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"Emergency Management in Public Administration follows the "spare tire" theory. This theory suggests that we forget about and neglect the condition of our car's spare tire until we have a flat and then hope it is in good enough shape to get us to where we need to go."

Adapted from Dewayne West, CEM testimony before the United States House of Representatives, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform



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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

After 9/11, USA was more resilient than experts expected

<http://yourlife.usatoday.com/mind-soul/story/2011/08/After-911-USA-was-more-resilient-than-experts-expected/49799534/1>

Alabama recovering after worst tornadoes in state history

http://www.usatoday.com/weather/storms/tornadoes/2011-08-04-alabama-tornadoes-recovery_n.htm

Lawyers' Association Focuses on Disaster Preparedness at Annual Meeting

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Lawyers-Association-Focuses-Disaster-Preparedness.html>

Deadliest Spring: Tornado Outbreaks Pushed Emergency Managers to the Limit

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Deadlist-Spring-Tornado-Outbreaks-Emergency-Managers.html>

Private Sector Involvement in Disaster Preparedness Key to Recovery, Officials Agree

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/private-sector-involvement-in-disaster-preparedness-key-to-recovery-officials-agree/d93303fdaf815110277fd28a27479262.html>

Storm shelters placed at mobile home park being set up by FEMA (Missouri)

<http://www.joplinglobe.com/local/x906049327/Storm-shelters-placed-at-mobile-home-park-being-set-up-by-FEMA>

After Twister, Joplin Holds On To Broken Relics (Missouri)

<http://www.npr.org/2011/08/05/138995892/after-twister-joplin-holds-on-to-broken-relics>

Shipping container-converted house shows unique and innovative design (Missouri)

<http://www.koamtv.com/story/15219175/shipping-container-converted-house-shows-unique-and-innovative-design>

Thousands of boy scouts help clean up Joplin (Missouri)

<http://www.koamtv.com/story/15222533/thousands-of-boy-scouts-help-clean-up-joplin>

Generator Safety Should Be Part of Any Emergency Management Plan

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Generator-Safety-Emergency-Management-Plan.html>

Wisconsin Piloting Patient-Tracking System Statewide

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/health/Wisconsin-Piloting-Patient-Tracking-System.html>

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IAEM Announces Winners of 2011 Global Awards Competition

<http://www.iaem.com/pressroom/documents/IAEM-GlobalAwardsNewsRelease080211.pdf>

Incident Geeks Wanted

<http://wildfiremag.com/technology/responder-environment-integration-201107/>

Under the Dome: Inside St. John's Mobile Medical Unit (Missouri)

<http://joplintristate.biz/main.asp?SectionID=18&SubSectionID=23&ArticleID=1463>

Better Building Design Needed In Aftermath of Tornado Outbreaks

<http://www.irishweatheronline.com/news/atmosphere/storm/tornado/better-building-design-needed-in-aftermath-of-tornado-outbreaks/31199.html>

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

Ex-CIA official sounds alarm about hackers' next targets

http://www.cnn.com/2011/TECH/web/08/03/black.hat.cofer/index.html?hpt=hp_c1

Air Force: Bible and nukes don't mix- Video

<http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/us/2011/08/03/tsr.starr.af.religious.ethics.cnn>

Pentagon says projected spending cuts could undermine security

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-defense-budget-20110804,0,4025402.story>

DOT MAPPING OUT A PLAN TO PROTECT CARS FROM CYBER-ATTACKS

<http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2011-08/dot-wants-cyber-security-roadmap-networked-roadways-future>

Soldier gets 3 years for part he played in deaths of Afghan civilians

http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/08/05/washington.winfield/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

Key figure in Abu Ghraib scandal freed from prison

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44045295/ns/us_news/

Napolitano: U.S. doesn't expect a September 11 anniversary attack

http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=48440&sid=60

White House Strategy to Counter Violent Extremism Gets Mixed Reviews

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/white-house-strategy-to-counter-violent-extremism-gets-mixed-reviews/b8e1b0107b3c136997d2244726f6c165.html>

Frontlines: The New York FBI and the Cyberthreat

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/frontlines-the-new-york-fbi-and-the-cyberthreat/fc99791c4fe0b44000c752479a8afc64.html>

At Auschwitz, future U.S. military leaders learn what not to do

<http://worldblog.msnbc.msn.com/news/2011/08/05/7266998-at-auschwitz-future-us-military-leaders-learn-what-not-to-do>

Copter downing in Afghanistan kills 30 Americans

<http://news.yahoo.com/copter-downing-afghanistan-kills-30-americans-192301718.html>

Tragedy devastates special warfare community

http://www.usatoday.com/news/military/2011-08-07-naval-special-warfare-reaction-afghanistan_n.htm

Military killed Taliban who downed US helicopter

<http://news.yahoo.com/military-killed-taliban-downed-us-helicopter-132740655.html>

Hackers strike at 70 US law enforcement websites

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44045090/ns/technology_and_science-security/

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The United States of conspiracy: Why, more and more, Americans cling to crazy theories

<http://www.nydailynews.com/opinions/2011/08/07/2011-08-07-the-united-states-of-conspiracy.html#ixzz1UR3aUFqQ>

Future of war: Private robot armies fight it out

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44034768/ns/technology_and_science-innovation/

Hackers take aim at prison locks and other real-world targets

http://www.cnn.com/2011/TECH/web/08/08/prison.hack.stuxnet/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

After 9/11, more threats against US malls

<http://www.homeland1.com/domestic-international-terrorism/articles/1100489-After-9-11-more-threats-against-US-malls/>

Facebook adds mobile security features

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/faster-forward/post/facebook-adds-mobile-security-features/2011/08/08/g1QAvDKH3l_blog.html?hpid=z4

U.S., Russia, Canada Team Up to Guard Skies from Terrorist Attacks

<http://www.ktuu.com/news/ktuu-us-air-force-teams-up-with-russia-canada-to-guard-skies-from-terrorist-attacks--20110808,0,5704510.story>

3 arrested in bomb hoax at Phoenix Sky Harbor (Arizona)

<http://www.azcentral.com/community/phoenix/articles/2011/08/09/20110809phoenix-sky-harbor-explosive-hoax-abrk.html#ixzz1UadxRKqW>

2 white supremacists accused of robbery, making terrorist threats (California)

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/08/white-supremacists-arrested-hesperia.html>

Crude bomb left on Oklahoma gas line, FBI says

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/08/10/oklahoma.pipe.bomb/index.html>

Will members of the hacker group Anonymous try to bring down Facebook?

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/cutline/members-hacker-group-anonymous-try-bring-down-facebook-175132497.html>

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Campus Safety and Security

A gun scare at Virginia Tech

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/a-gun-scare-at-virginia-tech/2011/08/04/gIQAHkNvuI_story.html?hpid=z5

SAFER System Creates Situational Awareness between Schools, Responders

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/SAFER-System-Creates-Situational-Awareness.html>

Police: school shooting plot in Louisiana foiled

<http://news.yahoo.com/police-school-shooting-plot-louisiana-foiled-171656761.html>

Principal found dead at Tenn. school; student held

<http://news.yahoo.com/principal-found-dead-tenn-school-student-held-195532780.html>

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Functional Needs

Police training eyed after mentally ill man dies (California)

http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2011-08-06-police-training-california-homeless-death_n.htm

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Hazard Research and News

Tour bus with 28 passengers overturns on I-81 south of Cortland (New York)
http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2011/08/reports_tour_bus_overturns_on.html

Hot Texas sets electricity record — for third straight day
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44010403/ns/weather/>

Measuring Nuclear Disasters
<http://news.discovery.com/videos/tech-measuring-nuclear-disasters.html>

Flooding in Charlotte kills 1, forces evacuations (North Carolina)
http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/08/05/north.carolina.flash.flood/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

Witnesses Describe Mob Attacks Outside Wis. State Fair
<http://www.wisn.com/news/28774396/detail.html#ixzz1UQwCrWW3>

After accidents, tougher pipeline rules proposed
<http://www.homeland1.com/homeland-security-news/1098928-after-accidents-tougher-pipeline-rules-proposed/>

Suitcase-Sized Device Detects Anthrax
<http://news.discovery.com/tech/suitcase-sized-device-detects-anthrax-110805.html>

Mississippi Diversions to Restore Storm-Protecting Wetlands Not Working
<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=mississippi-wetlands-restoration>

Wildfire plan heats up debate protecting East Bay hills from catastrophic fires (California)
http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci_18632055?source=rss

Fire fee law needs repairs (California)
<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-cap-fire-fees-20110808.0,2995040.column>

New Hurricane-Strength Scale Could Send Earlier Warnings
<http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/environment/natural-disasters/new-hurricane-strength-scale-could-send-earlier-warnings>

Alaska volcano's eruption stirs concern about disruption
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44097943/ns/technology_and_science-science/

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Public Safety Communications, Interoperability, 3-1-1 and 9-1-1 News

Durham, N.C., Begins Public Pilot for Texting 911

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Durham-NC-Public-Pilot-Texting-911.html>

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Other

New Orleans cops convicted in post-Katrina shootings case (Louisiana)

http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/08/05/louisiana.danziger.bridge.shooting/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

In video, first responders tell of 9/11, aftermath

<http://www.homeland1.com/homeland-security-news/1099070-in-video-first-responders-tell-of-9-11-aftermath/>

DEF CON: The event that scares hackers

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In NYC, a police force just for ground zero

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44051119/ns/us_news/

Modified beer truck to be used for MCI in Oregon

<http://www.homeland1.com/homeland-security-products/vehicles-equipment/articles/1100487-modified-beer-truck-to-be-used-for-mci-in-oregon/>

Feds want to keep Jared Loughner medicated (Arizona)

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2011/08/10/20110810jared-loughner-medication-081011.html>

FBI: 'Swatting' Cases Across The Country May Be Copycats

<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/fbi-swatting-cases-country-copycats/story?id=14257526>

Flight 93 memorial still \$10M short on funds

http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2011-08-10-shanksville-pennsylvania-911-memorial_n.htm

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International News Stories

Civil Preparedness, Security and Humanitarian Affairs

US prepares for worst-case scenario with Pakistan nukes

<http://openchannel.msnbc.msn.com/news/2011/07/28/7189919-us-prepares-for-worst-case-scenario-with-pakistan-nukes>

Mexicans jump off a plane for gender equality

http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/americas/08/03/mexico.women.paratroopers/index.html?hpt=hp_bn2

Mexico town's police force quits after attack

<http://news.yahoo.com/mexico-towns-police-force-quits-attack-232518398.html>

al-Qaida branch won't attack Europe

<http://news.yahoo.com/ap-exclusive-al-qaida-branch-wont-attack-europe-181247318.html>

Israel posts defense system against Gaza rockets

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Disaster preparedness secures APEC's growth

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Periodic Report Highlights Drug Violence, Killings of Law Enforcement South of the Border

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Engineers recommend AMI stadium demolition (New Zealand)

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10743966

Mexico confirms presence of US intelligence agents helping fight drug cartels

http://azstarnet.com/news/local/border/article_705e7db9-e81e-5929-af2c-e9d82e2c031d.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter#ixzz1UWEH8zR2

North Korean dictator uses team of hackers to make money via online games

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/technology-blog/north-korean-dictator-uses-team-hackers-money-via-153014689.html>

China vows crack down on 'terrorism' after attacks

<http://news.yahoo.com/china-vows-crack-down-terrorism-attacks-163709943.html>

China says it was targeted in 500,000 cyberattacks

<http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/127296368.html>

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N. Korea reportedly attempting to assassinate S. Korean defense chief: sources
<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2011/08/10/17/0301000000AEN20110810000900315F.HTML>

China launches first aircraft carrier on maiden sea
<http://news.yahoo.com/chinas-first-aircraft-carrier-makes-maiden-sea-trial-000047792.html>

South Korea Returns Fire After North Shells Disputed Waters
http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/11/world/asia/11korea.html?_r=1&smid=tw-nytimes&seid=auto

NZ's Christchurch to spend \$1.6 billion on rebuilding downtown
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/08/11/us-newzealand-earthquake-idUSTRE77A0HO20110811>

Red Cross: Rise in violence against medics in warzones
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Hazard Research and News

Nigeria Ogoniland oil clean-up 'could take 30 years'
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-14398659>

Solar flares may impact communications this weekend
<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0811/60756.html>

Power companies prepare as solar storms set to hit Earth
<http://news.yahoo.com/power-companies-prepare-solar-storms-set-hit-earth-144759933.html>

'Natural disaster loss equals financial crisis'
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=21165&pid:50>

North Korea: 30 dead, thousands homeless in flood
<http://news.yahoo.com/north-korea-30-dead-thousands-homeless-flood-131051247.html>

Powerful typhoon bears down on China's east coast
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44030575/ns/weather/>

Indonesian volcano unleashes fresh burst
http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2011-08-07-indonesia-volcano-erupts_n.htm

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International Affairs

China seeks to silence dissent overseas

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia-pacific/china-pressures-indonesia-to-silence-dissent-from-falun-gong-followers/2011/07/14/gIQAwkxNxl_story.html?hpid=z2

Dalai Lama's political successor sworn in at Indian ceremony

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/aug/08/dalai-lama-political-successor-india>

China's foreign minister in first visit to South Sudan

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-14454338?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Ban welcomes measures announced by US to help prevent genocide

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=39259&Cr=genocide&Cr1>

Israel approves 1,600 settler homes in East Jerusalem

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-14488066?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

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Climate Change News Articles

Arctic 'tipping point' may not be reached

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-14408930>

Solving Climate Change

<http://news.yahoo.com/solving-climate-change-105323037.html>

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Alternate Energy Research and Development News

CNMI TO SEEK PROPOSALS FOR GEOTHERMAL PROJECT
<http://pidp.eastwestcenter.org/pireport/2011/August/08-04-16.htm>

How to make solar power 24/7
<http://www.physorg.com/news/2011-08-solar-power.html>

Navajo Nation contingent visits Lab for energy discussions and tours
https://www.llnl.gov/news/aroundthelab/2011/Jul/ATL-080111_navajo.html

2nd blast draws scrutiny to alternative-energy firms
<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-explosion-20110811.0.4604686.story>

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Reports

Nothing to report

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Additional Information

Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism

http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/empowering_local_partners.pdf

Pan-American Health Organization/World Health Organization, Hospitals Safe from Disasters, Hospital Safety Index

<http://www.paho.org/english/dd/ped/SafeHospitalsChecklist.htm>

Development of estimation tools for earthquake ground motion

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/email/url.php?eid=20762>

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Disaster laws - discussion paper

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/email/url.php?eid=21108>

CDC Zombie Preparedness Posters

<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/pubs/phpr.aspx>

Cal EMA, Documentary: Spring Storm 2011

<http://www.calema.ca.gov/NewsandMedia/Pages/Cal%20EMA%20Video%20Releases/California-Spring-Storm-2011.aspx>

Special glimpse inside North Korea Photo Gallery

<http://news.yahoo.com/photos/special-glimpse-inside-north-korea-1311548944-slideshow/>

9/11 Audiotape of firefighters last moments- Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLwrQcO9w80&feature=related>

Social Media 4 Emergency Management, Dear Technology Vendors...

<http://www.sm4em.org/2011/08/dear-technology-vendors/>

SEMS-Standardized Emergency Management System (California)- Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCCR2F5aSzY&feature=share>

PBS, Secrets of the Dead/Mumbai Massacre- Video

<http://video.pbs.org/video/1341327345/>

World Humanitarian Day 2011 Website

<http://ochaonline.un.org/whd/>

The Uncertainty Book

<http://www.theuncertaintybook.com/>

FEMA Blog, Public Private Partnership Conference

<http://blog.fema.gov/2011/08/public-private-partnership-conference.html>

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USGS Emergency Response Resources

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2011/3079/fs2011%E2%80%93933079.pdf>

2011 Terrorism Risk Index

<http://en.rian.ru/infographics/20110808/165625328.html>

Jefferson County, PA Department of Emergency Services Website

<http://www.jeffersoncountypa.com/des/>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Emergency Power Facility Assessment Tool

<https://epfat.swf.usace.army.mil/>

Here is a good twitter page to follow for tips on personal and business trips! It's run by a friend of mine (Suzy Blake)!

<http://twitter.com/#!/MagentaSuede>

Emergency Management Magazine Blog

President Won't Deliver National EAS Test

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/alerts/Presidents-Wont-Deliver-National-080511.html>

PERI Restructure

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/disaster-zone/PERI-Restructure-080911.html>

Performance Metrics for Emergency Management

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/disaster-zone/performance-metrics-for-emergency-management-080911.html>

Emergency Management Jobs--Hanging Ten

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/disaster-zone/jobs/emergency-management-jobs-hanging-ten-080911.html>

Syncretism, Synergism, and Soapboxes

http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/emergency-preparedness/Brainstorming_Emergency_Preparedness-012711.html

Facebook Pages

IAFF Local 2057 - Orange County, FL Professional Fire Fighters

<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?pid=7863097&id=106139777832#!/pages/IAFF-Local-2057-Orange-County-Professional-Fire-Fighters/365176284229>

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Autism Support Network

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Autism-Support-Network/150100405892>

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