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Emergency Manager's Weekly Report

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“Not mastery but service, will lead people in the right way.”
Albert Einstein



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- 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
- Sign on San Diego
- Homeland Security Today
- ReliefWeb
- Big Medicine
- Huffington Post
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- Homeland Security Today
- Washington Post
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- Washington Times
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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 Thrill of Disaster

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/25/opinion/sunday/disaster-and-its-appeal.html?_r=2&smid=tw-nytopinion&seid=auto

Speaker: Vt. could have done better preparing for Irene

http://www.reformer.com/ci_20245801/speaker-vt-could-have-done-better-preparing-irene?source=most_viewed

Researchers: Social Media Eases Psychological Burden of Natural Disasters

http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/Researchers-Say-Social-Media-Eases-Psychological-Burden---144591585.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=facebook#.T3PLRSsfOmo.facebook

Tsunami test goes off with few glitches; scientists seek public's feedback (California)

http://www.times-standard.com/rss/ci_20280439?source=rss

LinkedIn is a Hacker's Dream Tool

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/linkedin-is-a-hacker-s-dream-tool.html>

Fighting Terrorism in the Future

<http://blogs.smithsonianmag.com/paleofuture/2012/03/fighting-terrorism-in-the-future/>

NYPD: Iran Has Done Surveillance in New York City

<http://www.npr.org/2012/03/21/149080630/nypd-iran-has-done-surveillance-in-new-york-city>

Top secret Visa data center banks on security, even has moat

<http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/story/2012-03-25/visa-data-center/53774904/1?loc=interstitialskip>

U.S., Australia to broaden military ties amid Pentagon pivot to SE Asia

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/us-to-expand-ties-with-australia-as-it-aims-to-shift-forces-closer-to-se-asia/2012/03/19/gIQAPSXlC_story.html?hpid%3Dz1

Officials: CIA offered to curtail Pakistan drone strikes

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46862991/ns/world_news-south_and_central_asia/

DHS Budget Trends Jeopardize Partnerships and Collaboration

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Budgets-Trends-2012-Emergency-Management.html?page=1&>

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Mich. militia head, son plead guilty to gun charge
<http://news.yahoo.com/mich-militia-head-son-plead-guilty-gun-charge-135113302.html>

New Hanover Co. launches lockdown alerts via text and Twitter (North Carolina)
<http://www.wwaytv3.com/2012/03/26/new-hanover-co-launches-lockdown-alerts-text-and-twitter>

Experts frustrated at lack of tornado response at IU (Indiana)
<http://www.wthr.com/story/17258694/experts-frustrated-at-lack-of-tornado-response-at-iu>

Justice Department's 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Go into Effect
<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2012/March/12-crt-328.html>

Vermont in Spotlight at National Hurricane Conference
<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=61601>

USGS Offers \$7 Million in Earthquake Research Grants
<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=3142>

First forecast: Calmer than average hurricane season likely
<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/hurricane/story/2012-03-21/hurricane-season-forecast-colorado-state/53692038/1>

Detecting Earthquakes is Around the Corner: Specialist
<http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Detecting-Earthquakes-is-Around-the-Corner-Specialist--143897246.html>

THE 2012 HEAT WAVE: "ALMOST LIKE SCIENCE FICTION"
<http://www.popsoci.com/science/article/2012-03/2012-heat-wave-almost-science-fiction-mind-boggling>

New Flood Technology Gets Information out Faster (Iowa)
<http://www.woi-tv.com/story/17235508/new-radio-transmitters>

Space Weather: What Emergency Managers Need to Know
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Space-Weather-Emergency-Managers-2012.html>

San Onofre nuclear power plant prohibited from restarting (California)
<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-0328-san-onofre-20120328.0,1692312.story>

911 Dispatchers at Risk for PTSD
<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/Stress/ptsd-911-emergency-dispatchers-risk/story?id=16020576>

Report: DC's emergency river rescue boat obsolete
<http://www.homeland1.com/eval/articles/1262010-Report-DCs-emergency-river-rescue-boat-obsolete/>

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Ladder climbers: Female fire captains love their careers (North Carolina)
http://www.news-record.com/content/2012/03/17/article/ladder_climbers_female_fire_captains_love_their_careers

France asks: Were warnings missed on Toulouse killer?
http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/23/world/europe/france-missed-signals/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Footage filmed by French gunman sent to Al Jazeera: police
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/03/26/us-france-shootings-video-idUSBRE82P10U20120326>

Report: Iran planned to bomb Israeli ship in Suez Canal
<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/report-iran-planned-to-bomb-israeli-ship-in-suez-canal-1.420463>

UN development chief hails progress in Haiti two years after the quake
<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2012/03/23/un-development-chief-hails-progress-in-haiti-two-years-after-the-quake.html>

Are We Doomed to Wage Wars Over Water?
<http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/cross-check/2012/03/26/are-we-doomed-to-wage-wars-over-water/>

Will Twitter put the U.N. out of the disaster business?
<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/blogs/techartalk/will-twitter-put-the-un-out-of-the-disaster-business/>

Motivating and Supporting Women's Role in Civil Protection
<http://www.euromedcp.eu/en/general-news/general-news/803-motivating-and-supporting-womens-role-in-civil-protection.html>

African Union launches U.S.-backed force to hunt Kony
<http://news.yahoo.com/african-union-launches-u-backed-force-hunt-kony-151545852.html>

Report criticises response to Christchurch quake (New Zealand)
<http://nz.news.yahoo.com/a/-/top-stories/13244830/report-criticises-response-to-chch-quake/>

NATO member nations should share military systems
<http://news.yahoo.com/nato-member-nations-share-military-systems-164041599.html>

French nuclear physicist in terror trial
<http://news.yahoo.com/french-nuclear-physicist-terror-trial-192353483.html>

Step towards new Civil Defence structure for Wellington (New Zealand)
<http://www.voxy.co.nz/national/step-towards-new-civil-defence-structure-wellington/5/119051>

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Early Quake Detection Helps in Mexico

http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Early-Quake-Detection-Helps-in-Mexico-143602346.html?_osource=Newsletter-Daily

Divers find 5 more bodies in Costa Concordia wreckage (Italy)

http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/22/world/europe/italy-cruise-bodies/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Japanese fishing boat lost at sea in tsunami found off Canada

<http://www.king5.com/news/quake/Japanese-fishing-boat-lost-at-sea-after-tsunami-nears-Canada-144046636.html>

Trial over Earthquake in Italy Puts Focus on Probability and Panic

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/04/science/04quake.html?_r=2

Japan reactor has fatally high radiation, no water

<http://news.yahoo.com/japan-reactor-fatally-high-radiation-no-water-153223369.html>

Israeli court rejects 2015 settlement evacuation

<http://news.yahoo.com/israeli-court-rejects-2015-settlement-evacuation-171013419.html>

U.S. negotiation efforts with Taliban have failed: group

<http://news.yahoo.com/u-negotiation-efforts-taliban-failed-group-194620256.html>

Climate-linked migration poses growing humanitarian threat – study

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=25629&a=email>

Green jail to demonstrate power of micro grids (California)

<http://www.physorg.com/news/2012-03-green-power-microgrids.html>

Nuclear Fusion Is a Real Possibility, New Models Suggest

<http://news.yahoo.com/nuclear-fusion-real-possibility-models-suggest-200610438.html>

National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health, Report on the Domestic Natural Disaster Health Workforce

http://ncdmph.usuhs.edu/Site_n/FieldResearch/2011Workforce/2011wf-Abstract.htm

Midwest States' Emergency Management Agency Use if Social Media Tools in Crisis Communications

<http://www.slideshare.net/LaurieBoettcher/midwest-states-use-of-social-media-in-emergency-management>

National Hurricane Center, Minor Modification of Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale Thresholds Effective May 15, 2012

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/news/20120301_pis_sshws.php

Support Alliance for Emergency Readiness Website (Florida)

<http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/coad/index.cfm>

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San Francisco, CA Outdoor Public Warning System (OPWS) Siren Information Website
<http://www.sfdem.org/index.aspx?page=55>

CDC, Disabilities: Emergency Preparedness Training
http://www.cdc.gov/Features/EmergencyPreparedness/?s_cid=tw_cdc1274

Emergency Managers Tool Kit: Meeting the Needs of Latino Communities
http://www.nclr.org/index.php/publications/emergency_managers_tool_kit_meeting_the_needs_of_latino_communities/

Disability Prepared, Best of the Best Practice Sites
<http://disabilityprepared.ku.edu/>

FEMA Blog, FEMA Think Tank for March 2012 Focuses on Disability Topics
<http://blog.fema.gov/2012/03/fema-think-tank-for-march-2012-focuses.html>

Sara Bareilles - A Trace of the Sun: Volunteering In Japan Documentary- Video
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Bz4RRWF7f0>

ASPR: Dr. Kevin Yeskey on Preparedness- Video
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGWWfARBzJU>

FutureWeWant Website
<http://futurewewant.org/>

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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

United States: Social media sites help aid agencies, families after disasters

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=25632&a=email>

Most still don't have earthquake insurance

<http://www.oregister.com/articles/one-345523-don-earthquake.html>

The Thrill of Disaster

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/25/opinion/sunday/disaster-and-its-appeal.html?_r=2&smid=tw-nytopinion&seid=auto

How to Stock Your Doomsday Closet

<http://news.discovery.com/human/stocking-up-your-doomsday-supply-closet-120326.html>

Speaker: Vt. could have done better preparing for Irene

http://www.reformer.com/ci_20245801/speaker-vt-could-have-done-better-preparing-irene?source=most_viewed

Rebuilding Together welcomed as member of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=25832&a=email>

Dedication ends Katrina, Rita recovery efforts (Louisiana)

<http://www.dailycomet.com/article/20120328/ARTICLES/120329491/0/FEATURES01?p=all&tc=pgall&tc=ar>

Researchers: Social Media Eases Psychological Burden of Natural Disasters

http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/Researchers-Say-Social-Media-Eases-Psychological-Burden---144591585.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=facebook#.T3PLRSsfOmo.facebook

FEMA Director: Private Sector Needs 'Seat at the Table' in Disaster Response

<http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/national/2012/03/28/241010.htm>

Macon-Bibb debris plan could speed cleanup of disaster damage (Georgia)

<http://www.macon.com/2012/03/26/1963323/macon-bibb-debris-plan-could-speed.html#storylink=cpy>

Tsunami test goes off with few glitches; scientists seek public's feedback (California)

http://www.times-standard.com/rss/ci_20280439?source=rss

Community disaster loan program aids Pennsylvania municipalities

<http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/Community-disaster-loan-program-aids-Pennsylvania/6eqnmkskn02E22H8eO6hGg.csp?rss=50>

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FEMA chief says agency bracing for 'maximum' disaster
<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/FEMA-chief-says-agency-bracing-for-maximum-3439419.php>

Is "Command and Collaborate" the New Leadership Model?
http://blogs.hbr.org/cs/2012/02/is_command_and_collaborate_the.html#.TzAoqvl0ZLA.e-mail

DRI International Awards of Excellence Finalists Announced!
<https://www.drii.org/awards/finalists.php>

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

LinkedIn is a Hacker's Dream Tool

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/linkedin-is-a-hacker-s-dream-tool.html>

Fighting Terrorism in the Future

<http://blogs.smithsonianmag.com/paleofuture/2012/03/fighting-terrorism-in-the-future/>

NYPD: Iran Has Done Surveillance in New York City

<http://www.npr.org/2012/03/21/149080630/nypd-iran-has-done-surveillance-in-new-york-city>

Cybersecurity Bill: Vital Need or Just More Rules?

<http://www.npr.org/2012/03/22/149099866/cybersecurity-bill-vital-need-or-just-more-rules>

Home Front: 'Citizen Soldiers' Start a Transition

<http://www.npr.org/2012/03/25/149322589/home-front-citizen-soldiers-start-a-transition>

Chinese Spies Use Fake Facebook Pages to Gain Intel

<http://defensetech.org/2012/03/12/chinese-spies-use-fake-facebook-pages-to-gain-intel/>

Afghan gun massacre families paid compensation

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/03/25/us-afghanistan-shooting-idUSBRE82O0BA20120325>

Top secret Visa data center banks on security, even has moat

<http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/story/2012-03-25/visa-data-center/53774904/1?loc=interstitialskip>

Homeland Security's morale is at code red

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/homeland-securitys-morale-is-at-code-red/2012/03/22/gIQAIShTUS_story.html?hpid%3Dz10

Intelligence Oversight Role Expanded for Congress' Investigative Arm

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/intelligence-oversight-role-expanded-for-congress-investigative-arm/dbaac4a1f4b57614173acc76742e359c.html>

The Covert Convert Behind the CIA's Drone Program

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/afghanistan-pakistan/kill-capture/the-covert-convert-behind-the-cias-drone-program/>

Foreign Spies Are Already Planted throughout the US Military Computer Networks

<http://www.businessinsider.com/us-cyberspace-engagement-2012-3>

Lawmakers call airport screeners ineffective, rude

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2012/03/26/20120326lawmakers-call-airport-screeners-ineffective-rude.html>

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Officials: CIA offered to curtail Pakistan drone strikes
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46862991/ns/world_news-south_and_central_asia/

FBI said to have gathered intelligence on California Muslims
<http://news.yahoo.com/fbi-said-gathered-intelligence-california-muslims-002236341.html>

Richard Clarke on who was Behind the Stuxnet Attack
<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/Richard-Clarke-on-Who-Was-Behind-the-Stuxnet-Attack.html>

More deliberate approach to homeland security reform needed
<http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/campaign/217819-more-deliberate-approach-to-homeland-security-reform-needed>

Nebraska Ave.: Saving CFATS
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/nebraska-ave-saving-cfats/b377da8ab099b0c689208f21d8b5afb0.html>

NSA Director Endorses Lieberman-Collins Cybersecurity Bill over McCain Alternative
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/nsa-director-endorses-lieberman-collins-cybersecurity-bill-over-mccain-alternative/05d4875506f458052c8f3cebb9ef4f94.html>

New security for US troops
<http://news.yahoo.com/apnewsbreak-security-us-troops-200443603.html>

Police say guns found on man at Sacramento airport (California)
<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-03-24/sacramento-airport-guns/53744592/1>

DHS Budget Trends Jeopardize Partnerships and Collaboration
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Budgets-Trends-2012-Emergency-Management.html?page=1&>

Mich. militia head, son plead guilty to gun charge
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Campus Safety and Security

District Votes to Keep Immigration Officers off Campuses (Colorado)

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/School-Safety/News/2012/03/23/District-Votes-to-Keep-Immigration-Officers-Off-Campuses.aspx>

2 college students killed in Miss. over weekend

<http://news.yahoo.com/2-college-students-killed-miss-over-weekend-030217185.html>

Ex-School Cop to Pay \$309,000 in Restitution for Shooting Hoax (California)

<http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-woodland-hills-laUSD-officer-shooting-restitution,0,3008118.story>

Most Ill. Colleges Fail to Comply With School Safety Law

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/University-Security/News/2012/03/27/Most-Ill-Colleges-Fail-to-Comply-With-School-Safety-Law.aspx>

Video of Fight between Masked Man & Long Reach High School Student Goes Viral Online (Maryland)

<http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2012/03/22/video-of-a-fight-between-intruder-columbia-high-school-student-goes-viral-online/>

New Hanover Co. launches lockdown alerts via text and Twitter (North Carolina)

<http://www.wwaytv3.com/2012/03/26/new-hanover-co-launches-lockdown-alerts-text-and-twitter>

Experts frustrated at lack of tornado response at IU (Indiana)

<http://www.wthr.com/story/17258694/experts-frustrated-at-lack-of-tornado-response-at-iu>

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Functional Needs

Justice Department's 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Go into Effect
<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2012/March/12-crt-328.html>

Vermont in Spotlight at National Hurricane Conference
<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=61601>

Emergency preparedness important to the disabled (Illinois)
http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/disability_issues&id=8591215&rss=rss-wls-article-8591215

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Hazard Research and News

USGS Offers \$7 Million in Earthquake Research Grants

<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=3142>

First forecast: Calmer than average hurricane season likely

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/hurricane/story/2012-03-21/hurricane-season-forecast-colorado-state/53692038/1>

WILDFIRES: Tanker shortage could strain resources, interagency cooperation

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/politics/ben-goad-headlines/20120323-wildfires-tanker-shortage-could-strain-resources-interagency-cooperation.ece>

YES, DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL DID ENTER THE FOOD CHAIN

<http://www.popsci.com/science/article/2012-03/deepwater-horizon-oil-entered-ocean-food-chain-through-tiny-plankton>

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