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Emergency Manager's Weekly Report

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“A common mistake people make when trying to design something foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.”

Douglas Adams



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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
EM Weekly Report Creator

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- 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:

FEMA: No need for Reno to share grant (Nevada)

http://www.rgj.com/article/20120802/NEWS/308020065/FEMA-No-need-Reno-share-grant?odyssey=mod%7cnewswell%7ctext%7cLocal%20News%7cs&nclick_check=1

Emergency Managers' Best Practices for Evacuating Communities

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Best-Practices-Evacuating-Communities.html>

6 Ways to Utilize Social Media before a Disaster Strikes

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/6-Ways-Utilize-Social-Media-Disaster.html>

FEMA selects WebEOC Crisis Management System

http://finance.yahoo.com/news/fema-selects-webeoc-crisis-management-185900007.html;_ylt=A2KJ3CZMACFQoUcA01DQtDMD

Cybersecurity bill fails in Senate

http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/02/politics/cybersecurity-act/index.html?hpt=hp_bn3

Massachusetts Subway the Site of DHS Biological, Chemical Airflow Studies

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Massachusetts-Subway-DHS-Biological-Chemical-Studies.html>

Are You Ready for Civilian Drones?

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Civilian-Drones.html>

Missouri mosque destroyed in second fire in a month

http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2012/08/06/missouri-mosque-destroyed-in-second-fire-in-a-month/?hpt=hp_t3

Jared Lee Loughner pleads guilty to Tucson shooting, avoiding death penalty; Giffords satisfied

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/lookout/jared-loughner-plea-guilty-tucson-arizona-giffords-shooting-200803181.html>

Federal report: Bag with bomb was at Detroit building guard desk for weeks (Michigan)

http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/08/us/bag-mishandled/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

UCI professor's email says 'I will shoot 200 students' (California)

<http://www.oregister.com/news/school-366639-professor-emails.html>

Witness blasts Alaska Airlines for treatment of fellow passenger

<http://overheadbin.nbcnews.com/news/2012/08/06/13146982-witness-blasts-alaska-airlines-for-treatment-of-fellow-passenger?lite>

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Health officials continue to investigate flu illness (Indiana)
<http://bigmedicine.ca/wordpress/2012/08/indiana-health-officials-continue-to-investigate-flu-illness/>

Indiana State Fair concert victims accept multimillion-dollar settlement
<http://music.msn.com/music/article.aspx?news=748268>

Solar superstorm could knock out US power grid
[http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/sns-rt-us-solar-superstormbre8721k8-20120803.0,1101354.story?fb_action_ids=10151174324804529&fb_action_types=og.recommends&fb_source=timeline_og&action_object_map=%7B%2210151174324804529%22%3A10151080751609233%7D&action_type_map=%7B%2210151174324804529%22%3A%22og.recommends%22%7D&action_ref_map=\[\]](http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/sns-rt-us-solar-superstormbre8721k8-20120803.0,1101354.story?fb_action_ids=10151174324804529&fb_action_types=og.recommends&fb_source=timeline_og&action_object_map=%7B%2210151174324804529%22%3A10151080751609233%7D&action_type_map=%7B%2210151174324804529%22%3A%22og.recommends%22%7D&action_ref_map=[])

Calif. refinery fire to likely raise West Coast gas prices
<http://bottomline.nbcnews.com/news/2012/08/07/13164449-calif-refinery-fire-to-likely-raise-west-coast-gas-prices?lite>

NOAA raises hurricane season prediction despite expected El Niño
http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2012/20120809_atlantic_hurricane_season_update.html

Earthquake Early-Warning System Threatened by Budget Cuts (California)
http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Earthquake-Hazards-Reduction-Could-be-Hurt-by-Budget-Cuts-164840576.html?_osource=Newsletter-Daily

Spain arrests 3 al-Qaeda suspects thought to be plotting attacks in Spain, Europe
http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/spain-arrests-3-al-qaida-suspects-russian-chechen-and-turk/2012/08/02/qJQAiWXJRX_story.html?hpid=z4

Iran, Israel waging silent war
http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/iran-israel-waging-silent-war/2012/08/01/qJQAdYxKQX_story.html?hpid=z11

UN: North Korea seeks immediate food aid after floods
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-19107049>

Walmart Canada and the Canadian Red Cross join forces to support Canadian communities
<http://www.redcross.ca/article.asp?id=43853&tid=001>

One year on: Building resilience in the Horn of Africa
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=27900&pid:50>

President Karzai sacks security chiefs ahead of NATO exit
<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Asia-South-Central/2012/0805/President-Karzai-sacks-security-chiefs-ahead-of-NATO-exit>

Egypt Israel border attack leaves 'eight gunmen dead'
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-19144906>

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Kakuma Camp in Kenya surpasses its 100,000 capacity

<http://reliefweb.int/report/kenya/kakuma-camp-kenya-surpasses-its-100000-capacity>

Global 'weirdness' seen in summer's extreme weather events

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/climate/globalwarming/story/2012-08-02/summer-extreme-weather-global-weirdness-warming/56715776/1>

HOW THE LARGEST HEALTH SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM EVER CREATED IS PREVENTING AN OLYMPIC-SIZE PANDEMIC (UNITED KINGDOM)

<http://www.popsoci.com/science/article/2012-07/how-it-works-worlds-largest-health-surveillance-system>

Power struggle: How to keep India's lights on

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn22140-power-struggle-how-to-keep-indias-lights-on.html>

How to avoid another food crisis

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/blogs/climate-conversations/how-to-avoid-another-food-crisis/>

'Super volcano' could kill millions near site of Pompeii

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/sideshow/super-volcano-could-kill-millions-near-pompeii-232723952.html>

Flooding brings chaos to Philippine capital

http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/07/world/asia/philippines-floods/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

China calls in U.S. diplomat over South China Sea

<http://news.yahoo.com/china-calls-u-diplomat-over-south-china-sea-013600461--business.html>

British ships banned from docking in Buenos Aires

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/southamerica/falklandislands/9448360/British-ships-banned-from-docking-in-Buenos-Aires.html>

While Congress protests, US helps UN agency with 'independent' probe into high-tech shipments to North Korea

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2012/08/03/while-congress-protests-us-helps-un-agency-with-independent-probe-into-high/?test=latestnews>

Regulator Says British Bank Helped Iran Hide Deals

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/07/business/standard-chartered-bank-accused-of-hiding-transactions-with-iranians.html?_r=1&smid=fb-share

Libya's NTC hands power to newly elected assembly

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-19183300>

Israel sees U.N. majority for Palestine status upgrade

<http://news.yahoo.com/israel-sees-u-n-majority-palestine-status-upgrade-061725511.html>

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Climate change is here — and worse than we thought
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U.S. affirms support for U.N. climate goal after criticism
<http://news.yahoo.com/u-affirms-support-u-n-climate-goal-criticism-081903653.html>

U.S. Heat Waves of 2011 Linked Directly to Man-Made Climate Change
<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=us-heat-waves-2011-linked-directly-man-made-climate-change>

Disaster Resilience: A National Imperative
http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13457

2011 Update on Children and Disasters: Summary of Recommendations and Implementation Efforts
<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Documents/2011-children-disasters.pdf>

Annual Country Report on Terrorism
<https://www.hsdl.org/?abstract&did=719420>

CARD – A New Angle on Disaster Preparedness
<http://bernsteincrisismanagementblog.com/2012/08/02/card-a-new-angle-disaster-preparedness/>

Urban Outfitting: Yes! You Can Fit a Disaster Kit in Your Apartment
<http://www.phe.gov/asprblogs/Pages/default.aspx>

U.S. State Dept. Blog, Arctic Mapping Will Aid Disaster Response, Improve Navigation
<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/article/2012/07/2012073142629.html#axzz22JvItTQ9>

Lessons Learned From the Social Media Tabletop Exercise
<http://www.continuityinsights.com/articles/2012/05/lessons-learned-social-media-tabletop-exercise>

National safety and security and crisis management Magazine (Netherlands)
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=27887>

Preview the Next Generation of www.DHS.gov
<http://blog.dhs.gov/2012/08/preview-next-generation-of-wwwdhsgov.html>

Notes from the Field: Outbreak of Influenza A (H3N2) Virus among Persons and Swine at a County Fair — Indiana, July 2012
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6129a5.htm?s_cid=mm6129a5_w

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27 Emergency Notification Best Practices

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/Mass-Notification/Articles/2012/08/27-Emergency-Notification-Best-Practices.aspx>

The National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program: FEMA Accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2011

<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=6195>

A Device for Saving People Trapped In Collapsed Buildings

<http://www.fastcodesign.com/1670459/a-device-for-saving-people-trapped-in-collapsed-buildings#1>

National Capital Region Situational Awareness Website

<http://www.capitalregionupdates.gov/go/doc/4063/1085979/>

American Academy of Pediatrics 2012-2015 Strategic Plan for Disaster Preparedness

http://www2.aap.org/disasters/pdf/AAP-Disaster-Preparedness-Strategic-Plan_2012-2015.pdf

National Children's Disaster Mental Health Concept of Operations

<http://www2.aap.org/disasters/pdf/NCDMH-CONOPS-Final.pdf>

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Somalia Website

<http://unocha.org/somalia/>

Perception of climate change

<http://www.pnas.org/content/early/2012/07/30/1205276109.full.pdf>

New Guide Provides Resources for the Nation's Emergency Responders

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/updates/upd-07-31-12.html>

Facebook Pages

NASA Goddard Space Weather Center

<http://www.facebook.com/nasaswc>

CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

<http://www.facebook.com/CDCMMWR#!/CDCMMWR>

Nueces County Office of Emergency Management (Texas)

<https://www.facebook.com/NuecesOEM>

Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (California)

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/WEROC/125567084142860#!/pages/WEROC/125567084142860>

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FEMA & Personal Assistance Services in Emergencies webinar, August 15th (Page 30)

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FEMA/USACE Debris Removal Guidelines (Page 31)

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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

County CERT Committee Earns Governor's Service Group of Year Honor (California)
http://www.noozhawk.com/article/080212_county_cert_committee_earns_governor_award/

5-day RI hurricane exercise draws to a close
http://www.boston.com/news/local/rhode_island/articles/2012/08/03/5_day_ri_hurricane_exercise_draws_to_a_close/

FEMA: No need for Reno to share grant (Nevada)
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<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Best-Practices-Evacuating-Communities.html>

6 Ways to Utilize Social Media before a Disaster Strikes
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/6-Ways-Utilize-Social-Media-Disaster.html>

Survey Highlights Need for Evacuation Plans and Disaster Preparedness
<http://www.claimsjournal.com/news/national/2012/08/08/211613.htm>

FEMA selects WebEOC Crisis Management System
http://finance.yahoo.com/news/fema-selects-webeoc-crisis-management-185900007.html;_ylt=A2KJ3CZMACFQoUcA01DQtDMD

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Cybersecurity bill fails in Senate

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Massachusetts Subway the Site of DHS Biological, Chemical Airflow Studies

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Massachusetts-Subway-DHS-Biological-Chemical-Studies.html>

Oak Ridge uranium plant shut after protesters breach 4 fences, reach building (Tennessee)

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/08/02/13092159-oak-ridge-uranium-plant-shut-after-protesters-breach-4-fences-reach-building?lite>

Senate Panel Funds Ships, Drones Military Doesn't Want

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/08/senate-drones-ships/>

Military, VA release mobile app for PTSD therapy

[http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/08/02/13088137-military-va-release-mobile-app-for-ptsd-therapy?lite&_utma=238145375.676664165.1342720074.1343903435.1343961906.27&_utmb=238145375.4.10.1343961906&_utmc=238145375&_utmx=-&_utmz=238145375.1343903435.26.7.utmcsr=msn.com|utmccn=\(referral\)|utmcmd=referrall|utmctt=/&_utmv=238145375.|8=Earned%20By=msnbc%7Ctechnology%20%26%20science=1^12=Landing%20Content=Mixed=1^13=Landing%20Hostname=www.msnbc.msn.com=1^30=Visit%20Type%20to%20Content=Earned%20to%20Mixed=1&_utmkt=89350616](http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/08/02/13088137-military-va-release-mobile-app-for-ptsd-therapy?lite&_utma=238145375.676664165.1342720074.1343903435.1343961906.27&_utmb=238145375.4.10.1343961906&_utmc=238145375&_utmx=-&_utmz=238145375.1343903435.26.7.utmcsr=msn.com|utmccn=(referral)|utmcmd=referrall|utmctt=/&_utmv=238145375.|8=Earned%20By=msnbc%7Ctechnology%20%26%20science=1^12=Landing%20Content=Mixed=1^13=Landing%20Hostname=www.msnbc.msn.com=1^30=Visit%20Type%20to%20Content=Earned%20to%20Mixed=1&_utmkt=89350616)

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Jared Lee Loughner pleads guilty to Tucson shooting, avoiding death penalty; Giffords satisfied

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/lookout/jared-loughner-plea-guilty-tucson-arizona-giffords-shooting-200803181.html>

Is This a Super-Secret Stealth Helicopter ... Or a Hollywood Fake?

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/08/movie-prop-or-stealth/>

To Keep Stealth Edge, Pentagon Looks for New Ways to Mine 'Rare Earths'

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/08/rare-earth-elements/>

Federal report: Bag with bomb was at Detroit building guard desk for weeks (Michigan)

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Police try to unravel mystery of man with huge stash of fake IDs (Florida)
http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/07/justice/florida-fake-ids/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

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Campus Safety and Security

Fire Guts Wesleyan College Building (Georgia)

<http://www.13wmaz.com/news/topstories/article/190915/175/Fire-Guts-Wesleyan-College-Building>

UCI professor's email says 'I will shoot 200 students' (California)

<http://www.ocregister.com/news/school-366639-professor-emails.html>

UC Davis Police Chief Overrules Panel, Fires Pepper-Spray Officer (California)

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/University-Security/News/2012/08/03/UC-Davis-Police-Chief-Pushed-for-Pepper-Spray-Officer-s-Firing.aspx>

Suit Filed Against U. Va. For Editor's Suicide

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/University-Security/News/2012/08/03/Suit-Filed-Against-U-Va-For-Editor-s-Suicide.aspx>

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Functional Needs

8 Rules for New Caregivers

http://www.aarp.org/relationships/caregiving-resource-center/info-08-2010/gs_new_caregivers_rules.html

Witness blasts Alaska Airlines for treatment of fellow passenger

<http://overheadbin.nbcnews.com/news/2012/08/06/13146982-witness-blasts-alaska-airlines-for-treatment-of-fellow-passenger?lite>

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Hazard Research and News

Desert Train Crash MCI Involves 77 Patients (Nevada)

<http://www.jems.com/article/major-incidents/desert-train-crash-mci-involves-77-patie>

Megabus Crash in Illinois: At Least 1 Dead, 30+ Injured

<http://news.yahoo.com/megabus-crash-illinois-least-1-dead-20-injured-205734446--abc-news-topstories.html>

Flint's Hamilton Dam 'unsatisfactory,' says most recent state inspection (Michigan)

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2012/08/dam_safety_flints_hamilton_dam.html

Health officials continue to investigate flu illness (Indiana)

<http://bigmedicine.ca/wordpress/2012/08/indiana-health-officials-continue-to-investigate-flu-illness/>

Insiders Say San Onofre Failed To Fix Fire Safety Problems This Year Despite 2010 Warning From Feds (California)

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2012/aug/01/insiders-say-san-onofre-failed-fix-fire-safety-pro/>

Indiana State Fair concert victims accept multimillion-dollar settlement

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National Business Emergency Operations Center Invitation

Private Sector Friends,

FEMA is taking another step forward in our efforts to include the private sector in federal response and recovery efforts. It is my great pleasure to announce the creation of

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FEMA's first ever National Business Emergency Operation Center (NBEOC) under Emergency Support Function (ESF)-15 in the National Response Coordination Center. I am writing to formally invite your organization to participate virtually in this monumental program.

The NBEOC is a groundbreaking new virtual organization that will serve as FEMA's clearinghouse for non-operational two-way information sharing between public and private sector stakeholders in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters. The goal of the NBEOC will be to take FEMA's current Private Sector Representative (PSR) – a private sector emergency manager serving a 90-day rotation in the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) - NRCC activation and provide it greater structure and a deeper bench.

The NBEOC, when activated, will enable coordination and communication with private industry to fulfill the following objectives:

- Facilitate a public-private sector exchange of information about needs and capabilities.
- Support the ability of state, local, and tribal governments to recover from disasters by connecting them with FEMA's regional private sector liaisons and the NBEOC's national network of resources.
- Foster cooperative and mutually-supportive relationships that eliminate duplicative partnership development efforts.
- Assist Regional and Joint Field Office (JFO) partners in identifying where support is available or needed to restore business operations to the affected areas.
- Engage key stakeholders who can bring resources and capabilities to bear during disaster response and recovery efforts.
- Improve situational awareness across the affected areas.

While I understand this is a substantive request, I trust that you agree that this is a unique opportunity not only for FEMA, but also for the participating organizations. Community resiliency is a shared responsibility and the government cannot do it alone. Through this virtual engagement with private industry, the federal government will be better equipped to help disaster survivors.

If your organization is interested in participating in this program, please review and sign the attached membership agreement and send it to FEMA-private-sector@dhs.gov. Further information regarding the program can be viewed in the NBEOC Overview document. Please contact Ashley Small (Ashley.Small@fema.dhs.gov) or FEMA-PSR@fema.dhs.gov with any questions you may have.

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Office of External Affairs, FEMA

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FEMA & Personal Assistance Services in Emergencies webinar

This is a notice to join the Research and Training Center for Personal Assistance Services (PAS Center) on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, for a free webinar on FEMA and Personal Assistance Services in Emergencies. This webinar is part of a summer series of webinars from the PAS Center examining Personal Assistance Services (PAS) in Emergencies.

The Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act (PKEMRA) identified an area of need in functional needs support services (FNSS) in general population shelters. To fill this gap, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) developed the Personal Assistance Services (PAS) contract vehicle. This service will be provided upon request by the affected state for survivors in shelters and other congregate sites who have access and functional needs and require PAS in order to maintain the same level of independence as they have at home.

This presentation will cover the Mass Care program at FEMA and the newly awarded contracts to provide Personal Assistance Services to individuals with access and functional needs in congregate facilities during disasters, when this assistance is requested by the affected state. Background for why FEMA took this action and how it is being implemented (including types of services provided, timeframe, supervision, number of staff involved, etc.) will be discussed.

The 60-minute webinar will begin at 2:00pm Eastern; 1:00pm Central; noon Mountain; 11:00am Pacific; 10:00am Alaska and 8:00am Hawaii.

There is no fee and no pre-registration for this webinar, which is open to everyone. An archive of this webinar will be available at a later date.

To join the Webinar on that date, please visit:
<http://www.tinyurl.com/PASElluminate>

It is recommended that you visit this link a few minutes beforehand, as the Webinar software (Elluminate) needs to be downloaded to your computer, which can take a few minutes.

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Free online training is available at: <http://www.illuminate.com/support/training/>

The audio of the conference can also be accessed by phone at 1-800-625-5918, passcode 7023043.

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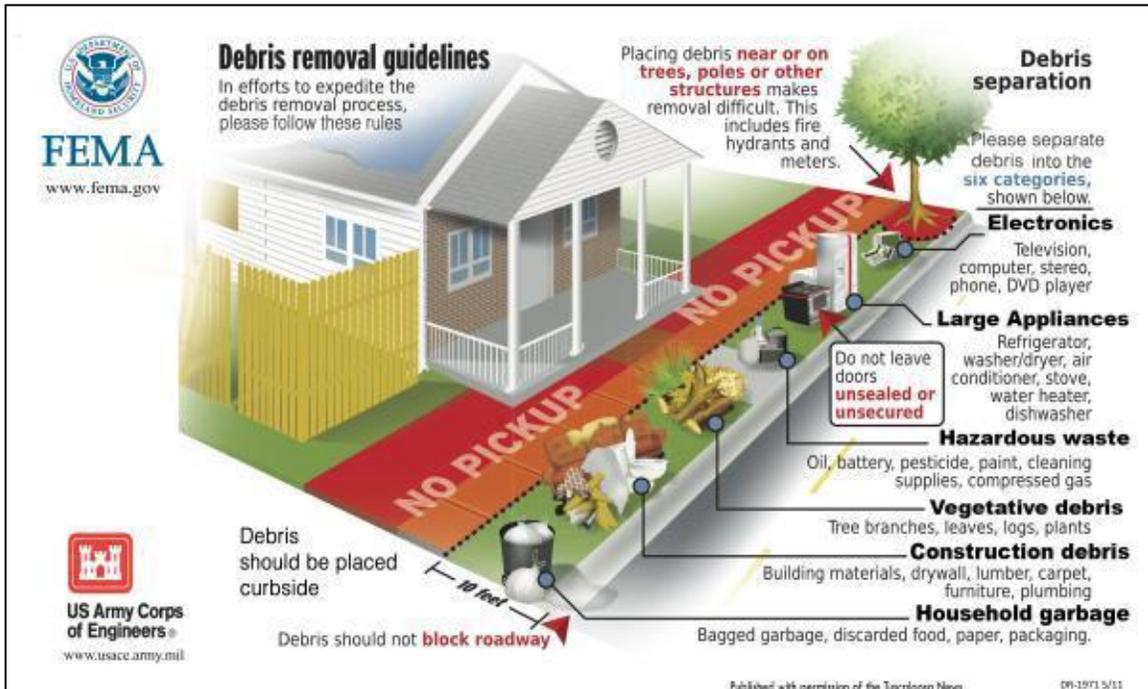
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The presentation will be led by two FEMA officials. Waddy Gonzalez is the Branch Chief of Mass Care and Emergency Assistance in the FEMA Individual Assistance Division. Marcie Roth is the Director of the Office of Disability Integration and Coordination at FEMA.

For more information about the Center on Personal Assistance Services webinars, visit: <http://pascenter.org/webcast/index.php>

FEMA/USACE Debris Removal Guidelines

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