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Emergency Manager's Weekly Report

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“It takes a team and our job as emergency managers is to build that team.”

Craig Fugate



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- 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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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:

How Twitter was used in a potential mass casualty scenario

<http://www.kevinmd.com/blog/2012/04/twitter-potential-mass-casualty-scenario.html>

Tech for Good: Microsoft's Alliance for Disaster Management

<http://bcl.c.uschamber.com/blog/2012-05-03/tech-good-microsofts-alliance-disaster-management>

Sustainable Practices Create Disaster Resiliency in Portland, Ore.

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Sustainable-Practices-Disaster-Resiliency-Portland.html>

Lower Elwha Klallam's 'Bunker' scene of emergency-response drill (Washington)

<http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/article/20100209/NEWS/302099989/0/SEARCH>

Interior's New Madrid Earthquake Exercise Report Says More Awareness, Education Needed

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/interiors-new-madrid-earthquake-exercise-report-says-more-awareness-education-needed/07282e86d711b0fd743aa332e2889f19.html>

California Earthquake Warning System Stymied By Budget Shortfall

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2012/05/03/california-earthquake-warning-system-stymied-by-budget-shortfall/>

How Cloud Computing Can Benefit Disaster Response

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/How-Cloud-Computing-Can-Benefit-Disaster-Response.html>

Internship Programs Develop the Next Generation of Emergency Managers

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Internship-Programs-Develop-the-Next-Generation-of-Emergency-Managers.html>

Al-Qaeda magazine encourages forest fire arson in US

<http://www.firerescue1.com/wildfire-prevention/articles/1281873-Al-Qaeda-magazine-encourages-forest-fire-arson-in-US/>

Military wants to know: Whose satellites are those?

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47287914/ns/technology_and_science-space/

'Unknowns' hack NASA, Air Force, Harvard, 7 other sites

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/05/unknowns-hack-nasa-air-force-harvard-7-other-sites/1>

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U.S. Study Cites Worries on Readiness for Cyberattacks

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/04/us/politics/study-finds-concerns-on-readiness-for-cyberattacks.html?_r=1

FBI investigating Arizona Neo-Nazi before shooting

<http://news.yahoo.com/fbi-investigating-arizona-neo-nazi-shooting-000505805.html>

Alerts say major cyber attack aimed at gas pipeline industry

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47310697/ns/technology_and_science-christian_science_monitor/

Lake sheriff hackers reveal flaws in police computers (Florida)

http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2012-05-05/news/os-hacking-site-lake-sheriffs-office-20120505_1_anti-sec-cyber-security-anti-security

Reports: Al-Qaida leader wanted in USS Cole bombing killed in Yemen airstrike

http://worldnews.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/05/06/11566656-reports-al-qaida-leader-wanted-in-uss-cole-bombing-killed-in-yemen-airstrike?lite

Cyber Briefings 'Scare the Bejeezus' Out Of CEOs

<http://www.npr.org/2012/05/09/152296621/cyber-briefings-scare-the-bejeezus-out-of-ceos?sc=fb&cc=fp>

New ONR Program Aims to Develop Solid-State Laser Weapons for Ships

http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=67041

New Coast Guard ship has rust, holes in hull

<http://news.yahoo.com/coast-guard-ship-rust-holes-hull-214101570.html>

U. of Fla. Researchers Plagued By Threats

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/University-Security/News/2012/05/02/U-of-Fla-Researchers-Plagued-By-Threats.aspx>

Report: UC System Shouldn't Use Force to Control Protests (California)

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/University-Security/News/2012/05/07/Report-UC-System-Shouldn-t-Use-Force-to-Control-Protests.aspx>

16-year-old diabetic blames TSA for breaking her insulin pump

http://overheadbin.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/05/08/11604317-16-year-old-diabetic-blames-tsa-for-breaking-her-insulin-pump?lite

Governor Cuomo Announces First in the Nation Reforms to Protect People with Special Needs and Disabilities (New York)

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/05072012-First-to-protect-special-needs>

Pandemic Potential? Bird Flu Becomes Airborne With Just 4 Mutations

<http://news.yahoo.com/pandemic-potential-bird-flu-becomes-airborne-just-4-170338602.html>

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CDC Statement on Helmets and Tornadoes

http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2012/s0503_helmets_tornadoes.html

IN SUCCESSFUL TEST, MICROSUBMARINES HELP CLEAN UP OIL SPILLS

<http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2012-05/after-swimming-your-veins-tiny-microsubs-could-help-clean-oil-spills>

Price hike expected for flood insurance (Florida)

http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2012-05-03/business/fl-flood-insurance-higher-rates-20120502_1_national-flood-insurance-program-flood-zones-florida-insurance

The Hindenburg Disaster: 75 years later (New Jersey)

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/upshot/hindenburg-disaster-75-years-later-203824928.html>

San Onofre nuclear plant may resume partial service in June (California)

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-0503-san-onofre-20120504,0,2811016.story>

Report on massive Southwestern blackout faults human element

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-blackout-20120502,0,4259695.story?track=lat-email-topofthetimes-May22012>

Engineers launch artificial earthquakes at 'hospital' (California)

<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-17954352>

NYC report: 9-1-1 system beset by delays, errors

http://news.yahoo.com/nyc-report-911-system-beset-delays-errors-172152919.html;_ylt=A2KJiallqqZPryEAx87QtDMD

NOAA sought magician, now wants plans to disappear

http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/18119865/noaa-sought-magician-now-wants-plans-to-disappear?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+HawaiiNewsNow-News+%28Hawaii+News+Now+-+News%29#.T6MYmHbejjE.facebook

Fire Chief Plans to Turn Several Stations into Preventive-care Clinics (Colorado)

<http://www.gazette.com/articles/fire-137944-blood-stations.html#ixzz1tggimJly>

Mission Control, Built for Cities (Brazil)

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/04/business/ibm-takes-smarter-cities-concept-to-rio-de-janeiro.html?_r=2&pagewanted=all

Palestinian policewomen break traditional stereotypes

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-17927527>

SAHEL: Aid efforts under strain as refugees numbers mount

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report/95410/SAHEL-Aid-efforts-under-strain-as-refugees-numbers-mount>

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U.S. abandons consulate site in Afghanistan, citing security risks

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/citing-security-us-abandons-consulate-site-in-afghanistan/2012/05/05/gIQA9ZkD4T_story.html?hpid=z1

Congress' intelligence heads: Taliban stronger

<http://news.yahoo.com/congress-intelligence-heads-taliban-stronger-164902754.html>

Scientist Sentenced in French Terror Case

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/05/science/cern-scientist-adlene-hicheur-sentenced-to-4-years-in-french-terrorism-case.html?ref=science>

Small business crisis plans few and far between (New Zealand)

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/natural-disasters/news/article.cfm?c_id=68&objectid=10803946

H5N1 research censorship 'problematic'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-17914706>

Swarm of pebbles could safely deflect asteroids

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21428635.700-swarm-of-pebbles-could-safely-deflect-asteroids.html>

Space weather expert has ominous forecast

<http://www.latimes.com/news/science/la-sci-solar-storms-20120505,0,6214500.story>

Tornado kills teenager in Japan

<http://www.canada.com/news/Tornado+kills+teenager+Japan/6574397/story.html>

Wreckage from plane strewn on Indonesian mountain

<http://news.yahoo.com/search-resumes-indonesia-missing-russian-plane-000416782.html>

Putin says ready to "go far" in U.S. relations: Ifax

<http://news.yahoo.com/putin-says-ready-far-u-relations-ifax-175341358.html>

Sarkozy concedes after French presidential runoff

http://www.cnn.com/2012/05/06/world/europe/france-election/index.html?hpt=hp_t1

Pro-austerity blow in Greek vote, neo-Nazis gain seats

<http://ca.news.yahoo.com/voting-begins-greek-general-election-044821544.html>

How Much Will Earth's Seas Rise? Answers Lacking, Scientists Warn

<http://news.yahoo.com/much-earths-seas-rise-answers-lacking-scientists-warn-201705385.html>

If You're Going Green Why Not Build in Resilience?

<http://bclc.uschamber.com/blog/2012-05-07/if-you%E2%80%99re-going-green-why-not-build-resilience>

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US claims 'unprecedented' success in test for new fuel source

<http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/05/05/11522433-us-claims-unprecedented-success-in-test-for-new-fuel-source?lite>

Is poo power the answer to China's pig problem?

<http://business.financialpost.com/2012/05/02/is-poo-power-the-answer-to-chinas-pig-problem/>

2012 National Preparedness Report

<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?fromSearch=fromsearch&id=5902>

Arizona-Southern California Outages on September 8, 2011: Causes and Recommendations

http://www.nerc.com/fileUploads/File/News/AZOutage_Report_01MAY12.pdf

Hawaii Disaster Preparedness Website

<http://www.getreadyhawaii.org/>

Interview with Nigel Fisher, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Haiti

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/newsmakers.asp?NewsID=50>

Living with Disabilities & Assistance Dog Etiquette- Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgRnsEiFB14&feature=share>

The Osama bin Laden documents

http://www.cnn.com/2012/05/03/world/osama-bin-laden-documents/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

American Red Cross Blog, Get Inspired to Prepare (for the Zombie Apocalypse)

<http://redcrosschat.org/2012/05/02/get-inspired-to-prepare-for-the-zombie-apocalypse/>

Doomsday Preppers Dashboard

<http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/channel/doomsday-preppers/doomsday-dashboard/>

Emergency Management Ontario, My Family's Be Prepared Tale- Video (Canada)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8C0cHCBtUs>

Eduardo Paes: The 4 commandments of cities- Video

http://www.ted.com/talks/eduardo_paes_the_4_commandments_of_cities.html

Amanda Ripley's Blog, Women & Children First?

http://www.amandaripley.com/blog/women_children_first/

Fairfax County Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan (Virginia)

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/pdrp/>

One year later: lessons from recovery after the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=26538&a=emai>

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IS-662 Improving Preparedness and Resilience through Public-Private Partnerships
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS662.asp>

Hal Newman | Ghosts
<http://bigmedicine.ca/wordpress/2012/05/hal-newman-ghosts/>

Los Angeles, CA Emergency Management Blob, Lessons Learned from May Day Protests
<http://readyla.tumblr.com/>

Facebook Pages

Emergency Manager's Weekly Report
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Emergency-Managers-Weekly-Report/110533579036082>

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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

How Twitter was used in a potential mass casualty scenario

<http://www.kevinmd.com/blog/2012/04/twitter-potential-mass-casualty-scenario.html>

Storm Shelter Sales Booming Following Tornado Outbreak

http://www.kake.com/home/headlines/Storm_Shelter_Sales_Booming_Following_Tornado_Outbreak_149753475.html#.T6LmTAAsigc.facebook

Tech for Good: Microsoft's Alliance for Disaster Management

<http://bclc.uschamber.com/blog/2012-05-03/tech-good-microsofts-alliance-disaster-management>

Worries about complacency bring hurricane director here (Florida)

<http://www.winknews.com/Local-Florida/2012-05-03/Worries-about-Complacency-Bring-Hurricane-Director-Here>

Cyber security is weakest link in state preparedness, according to FEMA survey

http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/26273?c=disaster_preparedness_emergency_response

Sustainable Practices Create Disaster Resiliency in Portland, Ore.

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Sustainable-Practices-Disaster-Resiliency-Portland.html>

Lower Elwha Klallam's 'Bunker' scene of emergency-response drill (Washington)

<http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/article/20100209/NEWS/302099989/0/SEARCH>

Kids learn how to react in a disaster (Washington)

<http://www.krem.com/video/featured-videos/Kids-learn-how-to-react-in-a-disaster-124628034.html>

Interior's New Madrid Earthquake Exercise Report Says More Awareness, Education Needed

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/interiors-new-madrid-earthquake-exercise-report-says-more-awareness-education-needed/07282e86d711b0fd743aa332e2889f19.html>

California Earthquake Warning System Stymied By Budget Shortfall

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2012/05/03/california-earthquake-warning-system-stymied-by-budget-shortfall/>

Is Social Media Sabotaging Real Communication?

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/susantardanico/2012/04/30/is-social-media-sabotaging-real-communication/>

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Ex-FEMA worker pleads guilty in contract probe

http://news.yahoo.com/ex-fema-worker-pleads-guilty-contract-probe-152331281--finance.html;_ylt=A2KJjamfqaZPdSkALRrQtDMD

How Cloud Computing Can Benefit Disaster Response

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Internship Programs Develop the Next Generation of Emergency Managers

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Doubts about FEMA Grants Plan Continue to Fester

By Rob Margetta, CQ Staff

Months after the Obama administration unveiled its proposal to roll 16 grant programs overseen by the Federal Emergency Management Agency into a single pool, lawmakers and local emergency-response officials are saying they still don't know enough about the plan to overcome their initial, negative reactions.

The Obama budget request would provide the consolidated National Preparedness Grant Program with \$1.5 billion in fiscal 2013, \$424 million more than the 16 programs received in fiscal 2012, when several of them were zeroed out. Still, the proposal has come under fire from stakeholders worried that their favorite grant programs will suffer under the change, as well as lawmakers and officials who don't like other parts of the administration's plan, such as giving all funding to states to distribute, instead of providing it directly to local recipients.

Florida Republican Gus Bilirakis, chairman of the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications, said during a hearing last week that the administration needs to provide more specifics about how the consolidated system would work.

"I must say that I find it particularly troubling that . . . it's been more than two months after the president's budget was released and . . . the subcommittee still has not received sufficient detail on this proposal," he said.

Ranking Democrat Laura Richardson of California said the administration did not conduct necessary briefings with grant recipients before putting forward its proposal.

Hui-Shan L. Walker, emergency management coordinator for Hampton, Va., and U.S. president of the International Association of Emergency Managers, said local officials agree homeland grant dollars should be spent transparently and

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effectively. However, she expressed concern about the president's plan, calling it "a vision with very few details on how the process would work and what the impacts would be."

The consolidated grant pool plan would require all funded projects to be based on capability gaps identified by the federal Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) guide. Walker called the approach "state centric" and said the administration has not clearly explained how local government officials would have meaningful participation in the THIRA process.

She and other witnesses expressed particular concern about the administration's plan to include the Urban Area Security Initiative, worth \$532 million in fiscal 2012, in the grant pool.

Judson Freed, director of emergency management and homeland security for Ramsey County, Minn., who appeared on behalf of the National Association of Counties, said the plan would ramp up conflicts between state and local governments, damaging a decade's worth of work in building relationships.

While a new block grant program "may be a worthwhile concept and certainly deserves consideration, it must not be implemented at the cost of dismantling what has already been built and consigning local risk to a minor role," he said.

One vote of confidence for FEMA's plan came from Jim Davis, executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety and vice chairman of the Homeland Security Advisors Council at the National Governors Association. In a time of tight budgets, he said, grant funding should be centralized, and the states would be the best entities for distributing it and monitoring its use.

"I can say that the one thing that we are very appreciative of is FEMA's recognition that the state has a role in the coordination of grant funding for the state," he said.

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

Al-Qaeda magazine encourages forest fire arson in US

<http://www.firerescue1.com/wildfire-prevention/articles/1281873-Al-Qaeda-magazine-encourages-forest-fire-arson-in-US/>

Military wants to know: Whose satellites are those?

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47287914/ns/technology_and_science-space/

'Unknowns' hack NASA, Air Force, Harvard, 7 other sites

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/05/unknowns-hack-nasa-air-force-harvard-7-other-sites/1>

The good, bad and ugly of the Homeland Security Department

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/homeland-security-department-has-good-bad-and-ugly/2012/05/02/gIQABoZlxT_story.html?hpid=z10

U.S. Study Cites Worries on Readiness for Cyberattacks

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/04/us/politics/study-finds-concerns-on-readiness-for-cyberattacks.html?_r=1

3 agents shot, injured in SF Bay area incident (California)

<http://news.yahoo.com/3-agents-shot-injured-f-bay-area-incident-190645990.html>

For 9/11 victims' families, hearing another ordeal

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_SEPT_11_TRIAL_FAMILIES?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2012-05-05-03-21-53

Inside the plot to devastate New York

http://security.blogs.cnn.com/2012/05/02/time-line-for-a-terror-plot/?hpt=hp_c3

FBI investigating Arizona Neo-Nazi before shooting

<http://news.yahoo.com/fbi-investigating-arizona-neo-nazi-shooting-000505805.html>

Yakama Nation Statement Against the 'KKK' Hate Crime Upon a Lakota Elder

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/05/04/yakama-nation-statement-against-the-kkk-hate-crime-upon-a-lakota-elder-111427>

Alerts say major cyber attack aimed at gas pipeline industry

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47310697/ns/technology_and_science-christian_science_monitor/

Lake sheriff hackers reveal flaws in police computers (Florida)

http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2012-05-05/news/os-hacking-site-lake-sheriffs-office-20120505_1_anti-sec-cyber-security-anti-security

Border Patrol gets first new strategy in 8 years

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TSA equipment gathering dust, House investigators say
http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/tsa-equipment-gathering-dust-house-investigators-say/2012/05/08/gIQAaG9WBU_story.html?hpid=z3

Florida nabs white supremacists planning "race war"
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