

Emergency Manager's Weekly Report

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“Build for your team a feeling of oneness, of dependence on one another and of strength to be derived by unity.”

Vince Lombardi



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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 Report has been more involved in the social media environment where there are dedicated EM Weekly Report platforms on Facebook and LinkedIn. These accounts are accessible at:

- 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&qoback=%2Eqmp_3833131%2Eqde_3833131_member_47547619

Feel free to like and join these pages because I regularly share news and information through these pages daily.

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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 Kostiuk
- 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

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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:

As wildfires rage, modern tanker planes sought

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/wildfires/story/2012-06-15/wildfires-modern-tanker-planes/55609162/1>

NM tab for fighting wildfires reaches \$9 million

<http://www.fireengineering.com/news/2012/06/17/nm-tab-for-fighting-wildfires-reaches-9-million.html>

Wildfire Outbreaks Have Emergency Managers, Fire Personnel on Their Toes

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Wildfire-Outbreaks-Emergency-Managers-Fire-Personnel.html>

Colorado Fire Follows in Pine Beetles' Tracks

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=colorado-fire-follows-pine-beetles-tracks>

CDC Releases Older Adult Preparedness Portal

http://www.cdc.gov/Features/EmergencyOlderAdults/?s_cid=ccu060412_006

Feds consider regional challenges in fire planning

<http://www.koamtv.com/story/18731240/feds-consider-regional-challenges-in-fire-planning>

An Ocean of Predictability

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/campus/FEMA-EMI-Superintendent-Higher-Education-060712.html>

Seven unusual tips for hurricane preparedness

<http://www.jsonline.com/sponsoredarticles/easyliving/seven-unusual-tips-for-hurricane-preparedness8068000101-158103315.html>

Responders practice typhoon preparedness (Guam)

<http://www.kuam.com/global/story.asp?s=18751680#.T9XHm-Zp7X8.facebook>

FEMA trains for zero day attack on US infrastructure by 'The Void' hackers

<http://blogs.computerworld.com/cybercrime-and-hacking/20525/fema-test-void-hackers-attack-us-infrastructure-zero-day>

AT&T Becomes First Company to Receive DHS Disaster Certification

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/ATT-First-Company-Receive-DHS-Disaster-Certification.html>

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Wells Fargo Incident Manager on the Keys to Business Continuity
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Wells-Fargo-Chris-Terzich-Incident-Manager.html>

FEMA Supporting Specific Legislation on Making Tribes Equal to States
<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/06/15/fema-supporting-specific-legislation-on-making-tribes-equal-to-states-118481>

After-action tornado report criticizes preparedness of Western Mass. communities
http://www.boston.com/community/blogs/after_the_storm/2012/03/western_mass_agency_releases_e.html

FCC proposes emergency use of blimps, drones, weather balloons after disasters
<http://www.joplinglobe.com/local/x514656154/FCC-proposes-emergency-use-of-blimps-drones-weather-balloons-after-disasters>

Who foots the bill for cleaning up Japan's tsunami debris?
http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/06/20/12321684-who-foots-the-bill-for-cleaning-up-japans-tsunami-debris?lite

Denver Receives Accreditation from Emergency Management Accreditation Program (Colorado)
<http://denver.cbslocal.com/2012/06/19/denver-receives-accreditation-from-emergency-management-accreditation-program/>

Florida emergency operations officials object to planned statewide ratings proposed by Gov. Scott
<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/weather/hurricanes/emergency-operations-officials-object-to-planned-s/nPZgz/>

MEMA's Latham promoting pilot program to teach disaster preparedness in Mississippi
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/be1f383e4b2b4c04888b0d2fcdda0b73/MS--MEMA-Awareness>

What if a Terrorist Attack Happened in Austin? City Officials Plan Response (Texas)
<http://kutnews.org/post/what-if-terrorist-attack-happened-austin-city-officials-plan-response>

White supremacists threaten state attorney, judge, agent (Florida)
http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2012-06-08/news/os-american-front-death-threats-20120608_1_death-threats-american-front-domestic-terrorism-cases

Mexico's Narco-violence Likely to Escalate, Congressional Study Says
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/mexicos-narco-violence-likely-to-escalate-congressional-study-says/959d8bd208b1be381487cc41f0e651f9.html>

Navy May Need to Design Ships with Laser Guns in Mind
<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/06/laser-ship-building/>

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US Outsources Its Africa Spying

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/06/africa-spying-contractors/>

Cybersecurity Curriculum on Tap for University of Maryland Students

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Cybersecurity-Curriculum-University-Maryland-Students.html>

Scores of U.S. firms keep quiet about cyber attacks

<http://news.yahoo.com/scores-u-firms-keep-quiet-cyber-attacks-190800923--sector.html>

Drones over America: Are they spying on you?

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47846841/ns/us_news-christian_science_monitor/

What is America's cyberwar policy?

http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/what-is-americas-cyberwar-policy/2012/06/16/gJQAkxqnhV_story.html?wpisrc=nl_headlines

Target al Qaeda: An inside look at Obama's drone program

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/power-players-abc-news/target-al-qaeda-inside-look-obama-drone-program-100600435.html>

'Checkpoint of the future' takes shape at Texas airport

<http://travel.usatoday.com/flights/story/2012-06-19/Faster-better-airport-security-checkpoints-not-that-far-off/55693916/1>

Man charged with bomb threat against Tennessee Islamic center

http://www.cnn.com/2012/06/21/justice/tennessee-mosque-threat/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

U.S. sending floating naval base through the Suez Canal

http://security.blogs.cnn.com/2012/06/21/navy-officials-floating-base-set-to-pass-through-suez-canal/?hpt=hp_t2

Obama claims executive privilege; Holder held in contempt

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/theoval/post/2012/06/obama-team-fast-and-furious-documents-are-privileged/1>

Ruling: Tarleton State Must Pay \$110K for Clery Violations (Washington)

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/University-Security/News/2012/06/07/Ruling-Tarleton-State-Must-Pay-110K-For-Clery-Act-Violations.aspx>

More Than 40 Students Sick at George Mason University (Virginia)

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/More-Than-30-Students-Sick-at-George-Mason-University-159865945.html>

Focus on children, special needs: new website broadens focus of hurricane prep information (Texas)

http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/bellaire/news/focus-on-children-special-needs-new-website-broadens-focus-of/article_3e576815-4019-50c1-a178-2c70df76a38b.html

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The ill and the elderly have special concerns during a hurricane (Florida)
<http://www.bradenton.com/2012/06/12/4073302/the-ill-and-the-elderly-have-special.html>

E. Coli Outbreak Sickens 14 in Six States
<http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-e-coli-outbreak,0,3964522.story>

NOAA Radar US App Shows Weather Radar & Warnings
http://www.macobserver.com/tmo/review/noaa_radar_us_app_shows_weather_radar_warnings/

Hurricane Season 2012: Forecasting the Fury
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/hurricane-season-2012-forecasting-the-fury/41b1a01bb241c8784213c86d14cf0dcf.html>

Feds: Design led to nuke plant woes (California)
http://m.yahoo.com/w/legobpengine/news/ap-exclusive-feds-design-led-nuke-plant-woes-120853668--finance.html?orig_host_hdr=news.yahoo.com&intl=US&lang=en-US

Robot boats to sail into tropical storms, improve forecasts
<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/fl-hurricane-hunting-robotic-boats-20120617,0,7609149.story>

Long-grumbling Alaska volcano has explosive ash burst
<http://news.yahoo.com/long-grumbling-alaska-volcano-explosive-ash-burst-015224009.html>

Top 10 States Most at Risk of Disaster
<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/top-10-states-most-at-risk-of-disaster.html>

Chemical fumes sicken 71 in Indianapolis pool (Indiana)
<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/06/chemical-spill-sickens-71-at-indianapolis-pool/1>

Flooding rips up Duluth, drowns zoo animals (Minnesota)
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47889559/ns/weather/>

States, Feds Poised to Write New Chapter in Public Safety Communications
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/States-Feds-Public-Safety-Communications.html>

Engulfed in an Instant: Lessons learned from Navy jet crash response (Virginia)
<http://psc.apointl.org/2012/06/18/engulfed-in-an-instant/>

US proposes expanding aid for sick 9/11 responders, NYC residents to include 50 cancer types
http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/us-proposes-expanding-aid-for-sick-911-responders-nyc-residents-to-include-50-cancer-types/2012/06/08/qJQAF3PKOV_story.html?hpid=z4

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Weather Service director quits after audit

<http://www.ksat.com/news/Weather-Service-director-quits-after-audit/-/478452/14241854/-/Inolon/-/index.html>

Mount Rainier ranger killed in climbers' rescue (Washington)

<http://news.yahoo.com/mount-rainier-ranger-killed-climbers-rescue-055941910.html>

Legislation to Give Tribes Bond Parity With States, Municipalities

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/06/20/legislation-to-give-tribes-bond-parity-with-states-municipalities-119393>

KENYA-SOMALIA: No consensus on way ahead for world's biggest refugee camp

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report/95657/KENYA-SOMALIA-No-consensus-on-way-ahead-for-world-s-biggest-refugee-camp>

Caribbean islands earn hurricane insurance rebate

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=27232&pid:50>

Stakeholders cry foul as feds cut funding for emergency preparedness (Canada)

<http://www.canada.com/news/Stakeholders+foul+feds+funding+emergency+preparedness/6814690/story.html>

Dr. Jane E Rovins, Executive Director, Integrated Research on Disaster Risk Programme

<http://www.research-europe.com/index.php/2011/08/dr-jane-e-rovins-executive-director-integrated-research-on-disaster-risk-programme/>

Toulouse hostage gunman arrested (France)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-18516934#>

Daedalus catches cyber-attacks realtime (Japan)

<http://phys.org/news/2012-06-daedalus-cyber-attacks-realtime.html>

Asteroid Warning System Would Alert and Educate Public Worldwide

<http://www.space.com/16033-asteroid-strike-global-warning-system.html>

Japan orders restart of two nuclear reactors shut by tsunami

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/japan-orders-restart-of-two-nuclear-reactors-shut-by-tsunami/2012/06/16/qJQAKy0agV_story.html?hpid=z3

Ship with about 200 aboard capsizes off Australia

http://www.cnn.com/2012/06/21/world/asia/australia-ship-capsizes/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

Mutant bird flu would be airborne, scientists say

http://thechart.blogs.cnn.com/2012/06/21/mutant-bird-flu-would-be-airborne-scientists-say/?hpt=hp_t2

Second strain of cholera found in Haiti

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn21941-second-strain-of-cholera-found-in-haiti.html>

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1.5 million children in imminent danger of starvation in West Africa

<http://worldnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/06/20/12313643-15-million-children-in-imminent-danger-of-starvation-in-west-africa?lite>

U.N. suspends observer mission in Syria due to uptick in violence

http://www.cnn.com/2012/06/16/world/meast/syria-unrest/index.html?hpt=hp_t1

Conflicting reports about whether Mubarak has died

http://www.cnn.com/2012/06/19/world/meast/egypt-mubarak/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

U.S. could feel effects of amendment meant to hurt Russia

http://security.blogs.cnn.com/2012/06/21/u-s-could-feel-effects-of-amendment-meant-to-hurt-russia/?hpt=hp_t2

Climate change will boost number of West's wildfires

<http://news.yahoo.com/climate-change-boost-number-u-vests-wildfires-070829793.html>

North Carolina tries to outlaw climate models

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn21934-north-carolina-tries-to-outlaw-climate-models.html>

The elephant in the room at Rio summit

http://www.cnn.com/2012/06/20/opinion/shiple-y-rio-summit/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

Study: The U.S. could be powered by 80% green energy in 2050

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/technology-blog/study-u-could-powered-80-green-energy-2050-033647013.html>

The Role of Business in Disaster Response Report

<http://bcl.c.uschamber.com/document/role-business-disaster-response-report>

A National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy-Phase II National Report

http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/strategy/documents/reports/phase2/CSPPhaseIIReport_FINAL20120524.pdf

Renewable Electricity Futures Study

http://www.nrel.gov/analysis/re_futures/

Intensive Care Outcomes during the H1N1 Influenza Pandemic

http://www.upmc-cbn.org/report_archive/2012/cbnreport_06152012.html

NEMA 2012 Biennial Report

http://www.nemaweb.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=474&Itemid=442

Analysis of the Cities Readiness Initiative

http://m.rand.org/content/rand/pubs/technical_reports/TR1200.html

Southern California Regional Catastrophic Planning Project Website

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

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Ready Philadelphia Newsletter (Pennsylvania)
<http://paper.li/PhilaOEM/1338817577>

Fire Adapted Communities Website
<http://www.fireadapted.org/>

American Red Cross, Serving People with Functional & Access Needs in Shelters (FANS) - web based course for shelter workers
<https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main>

Warning California - A Look inside the California State Warning Center- Video
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sg9uzqtwaXU>

Emergency Preparedness for Federal Employees in the National Capital Region
<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=6018>

Transcript of May 30th EMForum.org Program Now Available -- The NFIP and the National Mitigation Framework
www.emforum.org

FCC Commercial Mobile Alert System (CMAS)
<http://www.fcc.gov/guides/commercial-mobile-alert-system-cmas>

Humanitarian training LinkedIn Page
<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Humanitarian-training-4492054>

Improving the National Preparedness System: Developing More Meaningful Grant Performance Measures
<http://www.napawash.org/publications-reports/improving-the-national-preparedness-system-developing-more-meaningful-grant-performance-measures/>

Focus on Community Resilience
http://m.rand.org/content/rand/pubs/corporate_pubs/CP640-2012-04.html

FEMA Now Accepting Applications for FY 2012 Continuing Education Grants Program (Page 36)

Surging Seas Map

Map pages show threats from sea level rise and storm surge to all 3,000+ coastal towns, cities, counties and states in the Lower 48.
<http://sealevel.climatecentral.org/surgingseas/>

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U.S. News Reports

New Mexico/Colorado Wildfires

NM tab for fighting wildfires reaches \$9 million

<http://www.fireengineering.com/news/2012/06/17/nm-tab-for-fighting-wildfires-reaches-9-million.html>

As wildfires rage, modern tanker planes sought

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/wildfires/story/2012-06-15/wildfires-modern-tanker-planes/55609162/1>

More evacuations as winds fuel Colo. Wildfire

<http://news.yahoo.com/more-evacuations-winds-fuel-colo-wildfire-082539104.html>

Nuns, Boy Scouts among new wildfire evacuees (Colorado)

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47877030/ns/weather/>

Colo. wildfire tops 100 square miles

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/wildfires/story/2012-06-21/colorado-wildfire/55740704/1>

Red Cross Focuses on Mental Health Support for Wildfire Evacuees

<http://www.redcross.org/portal/site/en/menuitem.1a019a978f421296e81ec89e43181aa0/?vgnnextoid=58729f93da1e7310VgnVCM10000089f0870aRCRD>

New Mexico wildfire threatens Smokey Bear's home

<http://travel.usatoday.com/destinations/dispatches/post/2012/06/new-mexico-wildfire-targets-smokey-the-bears-home/717689/1>

Wildfire Outbreaks Have Emergency Managers, Fire Personnel on Their Toes

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Wildfire-Outbreaks-Emergency-Managers-Fire-Personnel.html>

Colorado Fire Follows in Pine Beetles' Tracks

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=colorado-fire-follows-pine-beetles-tracks>

Durango model home made to elude wildfire (Colorado)

<http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20120618/NEWS01/706189968/-1/News>

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NRC reports errors in Seabrook emergency test

http://www.boston.com/news/local/new_hampshire/articles/2012/06/06/nrc_reports_errors_in_seabrook_emergency_test/

CDC Releases Older Adult Preparedness Portal

http://www.cdc.gov/Features/EmergencyOlderAdults/?s_cid=ccu060412_006

10 Ways for Businesses to Be Hurricane Ready

<http://bcllc.uschamber.com/blog/2012-06-07/10-ways-businesses-be-hurricane-ready>

Feds consider regional challenges in fire planning

<http://www.koamtv.com/story/18731240/feds-consider-regional-challenges-in-fire-planning>

How to Conduct EMS Exercises and Drills

<http://www.emsworld.com/article/10710079/how-to-conduct-ems-exercises-and-drills>

Indian River is first Florida county to be certified tsunami-ready

http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region_indian_river_county/indian-river-is-first-florida-county-to-be-certified-tsunami-ready

An Ocean of Predictability

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/campus/FEMA-EMI-Superintendent-Higher-Education-060712.html>

Seven unusual tips for hurricane preparedness

<http://www.jsonline.com/sponsoredarticles/easyliving/seven-unusual-tips-for-hurricane-preparedness8068000101-158103315.html>

How to Establish a CERT in Your Jurisdiction

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/How-to-Establish-CERT-Jurisdiction.html>

Emergency alert systems are hit-and-miss in Colorado

http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_20814225/emergency-alert-systems-are-hit-and-miss-colorado?source=rss

Responders practice typhoon preparedness (Guam)

<http://www.kuam.com/global/story.asp?s=18751680#.T9XHm-Zp7X8.facebook>

Mayor Nutter announces appointment of Samantha Phillips as Deputy Managing Director for Emergency Management (Pennsylvania)

<http://oem.readyphiladelphia.org/Customized/uploads/press%20releases/6-12%20MAYOR%20NUTTER%20ANNOUNCES%20APPOINTMENT%20OF%20SAMANTHA%20PHILLIPS%20AS%20DEPUTY%20MANAGING%20DIRECTOR%20FOR%20OEMERGENCY%20MANAGEMENT.pdf>

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FEMA trains for zero day attack on US infrastructure by 'The Void' hackers
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Movement on Flood Measure Threatened by a Wave of Dissent

By Alan K. Ota, CQ Staff

Insurers are rallying to halt the momentum behind an effort, led by Sen. Mark Pryor, to scuttle a proposed requirement that residents along major rivers buy flood insurance even if they already pay additional taxes for levees or dams.

"Why should people that don't need flood insurance be required to buy flood insurance?" Pryor asked.

The Arkansas Democrat said a provision of the Senate's flood insurance bill would put an unwarranted burden on communities in which residents pay local taxes to maintain flood-control structures that protect homes and businesses.

A memorandum circulated by Pryor's staff indicates that the new mandate would probably touch every state, including 881 counties protected by flood control levees.

The requirement is part of the five-year flood insurance reauthorization (S 1940) that Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., says he would like to pass this week. Pryor has drafted an amendment, with allies such as Majority Whip Richard J. Durbin, D-Ill. "It's going to be close," Pryor said.

But the 1,400-member National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies has raised strong objections to Pryor's amendment. "Supporters claim there are areas behind

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levees that would never flood. That provides a false sense of security to residents living in these areas," said Matt Gannon, the group's assistant vice president of federal affairs.

Leaders of both parties are hoping to pass the bill quickly and without controversy, and then cut a deal with the House before the current stopgap flood insurance law (PL 112-123) expires, at the end of July.

Banking, Housing and Urban Development Chairman Tim Johnson, D-S.D., and that panel's ranking Republican, Richard C. Shelby of Alabama, are lining up with the insurance companies. They warn that Pryor's amendment is likely to divide supporters of the bill and could complicate its passage.

"I'd lean against it," Johnson said. "Levees sometimes fail. We've seen it before — for example, in New Orleans."

Shelby rejected the argument that people living in an area protected by a levee or dam should be exempt from flood insurance coverage requirements. "That defies logic," he said.

In a bid to head off support for Pryor's proposal, Johnson and Shelby discussed an alternative proposal — developed by the Senate's top Republican appropriator, Thad Cochran of Mississippi; Mary L. Landrieu and David Vitter of Louisiana; and Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas — that would alter the language that Pryor wants to remove from the Senate bill.

The proposal softens the flood insurance requirement in part by keeping it from taking effect until there are "accurate pricing tools" for setting premiums that would take into account the reduced risk of flood damage in areas protected by levees.

After the unveiling of the Cochran proposal, Pryor said he still plans to press his amendment, which aims to delete language in the Senate bill designating areas near levees and dams either as special flood-hazard areas or residual-risk areas, subject to a flood insurance coverage mandate.

He noted that the version of the bill the House passed nearly a year ago (HR 1309) does not require flood insurance near levees and dams.

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FEMA Now Accepting Applications for FY 2012 Continuing Education Grants Program (Application Deadline: July 3, 2012)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced that as of June 12, 2012, the Agency is accepting applications for the FY 2012 Continuing Training Grants (CTG) program. The purpose of the FY 2012 CTG is to develop and deliver a national training program that provides tailored, specialized training courses in three areas that will focus on Whole Community Inclusive Planning, Cybersecurity, and Complex Attacks. Applicants must submit completed applications, including a nine-page concept paper through www.grants.gov no later than 11:59 p.m. EST, on **July 3, 2012**. [Download a FEMA FAQ document here with details.](#)

The CTG program is a competitive grant program with a period of performance of 36 months. The funding for the one-year solicitation was authorized by The Consolidated Appropriations Act 2012 (Public Law NO. 112-74). Funding will be provided in the form of cooperative agreements awarded directly to the selected applicants. Final awards will be announced by the end of the current fiscal year. The DHS-FEMA CTG program will provide \$3,793,600 in grant funding to improve the nation's readiness to prevent, protect

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against, respond to, recover from and to mitigate against terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies. (Funding for each of the three focus areas will not exceed \$1,264,533.33 per area).

Eligible applicants for the FY 2012 CTG program include state, local, tribal, and territorial governments; non-profit associations and organizations, including community and faith-based organizations, with a demonstrable, expertise relevant to the focus area for which grant funding is being requested; non-profit higher education institutions with existing programs that address the focus area for which grant funding is requested.

NCD Kicks off Study on Effective Communication for People with Disabilities before, during, and after Emergencies

On Friday, June 15, 2012, the National Council on Disability and Georgia Tech Research Corporation entered into a cooperative agreement to conduct a study on effective communication for people with disabilities before, during, and after emergencies. Under this cooperative agreement, Georgia Tech will produce a comprehensive report that explores effective communication for people with diverse disabilities before, during, and after emergencies.

The study will document successful practices as well as identify facilitators and barriers to providing effective emergency-related communication; examine the current state of affairs concerning the accessibility of emergency-related communication; review the enforcement of current disability laws and regulations as they pertain to effective communication before, during, and after emergencies; and collect information on the experiences and perceptions of people with disabilities as it relates to emergency-related communication.

For more information, please feel free to contact Robyn Powell, Attorney Advisor at: rpowell@ncd.gov

Surging Seas Map

Map pages show threats from sea level rise and storm surge to all 3,000+ coastal towns, cities, counties and states in the Lower 48.

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