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Emergency Manager's Weekly Report

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(The articles, reports and additional information contained in this edition were collected from 2-22 to 3-1)

“Insanity in individuals is something rare, but in groups, parties, nations and epochs, it is the rule.”

Friedrich Nietzsche



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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
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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:

Harris County recognized for excellence in emergency management (Texas)
http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/lake_houston/news/harris-county-recognized-for-excellence-in-emergency-management/article_5ab2f01a-79ee-11e2-8ec5-0019bb2963f4.html

High-speed data line damaged during blizzard (Massachusetts)
<http://www.wickedlocal.com/plymouth/news/x1037511824/EMERGENCY-COMMUNICATIONS-CONCERNS-High-speed-data-line-damaged-during-blizzard#axzz2LT8Kb1ss>

Redefining the Emergency Manager: A Proposal for Change
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Redefining-the-Emergency-Manager.html>

A year later, Ind. towns slowly recover from tornado
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/02/24/towns-slowly-recover-from-tornado/1941947/>

Routed by Katrina, Stuck in Quagmire of Rules
http://www.nytimes.com/2013/02/21/us/katrina-red-tape-keeps-new-orleans-homeowner-in-limbo.html?smid=fb-nytimes&_r=0

New York City's New "Code Corps," A Volunteer Force of Techies in Disaster Response
<http://techpresident.com/news/23508/nyc-launches-code-corps-program-focused-emergency-and-disaster-response#.USuU42ti8Ls.twitter>

Feagans leaves big rain boots to fill as disaster chief (Florida)
<http://www.bradenton.com/2013/02/21/4402404/feagans-leaves-big-rain-boots.html>

More Risk-Based Prioritization of DHS Missions Would Save Money, Improve Coordination, Experts Say
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/more-risk-based-prioritization-of-dhs-missions-would-save-money-improve-coordination-experts-say/90e6e4b1a5130f865bddf0ed11b51e6b.html>

Successful hacker attack could cripple U.S. infrastructure, experts say
<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/02/19/17019005-successful-hacker-attack-could-cripple-us-infrastructure-experts-say?lite>

Feds say neo-Nazi with guns was tracking community leaders (Michigan)
<http://openchannel.nbcnews.com/news/2013/02/21/17046951-feds-say-neo-nazi-with-guns-was-tracking-community-leaders?lite>

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Drones have killed 4,700, U.S. senator says
<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/ticket/drones-killed-4-700-u-senator-says-141143752--politics.html>

Afghan president orders US forces out of key province
<http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/02/24/17076037-afghan-president-orders-us-forces-out-of-key-province?lite>

Future Soldiers will have flexible electronics everywhere
http://www.army.mil/article/77560/Future_Soldiers_will_have_electronics_everywhere/

Chinese cyberspies have hacked most Washington institutions, experts say
http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/technology/chinese-cyberspies-have-hacked-most-washington-institutions-experts-say/2013/02/20/ae4d5120-7615-11e2-95e4-6148e45d7adb_story.html?hpid=z1

Klan Rally Planned for Memphis, But Threat of 'Thousands' is Baseless (Tennessee)
<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2013/02/21/klan-rally-planned-for-memphis-but-threat-of-thousands-is-baseless/>

THE U.S. ARMY'S NEW 84-TON TANK PROTOTYPE IS NEARLY IED-PROOF
<http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2013-02/why-armys-new-tank-so-heavy?src=SOC&dom=fb>

Courthouse Bomber Receives 55-Year Sentence (California)
<http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2013/february/courthouse-bomber-receives-55-year-sentence/courthouse-bomber-receives-55-year-sentence>

USNS Comfort sets sail from Baltimore for final time
<http://m.wbaltv.com/news/USNS-Comfort-sets-sail-from-Baltimore-for-final-time/-/17427430/19087268/-/13edo6c/-/index.html>

THE REASON ALL YOUR FAVORITE COMPANIES ARE BEING HACKED? DUMB EMPLOYEES
<http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2013-02/why-biggest-weakness-computer-human-using-it>

You're a SEAL Stranded in Hostile Territory: What's in Your Survival Kit?
http://nation.time.com/2013/02/21/youre-a-seal-stranded-in-hostile-territory-whats-in-your-survival-kit/?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

Hate-crime attack: Full Sail student stabbed classmate in neck, deputies say (Florida)
<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-full-sail-student-stabbed-hate-crime-20130221,0,4534261.story>

NRA developing 'best practices' for school safety
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/02/22/nra-school-shield/1936721/>

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MIT slow to pull trigger on alert (Massachusetts)

http://bostonherald.com/news_opinion/local_coverage/2013/02/mit_slow_to_pull_trigger_on_alert

After Newtown, support for mental-health spending grows

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/after-newtown-support-for-mental-health-spending-grows/2013/02/23/0d8d75ca-7495-11e2-aa12-e6cf1d31106b_story.html?hpid=z3

Woman Accused of Threatening Newtown-Style Shooting at Community College (Connecticut)

<http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Woman-Accused-of-Threatening-Newtown-Mass-Shooting-At-Gateway-192095581.html>

Student killed in shooting at Coastal Carolina University (South Carolina)

http://www.cnn.com/2013/02/26/us/south-carolina-campus-shooting/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

Santa Rosa leaders talk child safety at roundtable (Florida)

http://www.pnj.com/article/20130220/EDUCATION/302200030?fb_action_ids=4950333089204&fb_action_types=og.recommends&fb_ref=artrectop&fb_source=other_multiline&action_object_map=%7B%224950333089204%22%3A376406399133402%7D&action_type_map=%7B%224950333089204%22%3A%22og.recommends%22%7D&action_ref_map=%7B%224950333089204%22%3A%22artrectop%22%7D

Long Lines Lead to Rise of Wheelchair 'Miracles'

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/long-lines-lead-rise-wheelchair-021200026.html>

Hearing-impaired boy lives every kid's dream: becoming a superhero

http://www.cnn.com/2013/02/25/us/hearing-impaired-boy-superhero/index.html?hpt=hp_bn1

DARPA Seeks to Defuse the Threat of Ionizing Radiation

<http://www.darpa.mil/NewsEvents/Releases/2013/02/20.aspx>

Rhode Island Nightclub Fire Remembered; Memorial Plans Advance

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/18/rhode-island-nightclub-fire_n_2710464.html?utm_hp_ref=crime

Body pulled from wreckage of KC restaurant destroyed in gas explosion

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/02/20/17029793-body-pulled-from-wreckage-of-kc-restaurant-destroyed-in-gas-explosion?lite>

Officials: Contractor for cable company hit gas line before explosion

http://www.cnn.com/2013/02/20/us/missouri-gas-explosion/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

Preparing for the Big Bang: Stakeholders Discuss Volcano Dangers in State (California)

<http://calemanews.wordpress.com/2013/02/22/preparing-for-the-big-bang-stakeholders-discuss-volcano-dangers-in-state/>

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Forest Service: Pyroterrorism a Threat in the U.S.

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/10882251/forest-service-pyroterrorism-a-threat-in-the-us>

Six tanks now said to be leaking at contaminated Hanford nuclear site (Washington)

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/02/22/17060321-six-tanks-now-said-to-be-leaking-at-contaminated-hanford-nuclear-site?lite>

Injuries as debris flies into Daytona stands during fiery NASCAR crash

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/02/23/us/florida-daytona-crash/index.html?sr=fbmain>

Drought forecast to persist, intensify in much of U.S.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/weather/2013/02/21/spring-drought-outlook/1936429/>

FLU SHOT DOING POOR JOB OF PROTECTING OLDER PEOPLE

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_MED_FLU_VACCINE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2013-02-21-18-23-28

'Truly a historic blizzard,' weather service says

http://www.cnn.com/2013/02/25/us/weather-winter-storm/index.html?hpt=hp_t1

FCC to Hold Hearing on Network Resilience and Reliability

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/FCC-Hearing-Network-Resilience.html>

2 deputies shot in Encinitas (California)

<http://fox5sandiego.com/2013/02/20/deputies-surround-house-in-encinitas/#axzz2LUR2js00>

Rethinking Using 9-1-1 As Your Confined Space Rescue Plan

<http://ehstoday.com/emergency-management/rethinking-using-9-1-1-your-confined-space-rescue-plan?page=1>

D.C. Firefighters Face Discipline over Appearance with President Obama

<http://www.firefighternation.com/article/news-2/dc-firefighters-face-discipline-over-appearance-president-obama>

Belle Isle may start its own fire department (Florida)

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/orange/os-belle-isle-fire-department-20130130,0,973862.story>

NYPD and Microsoft build hi-tech crime fighting 'dashboard'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/news/9884479/NYPD-and-Microsoft-build-hi-tech-crime-fighting-dashboard.html>

Orange County Fire Rescue Unveils New Life saving Service (Florida)

<http://www.ocfl.net/CountyNews/LifeSavingService/tabid/1940/Default.aspx>

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Plan says emergency responders should decide on evacuations (Missouri)
<http://www.kansascity.com/2013/02/23/4083463/plan-says-emergency-responders.html>

California gunman dead after killing two police detectives
http://www.cnn.com/2013/02/26/us/california-police-shot/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

Former New Orleans mayor pleads not guilty to federal corruption charges
<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/02/20/17033334-former-new-orleans-mayor-pleads-not-guilty-to-federal-corruption-charges?lite>

FBI battling 'rash of sexting' among its employees
http://www.cnn.com/2013/02/21/us/fbi-misbehavior/index.html?hpt=hp_c1

Google's electronic eyewear gets 'OK Glass' voice commands
http://news.cnet.com/8301-1035_3-57570220-94/googles-electronic-eyewear-gets-ok-glass-voice-commands/

Twenty years later, New York remembers the first World Trade Center attack: 'That people haven't forgotten gives you a light of hope'
<http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/nyc-remembers-93-attack-article-1.1272270>

Life in post-disaster Christchurch improving – survey (New Zealand)
http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10866610

Disasters: New technology fund for humanitarian innovation
<http://reliefweb.int/report/world/disasters-new-technology-fund-humanitarian-innovation>

UK trial reveals new al Qaeda strategy to hit West
http://security.blogs.cnn.com/2013/02/21/uk-trial-reveals-new-al-qaeda-strategy-to-hit-west/?hpt=hp_t4

UN must prepare for future potential missions – heads of peacekeeping, field support say
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=44178&Cr=peacekeeping&Cr1>

For some Indians, latest bombing brings sense of déjà vu
<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Asia-South-Central/2013/0224/For-some-Indians-latest-bombing-brings-sense-of-deja-vu?nav=87-frontpage-entryNineItem>

Mexico security forces abducted dozens in drug war: rights group
<http://news.yahoo.com/mexico-security-forces-abducted-dozens-drug-war-rights-050135677.html>

The Sahel Crisis - One Year On
<http://www.wfp.org/stories/sahel-crisis-one-year>

Israel says it successfully tests new missile defense
<http://news.yahoo.com/israel-says-successfully-tests-missile-defense-180244779.html>

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Humanitarian Organization Goes to the Cloud for Disaster-Resilient Communications
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Humanitarian-Organization-Disaster-Resilient-Communications.html>

Elaborate surveillance operation raises concerns about broader Hezbollah attacks
http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/elaborate-surveillance-operation-raises-concerns-about-broader-hezbollah-attacks/2013/02/26/683da8d6-7d10-11e2-a044-676856536b40_story.html?hpid=z1

Vietnam says it will be ready to participate in United Nations peacekeeping operations
<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2013/02/25/vietnam-says-it-will-be-ready-to-participate-in-united-nations-peacekeeping/>

New exoskeleton is Japan's RoboCop-style disaster recovery suit
http://www.dvice.com/2013-2-26/new-exoskeleton-japans-robocop-style-disaster-recovery-suit?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulseneews

Four Disturbing Questions about the Mumbai Terror Attack (India)
http://www.propublica.org/article/four-disturbing-questions-about-the-mumbai-terror-attack?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulseneews

Update on family cluster of novel coronavirus infection in the UK
<http://bigmedicine.ca/wordpress/2013/02/global-update-on-family-cluster-of-novel-coronavirus-infection-in-the-uk/>

New robots reduce human risk in disaster cleanup
<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2013/02/21/national/new-robots-reduce-human-risk-in-disaster-cleanup/#.USZaLh0zqSp>

Haiti: fight against cholera continues, but claims against UN 'not receivable'
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=44197&Cr=haiti&Cr1=#.USZsrx3QrBY>

Drug discovered against flu virus
http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2013-02-23/science/37257137_1_flu-virus-anti-influenza-influenza-virus

China to build earthquake warning system
<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90882/8135630.html>

Flood lessons being 'ignored' (Australia)
<http://www.maitlandmercury.com.au/story/1325295/flood-lessons-being-ignored/>

Scientists figure out Russia meteor's origin
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2013/02/26/meteor-russia-apollo-space/1948673/>

Scientists strive to make global disease data more useful
<http://www.scidev.net/en/health/health-policy/news/scientists-strive-to-make-global-disease-data-more-useful-1.html>

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European Asteroid Smasher Could Bolster Planetary Defense

http://www.universetoday.com/100216/european-asteroid-smasher-could-bolster-planetary-defense/?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulseneews

Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe: Chinese need for conflict is 'deeply ingrained'

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/japans-prime-minister-shinzo-abe-chinese-need-for-conflict-is-deeply-ingrained/2013/02/20/48adbc80-7a87-11e2-9a75-dab0201670da_story.html?hpid=z6

Is Haiti at risk of becoming a permanent failed state?

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/blogs/latin-america-and-caribbean-views/is-haiti-at-risk-of-becoming-a-permanent-failed-state/>

Despite peace accord, eastern Congo still on edge

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gBXfLg1j8GSoNWShmHtgTS_Oaogg?docId=90558f90e70342ad9eca4445e6f5c4ba

UN Human Rights Council opens with call to strengthen international justice system

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=44216&Cr=human+rights+council&Cr1>

Israeli police say rocket fired from Gaza into Israel in first attack since truce

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2013/02/26/israeli-police-say-rocket-fired-from-gaza-into-israel-in-first-attack-since/?test=latestnews>

China considers overhaul to streamline government

http://www.pulse.me/ap/85546db695cc494a98edcfc0ebc29ff0?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulseneews

Tunisia's new premier promises inclusive government

http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/02/22/us-tunisia-politics-idUSBRE91L0F720130222?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=pulseneews&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FtopNews+%28News+%2F+US+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Yahoo%21+Mail

More Than Ever, We Need the UN

<http://www.thenation.com/blog/173004/more-ever-we-need-un#>

Filipino super-typhoon an ominous warning of climate change impact

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/feb/17/filipino-super-typhoon-climate-change>

Welcome to the Politics of Climate Change: Adapt and Avert

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/02/19/welcome-to-the-politics-of-climate-change-adapt-and-avert.html#sthash.NQCDhoQz.dpuf>

US security experts urge international climate change action

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/us-security-experts-urge-international-climate-change-action/>

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Cool Earth Solar's big deal with Sandia

<http://www.sfgate.com/business/article/Cool-Earth-Solar-s-big-deal-with-Sandia-4295645.php#photo-4226793>

Full Green Ahead: Inside the Military's Clean-Energy Revolution

http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2013/02/full-green-ahead/?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

Natural Disasters as Threats to Peace

<http://www.usip.org/publications/natural-disasters-threats-peace>

United States Geological Survey (USGS) Natural Hazards Response

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2012/3061/>

John Kerry's Address at the University of Virginia

<http://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2013/02/205021.htm>

ReliefWeb Blog, The Year of the Hub: Introducing the ReliefWeb roadmap

<http://reliefweb.int/blogpost/year-hub-introducing-reliefweb-roadmap>

Preparing for the Weather with the Flats

<http://www.fema.gov/blog/2013-02-20/preparing-weather-flats>

International Association of Emergency Manager's LinkedIn Group

http://www.linkedin.com/company/international-association-of-emergency-managers?trk=top_nav_home

19 Years Later: Remembering the 1993 Bombing Attack on WTC

<http://www.911memorial.org/blog/19-years-later-remembering-1993-bombing-attack-wtc>

Peace Operations 2025- Video

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NASA Near earth Object Program Website

<http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/neo/>

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PHE.gov, At-Risk Individuals Definition

<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Pages/at-risk.aspx>

Delivering Gender-Informed Health Services in Emergencies

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The State of Homeland Security Address with Secretary Janet Napolitano

<http://www.brookings.edu/events/2013/02/26-homeland-security-napolitano>

San Francisco, CA DEM Blog, Zombies Are So Hot Right Now!

<http://em4sf.wordpress.com/2013/02/26/zombies-are-so-hot-right-now/>

National Park Service Harry Yount Award, Brandon Torres

<http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/harry-yount-award.htm>

Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery Webinar about Instagram-Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kNfp10KIN4&feature=youtu.be>

Evacuteer.org

Evacuteer isn't exactly a new resource, but its singular mission makes it a site worth revisiting. The organization, which trains about 500 people each year to help with disaster efforts, is charged with helping people leave Louisiana if they're forced to evacuate. But that's not all. The group has a bevy of projects it maintains including preparedness research, social media campaigns, and even public art installations (which will double as evacuation pick up points). Evacuteer hopes to one day take their concept nationwide, so stop by the Web site and see what might work for your community.

<http://evacuteer.org/>

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:

- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Oregon Emergency Management
- Evansville / Vanderburgh County Emergency Management Agency (Indiana)
- University of California Merced Police Department
- Nooksack Tribe Emergency Management
- Center for Disaster and Risk Analysis - Colorado State University
- Urban Area Security Initiative Blog #UASI
- Virginia Department of Fire Programs
- American Medical Response
- Benton County Emergency Services (Arkansas)

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FEMA Reaches Out to PR Firms for Help with Ready Campaign

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South Dakota Emergency Management official receives award

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Harris County recognized for excellence in emergency management (Texas)

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High-speed data line damaged during blizzard (Massachusetts)

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Redefining the Emergency Manager: A Proposal for Change

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Redefining-the-Emergency-Manager.html>

A year later, Ind. towns slowly recover from tornado

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/02/24/towns-slowly-recover-from-tornado/1941947/>

Routed by Katrina, Stuck in Quagmire of Rules

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/02/21/us/katrina-red-tape-keeps-new-orleans-homeowner-in-limbo.html?smid=fb-nytimes&_r=0

Michael Sprayberry Appointed Director of North Carolina Emergency Management

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Michael-Sprayberry-Appointed-Director-NC-Emergency-Management.html>

New NC Emergency Management director is agency vet

<http://www.reflector.com/ap/staten/new-nc-emergency-management-director-agency-vet-1861409>

New York City's New "Code Corps," A Volunteer Force of Techies in Disaster Response

<http://techpresident.com/news/23508/nyc-launches-code-corps-program-focused-emergency-and-disaster-response#.USuU42ti8Ls.twitter>

Disaster Training: A Volunteer's Viewpoint of Austin Urban Shield (Texas)

<http://www.9-1-1magazine.com/Ellis-Austin-Urban-Shield>

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Earthquake-resistant pipes may bring leak-free L.A. (California)
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SC's Emergency Director George McKinney Departing
<http://www.wltx.com/news/story.aspx?storyid=223215>

Feagans leaves big rain boots to fill as disaster chief (Florida)
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Implementing PPD-8: New Opportunities, Greater Challenges
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Social media monitoring is critical for government operations
<http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/technology/212007-social-media-monitoring-is-critical-for-government-operations>

Kelenske Named Commander of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (Michigan)
<http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,4643,7-123--295769--,00.html>

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

More Risk-Based Prioritization of DHS Missions Would Save Money, Improve Coordination, Experts Say

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Aaron Swartz files reveal how FBI tracked internet activist

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Successful hacker attack could cripple U.S. infrastructure, experts say

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Expert: US in cyberwar arms race with China, Russia

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Feds say neo-Nazi with guns was tracking community leaders (Michigan)

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Drones have killed 4,700, U.S. senator says

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California to Texas, Border Security Changes Over The Years

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Are Facebook, Twitter, Apple, New York Times, NBC hacks a sign of things to come?

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Afghan president orders US forces out of key province

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Future Soldiers will have flexible electronics everywhere

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In wake of Benghazi, rapid response Marine unit heading to Europe

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Chinese cyberspies have hacked most Washington institutions, experts say

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Feds free hundreds from immigration detention

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FBI informant warns so-called Blind Sheik 'will kill Americans'

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Mass. Senator Creates Legislation for Enhanced School Safety

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NRA developing 'best practices' for school safety

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Ohio teen pleads guilty to killing three in school shooting

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How Bike Patrols Can Improve Campus Safety

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Access/Functional Needs

Santa Rosa leaders talk child safety at roundtable (Florida)

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Drought forecast to persist, intensify in much of U.S.
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'Truly a historic blizzard,' weather service says

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http://myemail.constantcontact.com/DelValle-Institute-for-Emergency-Preparedness-Newsletter.html?soid=1103611974713&aid=7fGwKSBoQtI&qoback=%2Egde_1853556_member_217340566

All-Hazards Public Information Officer Task Book
http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSResource/assets/tb_pio.pdf

Al Gore, Bundchen and Yumkella on Sustainable Energy for All- Video
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1VoPpLxllk&feature=youtu.be>

Tsunami, the Great Waves Brochure

This 12-page glossy brochure provides information on what a tsunami is, how fast and how big they can be, what causes them, and describes programs undertaken to mitigate this hazard, including the development of tsunami warning centers, research programmes, and safety rules describing what to do when a tsunami attack your coastline.

http://itic.ioc-unesco.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1169&Itemid=1137&lang=en

The Cochrane Library Resources for Earthquakes

Disease sleuthing games aside, healthcare professionals in real-life disaster situations can find a wealth of information at the Cochrane Library, a collection of six evidence-based databases. The library has recently made a selection of resources available to assist healthcare official after an earthquake. The free-access articles cover topics such as diarrhea prevention and treatment, wound management, fracture management, physical trauma, and anesthesia.

<http://www.thecochranelibrary.com/details/collection/587779/Cochrane-Evidence-Aid-resources-for-earthquakes.html>

Evacuteer.org

Evacuteer isn't exactly a new resource, but its singular mission makes it a site worth revisiting. The organization, which trains about 500 people each year to help with disaster efforts, is charged with helping people leave Louisiana if they're forced to evacuate. But that's not all. The group has a bevy of projects it maintains including preparedness research, social media campaigns, and even public art installations (which will double as evacuation pick up points). Evacuteer hopes to one day take their concept nationwide, so stop by the Web site and see what might work for your community.

<http://evacuteer.org/>

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:

- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

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