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Emergency Manager's Weekly Report

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“In our most basic state-free from the encumbrances and false assumptions that lead us to believe that we are needy, greedy, taken advantage of, or engaged in competition for survival-we are fundamentally a kind, compassionate and giving species: a species of goodness.”

Gregg Braden



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- Central Florida News 13
- Orlando Sentinel
- LA Times
- Government Executive
- BBC
- Homeland 1
- Federal Computer Weekly
- Firehouse Magazine
- Emergency Management Magazine
- Sign on San Diego
- Homeland Security Today
- ReliefWeb
- Big Medicine
- Huffington Post
- IRIN
- ProPublica
- Homeland Security Today
- Washington Post
- NY Times
- Washington Times
- Yahoo News
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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:

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<http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/midwest/2012/02/06/234281.htm>

Prosser named interim director for Brevard EOC (Florida)

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Last Katrina FEMA Trailer Leaves New Orleans (Louisiana)

http://www.wtvy.com/home/headlines/Last_Katrina_FEMA_trailer_leaves_New_Orleans_139368923.html

Alabama red tape holding up storm shelters as tornado season approaches

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/02/20/alabama-red-tape-holding-up-storm-shelters/#ixzz1nDjPhYxq>

Technical Communities Redefine Disaster Volunteerism

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Technical-Communities-Redefine-Volunteerism.html>

Cuomo Announces Major Initiatives to Improve NYS Disaster and Emergency Response Capabilities

<http://www.wkbw.com/news/local/Cuomo-Announces-Major-Initiatives-to-Improve-NYS-Disaster-and-Emergency-Response-Capabilities-140005663.html>

Mayor Menino Names Rene Fielding Acting Director of Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (Massachusetts)

<http://www.presstrust.com/node/1064920>

D.C. still years, millions away from fixing quake damage

http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/feb/22/dc-still-years-millions-away-from-fixing-quake-dam/?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS

FBI: Expect 'catastrophic' cyber attack- Video

http://www.cnn.com/video/?hpt=hp_c2#/video/us/2012/02/02/warnings-about-cyber-war.cnn

Anonymous Listens in on FBI-Scotland Yard Hacking Call

<http://news.yahoo.com/anonymous-listens-fbi-scotland-yard-hacking-call-155338483--abc-news.html>

Authorities: Suicide attack on U.S. Capitol foiled

<http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/17/justice/us-dc-security-threat-arrest/index.html>

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Air Force Eyes Nuclear Reactors, Beamed Power for Spacecraft

<http://news.yahoo.com/air-force-eyes-nuclear-reactors-beamed-power-spacecraft-173404704.html>

Va. Tech President Dismissed As Defendant in Lawsuits

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/University-Security/News/2012/02/10/VA-Tech-President-Dismissed-As-Defendant-in-Wrongful-Death-Suits.aspx>

NEW JERSEY HAS "GAINED" AN ADVOCATE FOR DISABILITY PREPAREDNESS

<http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/media/pr020212.html>

Anthrax Toxicity Depends on Human Genetics

<http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/2012/02/06/anthrax-toxicity-depends-on-human-genetics/>

When Flu Pandemics Hit, Closing Schools Can Slow Spread

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2012/02/07/146513894/when-flu-pandemics-hit-closing-schools-can-slow-spread>

Deadly Washington avalanche highlights airbag

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-02-20/deadly-washington-avalanche-skiers-killed/53181868/1>

Quake experts warn next 'big one' could be worse than first thought (Washington)

<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Earthquake-experts-There-will-be-a-lot-of-destruction-139774873.html>

Congress to approve radio network for cops, firefighters

http://articles.nydailynews.com/2012-02-16/news/31069178_1_emergency-radio-system-unemployment-benefits-radio-network

Former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin under investigation: source (Louisiana)

<http://news.yahoo.com/former-orleans-mayor-ray-nagin-under-investigation-source-074941066.html>

Higher Crime, Fewer Charges on Indian Land

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/21/us/on-indian-reservations-higher-crime-and-fewer-prosecutions.html?_r=1&hp

Fake 9/11 hero admits lie; fellow firefighters furious

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/sideshow/fake-9-11-hero-admits-lie-fellow-firefighters-192558839.html>

Norway mass killer demands medal at court hearing

<http://news.yahoo.com/norway-mass-killer-demands-medal-court-hearing-133012973.html>

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Disaster relief must switch from global to local – Oxfam
<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/disaster-relief-must-switch-from-global-to-local-oxfam>

Japan: Agency to revamp tsunami warnings
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=24928&a=email>

Cruise industry announces change to safety drill policy
<http://travel.usatoday.com/cruises/post/2012/02/cruise-ship-muster-drill-policy/623944/1>

How I Dismantled the World's Deadliest Weapon
<http://discovermagazine.com/2012/mar/01-how-i-dismantled-the-worlds-deadliest-weapon>

Change is needed in the humanitarian system's response to disasters
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=25030&a=email>

Snow blocks in tens of thousands as cold death toll rises
<http://news.yahoo.com/snow-europe-cuts-off-tens-thousands-152332037.html>

Zen monk fights radiation in Japan
http://photoblog.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/02/10/10368444-zen-monk-fights-radiation-in-japan

The Calm before the Wave (Japan)
<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2012/02/tsunami/folger-text>

Divers find 8 more bodies on Costa Concordia
http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-202_162-57382551/divers-find-8-more-bodies-on-costa-concordia/?tag=strip

Even a Less-Deadly H5N1 Bird Flu Could Be Extremely Dangerous
http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/2012/02/23/h5n1-bird-flu-still-dangerous/?WT.mc_id=SA_Facebook

Scotland likely to hold a vote on independence from Britain
<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-scotland-independence-20120210,0,4050615.story>

Argentina accuses UK of deploying nuclear weapons near Falkland Islands
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/feb/10/falkland-islands-argentina-uk-nuclear-weapons>

In Egypt's bread, signs of economic weakness
http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/in-egypts-bread-signs-of-economic-weakness/2012/01/31/gIQA27AQ3Q_story.html?hpid=z2

Obama administration publishes draft climate change adaptation strategy
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=24974&a=email>

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GUAM POWER AUTHORITY EXPLORES NUCLEAR POWER
<http://pidp.eastwestcenter.org/pireport/2012/February/02-13-02.htm>

Haiti earthquake 2010: two-year progress report
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=24756&a=email>

2012 State of FEMA Report
http://www.fema.gov/about/state_of_fema/index.shtm

Understanding earthquake risk in Japan following the Tohoku-Oki earthquake of March 11, 2011
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=25211&a=email>

National EMS Assessment Final Report
http://ems.gov/pdf/2011/National_EMS_Assessment_Final_Draft_12202011.pdf

U.S. Fire Administration, Hot Coffee Training: Human Trafficking
http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/coffee-break/hc_2012_1.pdf

United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) zero draft proposal for the Rio+20
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=24942&a=email>

Weather Channel, Lifeguard
<http://www.weather.com/tv/tvshows/lifeguard>

After Disaster: An Insider's Perspective from The Heart of Chaos
<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/after-disaster-edward-minyard/1108655881>

Arizona Disaster Recovery Framework
http://www.dem.azdema.gov/recovery/docs/publications/AZDRF_Final.pdf

American Indian Health, TRIBAL PREPAREDNESS FOR EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS
<http://americanindianhealth.nlm.nih.gov/tribal-prep.html>

SFDEM Blog, Prepare to Prosper
<http://sfdem.wordpress.com/2012/02/10/prepare-to-prosper/>

In Focus: Future of Aid
<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/multimedia/in-focus/future-of-aid/>

Pacific Disaster Center, Weather Wall
<http://weather.pdc.org/>

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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

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<http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/midwest/2012/02/06/234281.htm>

Latham Discusses Vision for MEMA (Mississippi)

http://www.wtok.com/home/headlines/Latham_Discusses_Vision_for_MEMA_138720059.html

Prosser named interim director for Brevard EOC (Florida)

<http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20120207/NEWS01/302070020/1006>

Last Katrina FEMA Trailer Leaves New Orleans (Louisiana)

http://www.wtv.com/home/headlines/Last_Katrina_FEMA_trailer_leaves_New_Orleans_139368923.html

NC Senate panel recommends changes after Irene

<http://www.reflector.com/ap/staten/nc-senate-panel-recommends-changes-after-irene-915593>

Alabama red tape holding up storm shelters as tornado season approaches

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/02/20/alabama-red-tape-holding-up-storm-shelters/#ixzz1nDjPhYxq>

Technical Communities Redefine Disaster Volunteerism

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Technical-Communities-Redefine-Volunteerism.html>

CrisisCamp shows how open source tech can respond to disasters

<http://www.siliconrepublic.com/innovation/item/25743-crisiscamp-shows-how-open-s>

Cuomo Announces Major Initiatives to Improve NYS Disaster and Emergency Response Capabilities

<http://www.wkbw.com/news/local/Cuomo-Announces-Major-Initiatives-to-Improve-NYS-Disaster-and-Emergency-Response-Capabilities-140005663.html>

Mayor Menino Names Rene Fielding Acting Director of Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (Massachusetts)

<http://www.presstrust.com/node/1064920>

Arizona Now Has Second Emergency Operations Site

http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/education/apx-AZEmergency-Center_03208037-02172012

Senate addresses emergency services response (Massachusetts)

http://www.leominsterchamp.com/news/2012-02-24/Your_City/Senate_addresses_emergency_services_response.html

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D.C. still years, millions away from fixing quake damage
http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/feb/22/dc-still-years-millions-away-from-fixing-quake-dam/?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

FBI: Expect 'catastrophic' cyber attack- Video

http://www.cnn.com/video/?hpt=hp_c2#/video/us/2012/02/02/warnings-about-cyber-war.cnn

Report on Federal Air Marshal Service paints an unflattering picture

http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/03/travel/air-marshals-service-probe/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Anonymous Listens in on FBI-Scotland Yard Hacking Call

<http://news.yahoo.com/anonymous-listens-fbi-scotland-yard-hacking-call-155338483--abc-news.html>

FAA told to make room for drones in U.S. skies

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-02-06/unmanned-drones-share-faa-airspace/52994752/1>

Sources: Pentagon rules shift on women in combat

<http://news.yahoo.com/sources-pentagon-rules-shift-women-combat-070026245.html>

The Radicals: How Extreme Environmentalists Are Made

http://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2012/02/the-radicals-how-extreme-environmentalists-are-made/252768/?&utm_content=FaceBook

Explosives found in truck near Kan. Statehouse, owner arrested in tunnel connected to Capitol

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/explosives-found-in-vehicle-near-kansas-statehouse-owner-arrested-in-state-office-building/2012/02/15/gIQAKJpQGR_story.html

'Heroic' ICE agent praised for swift actions (California)

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46438093/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

Authorities: Suicide attack on U.S. Capitol foiled

<http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/17/justice/us-dc-security-threat-arrest/index.html>

The Iranian Threat to New York City

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203824904577215592376556800.html?mod=WSJ_Opinion_LEADTop#articleTabs=article

Nativist Lawyer Kris Kobach Plays Dumb about His Employer's Racism

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2012/02/23/kris-kobach-plays-dumb-about-his-employers-racism/>

Hackers target CIA, Mexican, Alabama websites

http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/10/us/government-websites-hacked/index.html?hpt=hp_c3

US defense chief seeks new probe into Marine photo

<http://news.yahoo.com/us-defense-chief-seeks-probe-marine-photo-211906333.html>

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Who is Anonymous? Everyone and no one

http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/09/world/anonymous-explainer/index.html?hpt=hp_bn2

GPS at risk from terrorists, rogue nations, and \$50 jammers, expert warns

<http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2012/02/23/gps-emerging-threat/#ixzz1nFasJ227>

Air Force Eyes Nuclear Reactors, Beamed Power for Spacecraft

<http://news.yahoo.com/air-force-eyes-nuclear-reactors-beamed-power-spacecraft-173404704.html>

Reality Show Celebrates Hate Group Leader as American Patriot

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2012/02/23/reality-show-celebrates-hate-group-leader-as-american-patriot/>

Border Patrol Agents in Arizona Stake Out Hospitals, Group Says

<http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/news/2012/02/23/border-patrol-in-arizona-patrol-hospitals-group-says/#ixzz1nFeFp1zw>

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Campus Safety and Security

Trustees vote to allow campus police to pack heat (New York)

http://hudsonvalley.ynn.com/content/top_stories/572475/trustees-vote-to-allow-campus-police-to-pack-heat/

8-year-old critical after Wash. school shooting

<http://news.yahoo.com/8-old-critical-wash-school-shooting-002432187.html>

NH 14-year-old shoots self in face in cafeteria

<http://news.yahoo.com/nh-14-old-shoots-self-face-cafeteria-211238543.html>

Va. Tech President Dismissed As Defendant in Lawsuits

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/University-Security/News/2012/02/10/VA-Tech-President-Dismissed-As-Defendant-in-Wrongful-Death-Suits.aspx>

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Functional Needs

Officials Seek Disaster Preparedness for Disabled, Elderly (New York)

<http://www.theepochtimes.com/n2/united-states/officials-seek-disaster-preparedness-for-disabled-elderly-188684.html>

NEW JERSEY HAS "GAINED" AN ADVOCATE FOR DISABILITY PREPAREDNESS

<http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/media/pr020212.html>

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Hazard Research and News

San Onofre nuclear power plant incidents draw attention (California)

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-san-onofre-20120206,0,2064851.story>

Anthrax Toxicity Depends on Human Genetics

<http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/2012/02/06/anthrax-toxicity-depends-on-human-genetics/>

When Flu Pandemics Hit, Closing Schools Can Slow Spread

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2012/02/07/146513894/when-flu-pandemics-hit-closing-schools-can-slow-spread>

Deconstructing a mystery: What caused Snowmageddon?

<http://www.physorg.com/news/2012-02-deconstructing-mystery-snowmageddon.html>

Researchers create 3-D laser maps that show how earthquake changes landscape

<http://www.physorg.com/news/2012-02-d-laser-earthquake-landscape.html>

U.S. nuclear plants similar to Fukushima spark concerns

<http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/17/us/us-nuclear-reactor-concerns/index.html>

Deadly Washington avalanche highlights airbag

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-02-20/deadly-washington-avalanche-skiers-killed/53181868/1>

Quake experts warn next 'big one' could be worse than first thought (Washington)

<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Earthquake-experts-There-will-be-a-lot-of-destruction-139774873.html>

A look back suggests a sobering future of wildfire dangers in U.S. west

<http://uonews.uoregon.edu/archive/news-release/2012/2/look-back-suggests-sobering-future-wildfire-dangers-us-west>

Four Ways to Reduce the Time and Cost of Anthrax Cleanup

<http://www.upmc-biosecurity.org/website/resources/publications/2011/2011-09-08-reduce-time-and-cost-of-anthrax-cleanup>

Say Hello to CalVO: USGS California Volcano Observatory Opens

<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=3097>

Researchers See Breakthrough in Tracking Foodborne Disease Outbreaks

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/researchers-see-breakthrough-in-tracking-foodborne-disease-outbreaks/ed3d382ae153de682752c2022a3d9075.html>

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Public Safety Communications, Interoperability, 3-1-1 and 9-1-1 News

Congress to approve radio network for cops, firefighters

http://articles.nydailynews.com/2012-02-16/news/31069178_1_emergency-radio-system-unemployment-benefits-radio-network

FCC map shows wireless dead zones around US

http://technolog.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/02/09/10363582-fcc-map-shows-wireless-dead-zones-around-us

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Other

Why S.F. still counts on street fire alarm boxes (California)

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/02/06/MNE41N2TCM.DTL#ixzz1ljAwNOf8>

State and local government jobs are options for those making the move from federal service

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-politics/making-the-transition-from-federal-service/2012/02/08/gIQAMhwszQ_story.html?hpid=z1

Former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin under investigation: source (Louisiana)

<http://news.yahoo.com/former-orleans-mayor-ray-nagin-under-investigation-source-074941066.html>

Incidents renew debate on who should pay for rescues

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2012/02/19/2032643/incidents-renew-debate-on-who.html>

Higher Crime, Fewer Charges on Indian Land

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/21/us/on-indian-reservations-higher-crime-and-fewer-prosecutions.html?_r=1&hp

Fake 9/11 hero admits lie; fellow firefighters furious

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/sideshow/fake-9-11-hero-admits-lie-fellow-firefighters-192558839.html>

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International News Stories

Civil Preparedness, Security and Humanitarian Affairs

'If disasters are changing, why aren't we?' asks new disaster guide

<http://ht.ly/8OHz>

Norway mass killer demands medal at court hearing

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