-says-no-one-injured-after-minesweeper-ship-runs-aground-in-philippines/?test=latestnews>

Boy, 12, Convicted of Killing Neo-Nazi Father

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2013/01/14/boy-12-convicted-of-killing-neo-nazi-father/>

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FBI: No credible threats to inauguration activities

http://edition.cnn.com/2013/01/15/us/inauguration-security/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Pentagon moving to freeze hiring, delay contracts

<http://news.yahoo.com/pentagon-moving-freeze-hiring-delay-contracts-224436033--politics.html>

Maine making good with less as state sees dramatic decrease in Homeland Security funds

<http://bangordailynews.com/2013/01/06/news/state/maine-making-good-as-state-sees-dramatic-decrease-in-homeland-security-funds/>

Hacker freely roamed SC computers for weeks, director admits

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20130111/WIRE/130119951?p=1&tc=pg>

Terrorism suspect's mindset debated at Ore. trial

http://www.pulse.me/ap/b398676392814986bcb033d16ef818a1?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulseneews

Suspect behind ecoterrorism fires pleads not guilty (Oregon)

<http://community.statesmanjournal.com/blogs/outdoors/2013/01/12/suspect-behind-ecoterrorism-fires-pleads-not-guilty>

Verbal De-Escalation Techniques save Lives

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Blog/Campus-Command-Post/Story/2013/01/Verbal-De-Escalation-Techniques-Save-Lives.aspx>

2 killed, 1 injured in community college shooting in Kentucky

http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/01/15/16532027-2-killed-1-injured-in-community-college-shooting-in-kentucky?lite

Dad poses as gunman to test school security, gets arrested (Texas)

http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/01/11/16466705-dad-poses-as-gunman-to-test-school-security-gets-arrested?lite

Innovative concept reimagines canes for the visually impaired

http://dvice.com/archives/2013/01/coroflot.php?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulseneews

Deaf woman's eBay complaint highlights dispute over Web access for disabled

http://www.cnn.com/2013/01/10/tech/web/ebay-internet-disabilities/index.html?hpt=hp_c2

Mega earthquake could rattle length of California: report

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/statewide-strike-california-study-article-1.1238587>

We've Been Fighting Forest Fires Wrong for 100 Years

<http://www.businessinsider.com/weve-been-fighting-forest-fires-wrong-for-100-years-2013-1#ixzz2I9XCplJB>

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NOAA deploys high-tech plane to improve winter storm forecasts

http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2013/20130114_givdeploys.html

Deficient levees found across America

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/ap-impact-deficient-levees-found-across-america>

Scientists Seek Foolproof Signal to Predict Earthquakes

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2013/01/04-earthquakees-defy-prediction-efforts/>

Steve Fletcher to Lead the NTIA's Office of Public Safety Communications

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Steve-Fletcher-NTIAs-Office-Public-Safety-Communications.html>

How Will Boston Modernize City Fire Alarms? (Massachusetts)

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Boston-Modernize-Fire-Alarms.html>

Arkansas woman dies after 911 call not entered into system

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2013/01/16/arkansas-woman-dies-after-11-call-not-entered-into-system/?test=latestnews>

FCC blames phone companies for derecho 911 outages

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2013/01/09/fcc-derecho-911-outage/1821695/>

Sheriff's Office wants to fly drones over Orange County skies (Florida)

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-drones-sheriff-orange-20130112,0,4271383.story>

DuBois fire department remains among state's, nation's best (Pennsylvania)

<http://www.thecourierexpress.com/courierexpress/courierexpresslocal/990258-349/dubois-fire-department-remains-among-states-nations.html>

NYPD/FDNY URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM RECOGNIZED FOR SAVING LIVES

http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/pr/pr_2010_005.shtml

Judge: Colo. shooting suspect James Holmes to face trial

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/01/10/colorado-shooting-holmes-trial/1825429/>

Evidence suggests suspected killer James Holmes' had a getaway plan

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/lookout/evidence-points-suspected-killer-james-holmes-possible-getaway-200829868.html>

China sends troops to border with conflict-torn Myanmar: media

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/01/11/us-china-myanmar-idUSBRE90A0FN20130111>

Spanish police say seized items intended for Iran nuclear program

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http://edition.cnn.com/2013/01/11/world/europe/spain-iran-material-seized/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Typhoon-hit Filipino schools to reopen

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report/97227/PHILIPPINES-Typhoon-hit-schools-to-reopen>

End conditions that feed terrorism, Ban tells Security Council at day-long debate

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=43925&Cr=terror&Cr1=#.UPWpJx1fCk8>

This Simple Ship Could Let the Chinese Navy Circle the Globe

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2013/01/china-new-oiler/>

Tokyo prepares for long-overdue 'Big One' (Japan)

<http://www.dw.de/tokyo-prepares-for-long-overdue-big-one/a-16524572>

Analysis: Preparing for urban disasters - Challenges and recommendations

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=30416&pid:50>

Iran May Not Be Behind Bank Cyberattacks, Experts Say

<http://news.yahoo.com/iran-may-not-behind-bank-cyberattacks-experts-232743592.html>

Defense chiefs prepare new plans to defend Falkland Islands (United Kingdom)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/southamerica/falklandislands/9797902/Defence-chiefs-prepare-new-plans-to-defend-Falkland-Islands.html>

Snowstorm, fierce winds and deadly flooding thrash Middle East

http://edition.cnn.com/2013/01/09/world/meast/middle-east-winter-weather/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

How India Fought Polio — and Won

<http://world.time.com/2013/01/13/how-india-fought-polio-and-won/>

Beijing adopts emergency measures for 'hazardous' pollution (China)

<http://edition.cnn.com/2013/01/14/world/asia/china-smog-blanket/index.html>

Will there be a global food crisis in 2013?

<http://reliefweb.int/report/world/will-there-be-global-food-crisis-2013>

Collapse of apartment building in Egypt kills 14

http://www.pulse.me/ap/3e85f061d63b4c438a8e7019378e1245?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews&qoback=%2Eqmr_3833131%2Eqde_3833131_member_205262980

NASA making strides in tracking near-Earth asteroids

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-205_162-57564281/nasa-making-strides-in-tracking-near-earth-asteroids/

Flooding hits Indonesian capital Jakarta

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-21054769>

JAPAN'S 2011 EARTHQUAKE HAPPENED IN AN AREA CONSIDERED LOW-RISK. WHERE'S NEXT?

<http://www.popsci.com/science/article/2013-01/new-earthquake-study-raises-alarm-fault-areas-thought-be-low-risk>

Dozens Dead, Missing in China Landslide

<http://www.voanews.com/content/dozens-dead-missing-in-china-landslide/1581807.html>

Central African Republic dissolves government after peace deal

<http://cms.trust9.org/alertnet/news/central-african-republic-dissolves-government-after-peace-deal/>

Is WTO about to abandon dream of global free trade?

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/01/13/us-trade-wto-idUSBRE90C0AC20130113>

In Serbia, a new era and new social contract are emerging

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/ourperspective/ourperspectivearticles/2013/01/09/in-serbia-a-new-era-and-new-social-contract-are-emerging.html>

U.N.'s Pillay says may be crimes against humanity in North Korea

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/01/14/us-korea-north-rights-idUSBRE90D0DB20130114>

Six reasons events in Mali matter

http://edition.cnn.com/2013/01/16/world/africa/mali-six-reasons/index.html?hpt=hp_c1

Will Britain Exit the European Union? The Rise of a Small Party Makes that Scenario More Likely

http://world.time.com/2013/01/10/will-britain-exit-the-european-union-the-rise-of-a-small-party-makes-that-scenario-more-likely/?xid=rss-topstories&utm_source=pulsenews&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+time%2Ftopstories+%28TIME%3A+Top+Stories%29&utm_content=Yahoo%21+Mail

Court in Egypt orders retrial for Mubarak after appeal

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-21002912>

Adaptation lessons from Israel's desert farms

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=30438&pid:50>

NOAA gives \$3.5 million to help two states address effects of climate change

http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2013/20130116_climategrants.html

Google sinks \$200 million into Texas wind farm

<http://dvice.com/archives/2013/01/google-sinks-20.php>

Japan to build world's largest offshore wind farm

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<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn23082-japan-to-build-worlds-largest-offshore-wind-farm.html>

U.S. National Climate Assessment
<http://www.globalchange.gov/what-we-do/assessment>

Federal Communications Commission, Impact of the June 2012 Derecho on Communications Networks and Services Report and Recommendations
http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2013/db0110/DOC-318331A1.pdf

NOAA's Ongoing Work to Enhance Hurricane Program
http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/news/20130107_pa_hurricaneProgram.pdf

Assessing Cyber Threats to Canadian Infrastructure
https://www.csis.gc.ca/pblctns/cdmctrch/CyberTrheats_AO_Booklet_ENG.pdf

Joint Statement by President Obama and President Karzai
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/01/11/joint-statement-president-obama-and-president-karzai>

Yale New Haven Health Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response, Toolbox for 2013: A Resource Guide for Healthcare Providers
http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/PDFs/2013_CEPDR-ToolBox.pdf?utm_source=The+Preparedness+Report+V11+I1-v03LE&utm_campaign=The+Preparedness+Report&utm_medium=email

Red Cross University: Social Basics
<http://redcrosschat.org/red-cross-university-social-basics/>

UN system task team on the post-2015 UN development agenda: building resilience to disasters through partnerships
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=30374&a=emai>
!

The road to peace (8 talks)- Video
http://www.ted.com/playlists/22/the_road_to_peace.html

Defeating Earthquakes: Ross Stein – TEDxBermuda- Video
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bq4kSlgn67I>

Emergency Management Students: Planning 101 Webinar

(Thu, Jan 24, 2013 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST)

Planning 101 will cover the various concepts behind the multitude of plans that every emergency manager will undoubtedly touch during their tenure. This webinar will be presented by Daniel Hahn, the Plans Section Chief for the Santa Rosa County Florida, Division of Emergency Management, the Citizen Corps coordinator, and the coordinator

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<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2883779652293340160>

Facebook Pages

Several new pages have been added as "Likes" on the EM Weekly Report's Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Emergency-Managers-Weekly-Report/110533579036082>). They include:

- South Central Task Force Public Information Officer (Pennsylvania)
- ACP – CRMC
- Iowa State Patrol Communications
- Nassau County CERT Members (New York)

Disaster Resilience and People with Functional Needs (Page 32)

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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

City of Norfolk defends emergency shelters (Virginia)

<http://www.wvec.com/news/local/Study-finds-flaws-in-Virginias-evacuation-plan-186098961.html>

Some responders say Gloucester County was unprepared for Paulsboro chemical emergency (New Jersey)

http://articles.philly.com/2012-12-25/news/35992723_1_vinyl-chloride-preparedness-firefighters

The Decontamination Challenge in Hospital Emergency Preparedness

<http://ehstoday.com/emergency-management/decontamination-challenge-hospital-emergency-preparedness>

Cal EMA Secretary Mark Ghilarducci Recommended for Full Senate Confirmation

<http://calemanews.wordpress.com/2013/01/11/cal-ema-secretary-mark-ghilarducci-recommended-for-full-senate-confirmation/>

CSU Channel Islands' gas pipeline disaster plan wins award (California)

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2013/jan/13/csu-channel-islands-gas-pipeline-disaster-plan/>

Disaster planning from long range (North Carolina)

<http://www.thetimesnews.com/opinion/our-opinion/disaster-planning-from-long-range-1.76057>

NUCLEAR MATTERS: A bridge too far (Massachusetts)

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/plymouth/news/x1146192513/NUCLEAR-MATTERS-A-bridge-too-far#axzz2ID03OqEh>

City to upgrade emergency communication, preparedness still key (Alaska)

<http://juneauempire.com/local/2013-01-14/city-upgrade-emergency-communication-preparedness-still-key>

Gov. Brewer declares state of emergency as Arizona braces for cold

<http://www.azcentral.com/community/phoenix/articles/20130111phoenix-rescue-mission-blankets-cold.html>

UL Lafayette NIMSAT Institute developing national emergency information network

<http://www.katc.com/news/ul-lafayette-nimsat-institute-developing-national-emergency-information-network/>

TONY ROBINSON NAMED FEMA REGION 6 ADMINISTRATOR

<http://www.fema.gov/news-release/2013/01/10/tony-robinson-named-fema-region-6-administrator>

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

Another 'Sovereign' Leader Indicted on Tax Crimes in Major Crackdown

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2013/01/08/another-sovereign-leader-indicted-on-tax-crimes-in-major-crackdown/>

Pipe bomb attack on Treasury IG's home under investigation

<http://www.govexec.com/oversight/2013/01/pipe-bomb-attack-treasury-igs-home-under-investigation/60472/>

Federal appeals court considers release of postmortem Osama bin Laden photos

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/federal-appeals-court-considers-release-of-postmortem-osama-bin-laden-photos/2013/01/09/d7882ab0-5aa9-11e2-beee-6e38f5215402_story.html?hpid=z6

Guantanamo prosecutor wants conspiracy charge dropped in 9/11 case

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/01/10/16442972-quantanamo-prosecutor-wants-conspiracy-charge-dropped-in-911-case?lite>

Pennsylvania State Police Launch Suspicious Activity App

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Pennsylvania-State-Police-Suspicious-Activity-App.html>

Online activist, programmer Swartz dies in NY

<http://news.yahoo.com/online-activist-programmer-swartz-dies-ny-193915205.html>

U.S. Now Targeting Mexican Drug Lord's Family, Too

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2013/01/sinaloa-family/>

Special Afghanistan inspector blasts Pentagon, USAID waste

<http://www.govexec.com/management/2013/01/special-afghanistan-inspector-blasts-pentagon-usaid-waste/60610/>

CIA sisterhood: One spy cared for her dying colleague, an agency pioneer

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/cia-sisterhood-one-spy-cared-for-her-dying-colleague-an-agency-pioneer/2013/01/15/e3b66470-5e8f-11e2-9940-6fc488f3fecf_story.html?hpid=z1

Islamic militants take 7 Americans hostage in Algeria

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2013/01/16/algeria-militants-kidnap-foreigners-at-gas-plant/1839049/>

Malicious virus shuttered power plant: DHS

<http://news.yahoo.com/malicious-virus-shuttered-power-plant-dhs-202845035.html>

Navy says no one injured after minesweeper ship runs aground off Philippines

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States Improve Grant Administration, But Still Have Room for Improvement

By CQ Staff

States and U.S. territories did a good job, for the most part, of administering Homeland Security grant money over 2012, according to a new report, although they still need to make several significant improvements.

The DHS inspector general audited \$924 million from money obligated to states and territories between fiscal 2006 and fiscal 2010 through the State Homeland Security Program and Urban Areas Security Initiative and came up with \$5.7 million in questioned costs from 2012.

The office found that grant recipients need to work on strategic planning and oversight, but the auditors also found some good news. Officials in Jacksonville, Fla., created a new type of analysis that provides up-to-date information on the use of UASI funding. The inspector general's office said that other grant administrators nationwide could implement a similar process.

"In most instances, with the exception of the U.S. Virgin Islands, the states did an efficient and effective job of administering the grant program requirements in compliance with grant guidance and regulations," the report said.

The inspector general found numerous flaws with the Virgin Islands' administration of grant funding, and recommended that the Federal Emergency Management Agency should consider it a high-risk grantee.

Despite the report's generally positive findings, it did list numerous issues states need to address, including:

- Creating homeland security strategies with measurable and achievable goals for grant money, a problem for Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Monday, New Mexico, the Virgin Islands and Washington.
- Developing contingency plans to address potential shortfalls if the federal government significantly reduces grant aid, a problem for Florida and Minnesota. Prioritizing all proposed projects that would use grant funding, a problem for Michigan and Washington.
- Obligating funds to subgrantees within a reasonable amount of time, in order to give subgrantees the ability to make critical spending decisions. Arkansas, Florida and Georgia all experienced problems, with Arkansas taking between 137 and 1,031 days to obligate funds during the audit period.
- Improving financial management.

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Red Cross University: Social Basics

<http://redcrosschat.org/red-cross-university-social-basics/>

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The road to peace (8 talks)- Video

http://www.ted.com/playlists/22/the_road_to_peace.html

Defeating Earthquakes: Ross Stein – TEDxBermuda- Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg4kSlgn67I>

Smartphone Apps, the Next Step for Social Media and Emergency Management?

<http://idisaster.wordpress.com/2013/01/09/smartphone-apps-the-next-step-for-social-media-and-emergency-management/>

Emergency Management Students: Planning 101 Webinar

(Thu, Jan 24, 2013 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST)

Planning 101 will cover the various concepts behind the multitude of plans that every emergency manager will undoubtedly touch during their tenure. This webinar will be presented by Daniel Hahn, the Plans Section Chief for the Santa Rosa County Florida, Division of Emergency Management, the Citizen Corps coordinator, and the coordinator of SAFER Santa Rosa, the county COAD. To register go to:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2883779652293340160>

Facebook Pages

Several new pages have been added as “Likes” on the EM Weekly Report’s Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Emergency-Managers-Weekly-Report/110533579036082>). They include:

- South Central Task Force Public Information Officer (Pennsylvania)
- ACP – CRMC
- Iowa State Patrol Communications
- Nassau County CERT Members (New York)

Disaster Resilience and People with Functional Needs

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When Hurricane Sandy pummeled the northeast and mid-Atlantic states in October, uprooting trees and causing massive flooding, at least three large hospitals were forced to evacuate after emergency generators failed. Governors of 10 states declared emergencies and requested federal aid. As in the super derecho that swept through the Midwest and mid-Atlantic 4 months earlier, millions of residents were left without power.

One alarming consequence of these storms was their effect on residents with functional needs — those who are dependent on home nursing, personal care attendants, or electric medical technologies. Some residents depend on the electrical grid for refrigerating critical medications or for powering lifesaving medical equipment. Many residents, particularly those requiring ongoing respiratory care, streamed into emergency rooms to receive respiratory treatments, refill oxygen tanks, or recharge batteries. Some residents whose medical needs had not escalated but who needed to recharge medical

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equipment were turned away from shelters whose operators believed their needs could not be met in a general shelter.

Through initiatives launched under the Affordable Care Act, our health care system will increasingly enable the 54.4 million Americans with functional needs to remain in their homes and social environments.¹ Experts in disaster preparedness highlight the need to build community disaster resilience and reduce long-term vulnerability.² They also emphasize that having strong systems in place for day-to-day use is essential for dealing with emergency situations.³ With or without a major emergency, the ability of people with functional needs to remain in their community setting depends on a stable electrical grid and a resilient system of service agencies, such as home health and hospice care agencies, personal care assistants, and suppliers of medical equipment. Numerous reports highlight the vulnerability of our physical and social infrastructure^{4,5}; some key policies can help to strengthen them.

The first strategy for building community resilience for people with functional needs is to continue to support the development of health information systems. For example, in 2011, using incentive payments authorized under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin, Missouri, converted to electronic health records. Three weeks later, a tornado severely damaged the hospital and forced it to evacuate. Yet dispersed patients continued to obtain prescriptions and receive scheduled treatments because their electronic health records remained accessible.

Residents with functional needs also have frequent engagement with nursing homes, independent living facilities, home health agencies, and suppliers of durable medical equipment, many of which continue to rely on paper medical records and forms. Supporting the development of interoperable electronic records for use among these agencies will not only allow them to obtain critical information in the event of a power outage, but also enhance routine coordination of care for people with functional needs.

Like smart phones and tablets, which have revolutionized the way people with disabilities communicate, new technologies can also substantially enhance quality of life for residents with functional needs, and they can be lifesaving in the event of a disaster, particularly for residents who cannot easily be moved. Through “innovation challenges” — which can leverage open innovation and the public's broad knowledge to solve a defined problem — public and private organizations can support the development of technologies that contribute to resilience. Such technologies might include alternative power sources (e.g., manual cranks or batteries powered by human waste) for critical medical equipment, safer home generators, and signaling devices enabled by global positioning systems, which can let medical-equipment suppliers or emergency responders know when critical medical supplies or battery backups are running low.

Supporting the development of technologies that enhance social connectedness, which has been shown to improve survival during disasters, can also contribute to community resilience. One such effort is the Lifeline Facebook Application Challenge, sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response of the Department of Health and Human Services, which leverages social media by asking friends to check in on each other and provide assistance in the event of a disaster, formalizing these roles and responsibilities through a Facebook app.

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Another way federal, state, and local municipalities can build community resilience is to invite residents with functional needs to participate in the process of emergency preparedness and response planning and to view such residents as community assets rather than vulnerable populations or liabilities. San Francisco, for example, regularly partners with its Centers for Independent Living on planning for emergencies. The centers were created by people with disabilities and normally provide information and referral services, peer counseling, and training in skills for independent living. The city also integrated a position for a disability services coordinator into the structure of its Incident Command System, a tool for the command, control, and coordination of emergency response used by nearly all disaster-response agencies. The coordinator's role is to assess whether residents' functional needs are being met and to draw on the expertise and resources of the city's large Human Services Agency and its multiple community partners through activation of memorandums of understanding.

Central to building community resilience is the development of strong partnerships between government and nongovernmental organizations for planning, response, and recovery. Many states have established partnerships between emergency management teams and businesses to improve situational awareness and resource sharing. California has passed legislation requiring the inclusion of private businesses in governmental disaster planning and has signed memorandums of understanding with organizations such as the California Grocers Association, the California Utilities Emergency Association, and Walmart to provide critical supplies and infrastructure during an emergency. The American Red Cross of New England partners with Unitil, a regional provider of natural gas and electricity, to issue joint messages about safety and preparedness. Such partnerships could be expanded to include providers of services for people with functional needs. By sharing data, states could use these partnerships to share and jointly maintain registries of people with functional needs, in order to help in setting priorities for emergency response and power-restoration efforts. Such data sharing may not only enhance the ability of emergency managers to provide critical supplies and services during emergencies, but also help to improve more routine coordination of the multiple services for these residents.

Finally, there are policies that states and the federal government could implement to promote community resilience with regard to people with functional needs. For example, government could promote more widespread adoption of both business-continuity plans for critical agencies and data sharing among agencies and emergency management and utility companies by including related provisions in both federal grant guidelines and publicly reported quality measures. States could use their licensure and certification processes to promote more widespread adoption of reliable emergency power sources by dialysis centers and acute and long-term care facilities. Maintenance of emergency generators and related equipment could also be included as part of public-reporting and quality measures for hospitals and nursing homes. Some states have such requirements now — Maryland and Texas, for instance, require that dialysis centers have access to an emergency generator.

As more and more people with functional needs remain in their homes and other noninstitutional settings, the strategic development of technologies and policies that decrease our dependence on traditional power sources and enhance information sharing and inclusionary planning will help improve community resilience.

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