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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 3-16 to 3-23)

“A wise person once said, it is easier to respond to an incident than plan for an exercise.”

Author Unknown



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- 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
- Sign on San Diego
- Homeland Security Today
- ReliefWeb
- Big Medicine
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- ProPublica
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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:

Storm sirens sit silent in Garland (Texas)

<http://www.wfaa.com/home/Where-Sirens-Stand-Silent-143427026.html>

ASPR Launches Second Web App Challenge

<http://www.phe.gov/asprblogs/Pages/nowtrending.aspx>

Web tool, phone app pinpoint tsunami dangers, quick getaway routes

<http://www.washington.edu/news/articles/web-tool-phone-app-pinpoint-tsunami-dangers-quick-getaway-routes>

All-Hazards Type 3 Incident Management Teams Are Catching On

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/All-Hazards-Type-3-Incident-Management-Teams.html>

Civil defense: \$1.7 million in damage from last week's rains reported so far (Hawaii)

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/17180303/civil-defense-17-million-in-damage-from-last-weeks-rains-reported-so-far>

Pa. man arrested in US terrorism case

<http://www.homeland1.com/domestic-international-terrorism/articles/1255282-Pa-man-arrested-in-US-terrorism-case/>

Gunboats, Super-Torpedoes, Sea-Bots: U.S. Navy Launches Huge Iran Surge

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/03/navy-persian-gulf/>

U.S. accelerating cyberweapon research

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/us-accelerating-cyberweapon-research/2012/03/13/gIQAMRGVLS_story.html

Secrets of a Secret Service Agent

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/power-players-abc-news/former-secret-agent-clinton-risky-move-140849850.html>

The NSA Is Building the Country's Biggest Spy Center (Watch What You Say)

http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2012/03/ff_nsadatacenter

A New Strategy on the Border

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/a-new-strategy-on-the-border/a67fb477c08eed718bfb81f18cd2375a.html>

The bin Laden plot to kill President Obama

http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-bin-laden-plot-to-kill-president-obama/2012/03/16/gIQAwN5RGS_story.html?tid=sm_facebook

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Nuclear Terrorism: A Clear Danger

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/16/opinion/nuclear-terrorism-a-clear-danger.html?_r=2

U.S. security at risk over water

http://security.blogs.cnn.com/2012/03/22/u-s-security-at-risk-over-water/?hpt=hp_t3

Cpl. gets Silver Star for 3-day defense of post

<http://www.armytimes.com/news/2012/03/army-silver-star-031912w/>

Most (97%) 2011 cyberattacks were avoidable, Verizon says

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9225444/Most_97_2011_cyberattacks_were_avoidable_Verizon_says?source=CTWNLE_nlt_pm_2012-03-22

Follow VT Alerts on Twitter to get emergency notifications (Virginia)

<http://www.wdbj7.com/news/wdbj7-follow-vt-alerts-on-twitter-to-get-emergency-notifications-20120316,0,4183480.story?track=rss>

Implementing Section 508: Improving Access to Government Information and Data for Persons with Disabilities

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2012/03/19/implementing-section-508-improving-access-government-information-and-data-persons-di>

Girl's best friend is dog who carries her oxygen

http://todayhealth.today.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/03/21/10780622-girls-best-friend-is-dog-who-carries-her-oxygen

State Faults Care for the Disabled (New York)

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/22/nyregion/new-york-state-draft-report-finds-needless-risk-in-care-for-the-disabled.html?_r=1&hp

Fla. is No. 1 on tornado list

http://www.gainesville.com/article/20120315/articles/120319708?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

Nuclear regulators send inspection team to San Onofre (California)

<http://www.fox5sandiego.com/news/kswb-nuclear-regulators-send-inspection-team-to-san-onofre-20120315,0,2632671.story>

Shocking Pink: An Inexpensive Test for Chemical Weapon Attacks

http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=chemical-weapon-litmus-test&WT.mc_id=SA_Facebook

More than 100 homes damaged by Mich. Tornado

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/storms/tornadoes/story/2012-03-15/michigan-tornado/53553158/1>

With flooding risk low, most of U.S. can bag the sandbags

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/floods/story/2012-03-14/spring-flood-risk/53552372/1?loc=interstitialskip>

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Alaska's largest city eyes snow record

<http://news.yahoo.com/alaskas-largest-city-eyes-snow-record-223134840.html>

Scientists closer to season-long tornado forecasts

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-18563_162-57399140/scientists-closer-to-season-long-tornado-forecasts/?tag=cbsnewsMainColumnArea

Texas' 2011 drought costliest in state history: researchers

<http://news.yahoo.com/texas-2011-drought-costliest-state-history-researchers-000336417.html>

Ex-US officials investigated over speeches to Iranian dissident group on terror list

<http://openchannel.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/03/16/10710422-ex-us-officials-investigated-over-speeches-to-iranian-dissident-group-on-terror-list>

Free Tools for Justifying Public Safety's IT Spending

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Free-Tools-Justifying-Public-Safetys-IT-Spending.html>

Elk County unveils new 911 center (Pennsylvania)

<http://www.wjactv.com/news/news/elk-county-unveils-new-911-center/nLXnY/>

Ken Phillips Named NPS Branch Chief For Search And Rescue

<http://home.nps.gov/applications/digest/headline.cfm?type=PeopleNews&id=3475>

Incident Commanders Recall Tucson Shooting (Arizona)

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/10658693/incident-commanders-recall-tucson-shooting>

Weary L.A. firefighters speak up (California)

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-0318-lopez-lafd-20120318.0,4248204.column>

Lawmakers search for search & rescue answers (Vermont)

http://vtdigger.org/2012/03/15/lawmaker-search-for-search-rescue-answers/?utm_source=VtDigger+Subscribers&utm_campaign=a3747a2355-Weekly+Wrap+Up03+18+12&utm_medium=email

With high-tech ways to communicate, the sound of the fire siren is fading (Pennsylvania)

<http://old.post-gazette.com/pg/12082/1218405-55.stm>

Senate Panel Reacts to DHS Plan for Consolidation of First-Responder Grants (Page 21)

Toulouse Jewish shootings and French army attacks linked

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-17437795#TWEET107642>

Mystery blast outside Indonesia embassy in Paris

<http://news.yahoo.com/parcel-bomb-explodes-outside-indonesian-embassy-paris-063040071.html>

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Suspect in France Shootings Seen as Homegrown Militant

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/22/world/europe/mohammed-merah-france-shooting-suspect-seen-as-home-grown-militant.html?hpw>

In Aftermath of Shootings, Sarkozy Is Seizing the Moment

<http://news.yahoo.com/aftermath-shootings-sarkozy-seizing-moment-191724539.html>

French officials face questions over handling of Toulouse terror suspect

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/envoy/french-officials-face-questions-over-handling-toulouse-terror-204743779.html>

Study Cites Lack of Public-Private Coordination in Japanese Nuclear Accident Response

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/study-cites-lack-of-public-private-coordination-in-japanese-nuclear-accident-response/d329d6360d8b7e0310ca9ecfaa533fbc.html>

Haiti receives advice from UN economists on attracting foreign investment

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=41566&Cr=Haiti&Cr1>

Japan: Post-earthquake coordination saves lives

<http://www.unocha.org/top-stories/all-stories/japan-post-earthquake-coordination-saves-lives>

Haiti government orders former soldiers to clear old bases

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/haiti-government-orders-former-soldiers-to-clear-old-bases/2012/03/20/gIQA7TWXQS_story.html?hpid=z12

UN must review policy on peacekeepers who abuse -Amnesty

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/un-must-review-policy-on-peacekeepers-who-abuse-amnesty>

Norway police say future Breivik-style attacks possible

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-17399488>

How a 25-cent casserole is helping feed kids everywhere

http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2012-03-21/features/os-feeding-children-everywhere-20120321_1_heart-defect-crib-death-youth-group

At least 2 dead in avalanche in Norway

http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/19/world/europe/norway-avalanche/index.html?eref=rss_world&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2F cnn_world+%28RSS%3A+World%29

Greek volcano reawakens

http://www.sciencenews.org/view/generic/id/339157/title/Greek_volcano_reawakens

Devastating 'mini-tornado' hits Australian city

<http://news.yahoo.com/mini-tornado-rips-australian-city-015008496.html>

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Officials survey damage after strong quake jolts Mexico
http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/21/world/americas/mexico-earthquake/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Solar storms join floods, terrorism as risks to UK
<http://news.yahoo.com/solar-storms-join-floods-terrorism-risks-uk-141253447.html>

Could Human and Computer Viruses Merge, Leaving Both Realms Vulnerable?
http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/2012/03/22/could-human-and-computer-viruses-merge-leaving-both-realms-vulnerable/?WT.mc_id=SA_Facebook

3 more bodies found in Concordia cruise ship wreck 2 months after capsizing off Italy
<http://news.yahoo.com/3-more-bodies-found-concordia-cruise-ship-wreck-163750470.html>

Tibet exiles see rise of American-style politician
<http://news.yahoo.com/tibet-exiles-see-rise-american-style-politician-074725786.html>

UN experts call for including human rights standards in development goals
<http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/news/sustainable/including-human-rights-standards-in-development-goals.html>

U.N. unites on Syria, violence spills into Lebanon
<http://news.yahoo.com/u-n-unites-syria-violence-spills-lebanon-001848792.html>

As climate changes, Louisiana seeks to lift a highway
http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/as-climate-changes-louisiana-seeks-to-lift-a-highway/2012/03/12/q1QAJoEQLS_story.html

Focus on Technology Overlooks Human Behavior When Addressing Climate Change
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/03/120319135235.htm>

Effective World Government Will Be Needed to Stave Off Climate Catastrophe
http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/2012/03/17/effective-world-government-will-still-be-needed-to-stave-off-climate-catastrophe/?WT.mc_id=SA_Facebook

Update for world temperature data
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-17432194>

New York City Office of Emergency Management Biennial Report 2011
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/news/biennial2011/index.html#1>

Crisis Standards of Care: A Systems Framework for Catastrophic Disaster Response
http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13351#description

IS-36: Multihazard Planning for Childcare
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is36.asp>

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FEMA Blog, Calling for Nominations for National Youth Preparedness Council
<http://blog.fema.gov/2012/03/calling-for-nominations-for-national.html>

FEMA Region III National Disaster Recovery Framework Website
<http://www.fema.gov/about/regions/regioniii/ndrf.shtm>

Americans with Disabilities, Project Civic Access Fact Sheet
<http://www.ada.gov/civifac.htm>

Disaster and Preparedness Episode 2: Keep Mayhem to a Minimum- Video
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkr93WBEiaM&feature=youtu.be>

National Advisory Council Meeting Notes from February 16, 2012 in San Francisco, CA
<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?fromSearch=fromsearch&id=5489>

U.S. Public Health Emergency, At-Risk Individuals
<http://phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Pages/atrisk.aspx>

Pacific Disaster Center, Looking Back on the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake-Tsunami Tragedy
http://www.pdc.org/PDCNewsWebArticles/2012/tohoku_tragedy/

London Fire Brigade, Don't drink and fry!- Video (United Kingdom)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_VnaPyb-CY&feature=player_embedded

EMAP Proposed 2013 Emergency Management Standard
<http://standardreview.emaponline.org/projects/new>

Southern Poverty Law Center, Sovereign Citizens and Law Enforcement- Video
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_y-gLm9Hrw

Public Health Emergency, Community Resilience
<http://phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Pages/community-resilience.aspx>

Coalition of 12 Organizations Express Concern with FEMA Proposal for Homeland Security Grant Programs Letter
<http://www.iaem.com/Committees/GovernmentAffairs/documents/HouseHomelandCommitteeLetterfortheRecordFinal-031612.1.pdf>

Taylor Wilson: Yup, I built a nuclear fusion reactor- Video
http://www.ted.com/talks/taylor_wilson_yup_i_built_a_nuclear_fusion_reactor.html?awesm=on.ted.com_Wilson&utm_campaign=&utm_medium=on.ted.com-static&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_content=awesm-publisher

Disaster Photo Project

We're sick of disaster management being represented by photos of first responders! So from April 1st, 2012-July 1st, 2012, the Academy is soliciting the best photos of people visually identifiable as Disaster Managers engaged in mitigation, preparedness, response, or recovery. Visually identifiable means that we can tell they're disaster

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managers by looking at the photo.

<http://www.emergencymanagementacademy.org/disaster-photo-project/>

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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

City releases emails detailing who knows what during an emergency, and who determines what is fit for public consumption (New Hampshire)

<http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/953562-196/sunshine-week-city-releases-emails-detailing-who.html>

Oil Boom May Affect Texas Fire Season Preparedness

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/10657605/oil-boom-may-affect-texas-fire-season-preparedness>

FEMA's David Kaufman Addresses Emergency Management Trends

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/FEMAs-David-Kaufman-Emergency-Management-Trends.html>

State Police Add Texting to Emergency Communications (New Jersey)

<http://www.njsp.org/news/pr031912.html>

Elk County man rallies help during disaster (Pennsylvania)

<http://www.thecourierexpress.com/tricountysundaytrilocal/953955-349/elk-county-man-rallies-help-during-disaster.html>

Storm sirens sit silent in Garland (Texas)

<http://www.wfaa.com/home/Where-Sirens-Stand-Silent-143427026.html>

ASPR Launches Second Web App Challenge

<http://www.phe.gov/asprblogs/Pages/nowtrending.aspx>

Web tool, phone app pinpoint tsunami dangers, quick getaway routes

<http://www.washington.edu/news/articles/web-tool-phone-app-pinpoint-tsunami-dangers-quick-getaway-routes>

Officials schooled on emergency management issues (Pennsylvania)

<http://www.tnonline.com/2012/mar/20/officials-schooled-emergency-management-issues>

All-Hazards Type 3 Incident Management Teams Are Catching On

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/All-Hazards-Type-3-Incident-Management-Teams.html>

Civil defense: \$1.7 million in damage from last week's rains reported so far (Hawaii)

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/17180303/civil-defense-17-million-in-damage-from-last-weeks-rains-reported-so-far>

Wisconsin Emergency Management Learns from Joplin

<http://www.wbay.com/story/17178626/2012/03/16/wisconsin-emergency-management-learns-from-joplin>

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Study Findings to Be Shared at UCF Disaster-Preparedness Conference (Florida)
<http://today.ucf.edu/study-findings-to-be-shared-at-ucf-disaster-preparedness-conference/>

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

In 'highly unusual' move, Marines asked to disarm before Leon Panetta speech
http://worldnews.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/03/14/10684063-in-highly-unusual-move-marines-asked-to-disarm-before-leon-panetta-speech

No Evidence Against Soldier in Afghan Massacre, Lawyers Says
<http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-cnn-soldier-afghanistan-rampage.0,6981809.story>

Community complains about WTC site security plan
<http://www.homeland1.com/disaster-preparedness/articles/1254712-Community-complains-about-WTC-site-security-plan/>

Pa. man arrested in US terrorism case
<http://www.homeland1.com/domestic-international-terrorism/articles/1255282-Pa-man-arrested-in-US-terrorism-case/>

Gunboats, Super-Torpedoes, Sea-Bots: U.S. Navy Launches Huge Iran Surge
<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/03/navy-persian-gulf/>

US extremist in Somalia fears life in danger
<http://news.yahoo.com/us-extremist-somalia-fears-life-fellow-fighters-161500428.html>

U.S. accelerating cyberweapon research
http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/us-accelerating-cyberweapon-research/2012/03/13/qIQAMRGVLS_story.html

Secrets of a Secret Service Agent
<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/power-players-abc-news/former-secret-agent-clinton-risky-move-140849850.html>

The NSA Is Building the Country's Biggest Spy Center (Watch What You Say)
http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2012/03/ff_nsadatacenter

N. Idaho white supremacist runs for sheriff
http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/03/19/10763789-n-idaho-white-supremacist-runs-for-sheriff

U.S. War Game Sees Perils of Israeli Strike against Iran
http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/20/world/middleeast/united-states-war-game-sees-dire-results-of-an-israeli-attack-on-iran.html?_r=1&hp

DHS to Conduct Resiliency Assessment of East Coast Pipelines
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/dhs-to-conduct-resiliency-assessment-of-east-coast-pipelines/b8c9ff3b635ab2c7dae812a1ff2cf8d4.html>

A New Strategy on the Border
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/a-new-strategy-on-the-border/a67fb477c08eed718bfb81f18cd2375a.html>

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Report: Texas state senator's office firebombed

<http://news.yahoo.com/report-texas-state-senator-office-firebombed-012030564.html>

Life sentence in Mississippi hate-crime case

http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/21/justice/mississippi-hate-crime/index.html?hpt=hp_t1

University professor helps FBI crack \$70 million cybercrime ring

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Senate Panel Reacts to DHS Plan for Consolidation of First-Responder Grants

By Tim Starks, CQ Staff

Leaders of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee chafed Wednesday at both the substance and the process of a plan by the Department of Homeland Security to consolidate a variety of state and local first-responder grants into one pool.

Panel Chairman Joseph I. Lieberman, I-Conn., disagreed with the department's fiscal 2013 budget proposal to eliminate dedicated port and transit security grants, grants for large cities, and other specific mechanisms in favor of a single new program that includes natural disasters as "a primary focus," he said.

"We created these programs specifically to help state and local governments prepare for terrorist attacks, even though when properly implemented they also help localities prepare for and respond to natural disasters," he said at a hearing of his panel. "But I am most perplexed that the administration is proposing to make dramatic changes to these statutory programs without submitting legislation to the committees with jurisdiction over these programs."

Because appropriators have repeatedly slashed first-responder grants by billions of dollars in recent years, the department's plan is to save money by putting many of those grants into one place. The Obama budget for that grant pool proposes funding them at \$1.5 billion in fiscal 2013, \$424 million more than that received by all 16 programs combined in fiscal 2012.

Yet many lawmakers on various panels, including some appropriators, have objected to the elimination of some of the specific 16 grant programs that would make way for one large program at the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said that the administration, in its budget justification documents to Congress, had made an "initial stab" at potential legislative language to consolidate those grants. But she added that she was willing to work with Lieberman's panel to come up with something more concrete in the next few months. Committee members, too, had other concerns about consolidating the grants. Susan Collins, the top Republican on the panel, said it was "uncertain how the baseline state allocations for the newly proposed National Preparedness Grant Program would work, given the department's use of the phrase 'funding allocated in accordance with a population-driven formula.'" For Collins — who represents a small state, Maine — that language appeared to circumvent the current state minimum grant formula enacted as part of a 2007 law (PL 110-53).

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And Collins also said that the department should have consulted with first-responder groups and local governments before deciding to consolidate the grants. Napolitano said the department did so, but a March 20 letter from 12 groups representing mayors, firefighters and sheriffs complained that "major changes are being proposed without advance consultation with the local government and full range of first-responders charged with preventing, protecting and responding" to disasters.

Those groups also said they opposed the plan itself, noting that they have "serious concerns with FEMA's proposal to convert the current suite of homeland security grant programs into state-administered block and competitive grant programs in which funding decisions are based on state and multi-state threat assessments." Napolitano said that states would still get a minimum amount, but that evaluations would be based on gaps, capabilities and other factors.

Several other lawmakers said they worried about eliminating some of the grants. Scott P. Brown, R-Mass., said he was concerned about the elimination of the Urban Area Initiative grants that have benefited big cities such as Boston, while Mark Pryor, D-Ark., voiced doubts about eliminating the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program.

On the panel, only Tom Coburn, R-Okla., fully endorsed Napolitano's plan. "The fast money that really is a state responsibility is not going to be there paid by the federal government, and true terrorism prevention based on risk is going to be the outcome of what you recommend," he said. "What you're hearing is blowback on the basis of a parochial nature."

Rob Margetta contributed to this story.

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Disaster Photo Project

We're sick of disaster management being represented by photos of first responders! So from April 1st, 2012-July 1st, 2012, the Academy is soliciting the best photos of people visually identifiable as Disaster Managers engaged in mitigation, preparedness, response, or recovery. Visually identifiable means that we can tell they're disaster managers by looking at the photo.

<http://www.emergencymanagementacademy.org/disaster-photo-project/>