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Emergency Manager's Weekly Report

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“There’s no single answer that will solve all future problems. There’s no magic bullet. Instead there are thousands of answers-at least. You can be one of them if you choose to be. First, however, you must be brave enough to turn away from death, embrace change and survive.”

Octavia Butler



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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 (right click on the links below to access these pages):

- [Facebook](#)
- [Linkedin](#)
- Twitter: [@steveorange2003](#)
- [Google](#) +
- [Flickr](#)

The Emergency Manager's Weekly Report also features a Blog, which is at: <http://emweeklyrpt.wordpress.com/>

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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News and Information 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 Kostiuik
- 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

Distribution Contributions

The EM Weekly Report is also distributed through numerous social media platforms. Below is a comprehensive list and I would like to thank the page/group administrators for allowing me to post the link to the weekly report. These sites are:

Facebook Groups/Pages

- Emergency Managers
- National Tribal Emergency Management Council
- Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council
- NEMRC- National Emergency Management Resource Center
- Pearce Global Partners
- Emergency Management issues

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- FEMA Only
- EMPOWER
- Emergency Management Higher Education Community
- California Disasters
- EM Professionals concerned with PTSD impact
- Ready, set...
- NAEMT
- NYPD/FDNY/EMS/City/State/Federal Law Enforcement

Linkedin Groups

- All Hands Community Network
- California Emergency Services Association
- Emergency Management and Homeland Security Professionals
- Emergency Management Professionals
- FEMA Only
- International Association of Emergency Managers
- Journal of Business Continuity and Emergency Planning
- National Emergency Management Resource Center [NEMRC]
- Natural Hazard Mitigation Association
- Social Media Crisis Communications
- SMEM Social Media Emergency Management
- Comprehensive Emergency Management Research Network
- Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) - US Membership
- Disaster & Emergency Management
- Emergency Management Professionals Workgroup
- Recovery Co-Op
- Emergency Management in Florida
- IAEM-MA
- Pandemics, Bioterrorism and International Security
- Emergency Managers Global Forum
- Hardened Structures of America, LLC
- Emergency Preparedness Consultants / Trainers Group
- Medical Reserve Corps
- EOC
- Disaster Risk Reduction for Health
- FirefighterNation

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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 Announces Memorandum of Agreement with the NAACP

<http://www.fema.gov/news-release/2013/07/12/fema-announces-memorandum-agreement-naacp>

Cal OES in Training: Communicating in a Crisis

<http://caloesnewsroom.wordpress.com/2013/07/16/cal-oes-in-training-communicating-in-a-crisis/>

Boston Marathon Bombings: View from the hospital

<http://www.enterpriseneews.com/bostonmarathon/x1806127825/Boston-Marathon-Bombings-View-from-the-hospital>

Will Your Wine Rack Survive an Earthquake? (California)

<http://caloesnewsroom.wordpress.com/2013/07/25/will-your-wine-rack-survive-an-earthquake-3/>

Florida Mass Care Specialist Recognized For Excellence

<http://www.fema.gov/news-release/2013/07/26/florida-mass-care-specialist-recognized-excellence>

Virtual game helps rebuild Rockaways after Sandy (New York)

http://centralny.ynn.com/content/features/tech_beat/668111/virtual-game-helps-rebuild-rockaways-after-sandy/

Boston Medical's Family Center Helps Bombing Victims' Loved Ones Cope

<http://www.campusafety magazine.com/Channel/Hospital-Security/Articles/2013/07/Boston-Medical-s-Family-Center-Helps-Bombing-Victims-Loved-Ones-Cope.aspx>

Disaster readiness may be at risk, Florida warns

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/politics/fl-disaster-furloughs-20130723,0,5340747.story>

FEMA denies aid to religious groups hit by Sandy

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/07/25/fema-denies-aid-to-religious-groups-hard-hit-by-sandy-/2588519/>

Emergency Systems Break Down in Two Bay Area Counties (California)

<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Emergency-Systems-Break-Down-in-Two-Bay-Area-Counties-217034861.html>

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EMAP Proves Invaluable as Method of Standardization for Emergency Management Programs

<http://www.mdchhs.com/blog/emap-proves-invaluable-method-standardization-emergency-management-programs>

Connecticut Codifies Pet Therapy for Kids After an Emergency

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Conn-Codifies-Pet-Therapy-Kids-Emergency.html>

FEMA App Adds Crowdsourcing for Disaster Relief

<http://mashable.com/2013/07/29/fema-app-disaster-relief/>

Being Alert to Fraud Following Superstorm Sandy Helps Recovery and Taxpayers

<http://www.fema.gov/news-release/2013/07/30/being-alert-fraud-following-superstorm-sandy-helps-recovery-and-taxpayers>

6 reasons to close the Homeland Security office

<http://money.msn.com/now/post--6-reasons-to-close-the-homeland-security-office#scpshrjwfbs>

U.S. overhauling intel access in bid to prevent another Snowden

<http://ca.news.yahoo.com/u-overhauling-intel-access-bid-200524119.html>

Protesters Disrupt Meeting as Napolitano Confirmed As 1st Female UC President

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2013/07/18/napolitano-confirmation-as-uc-president-greeted-by-protests-in-sf/>

Confusion over Edward Snowden travel papers

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-23437059>

Defense firms weathering budget cuts more easily than expected

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/defense-firms-weathering-budget-cuts-more-easily-than-expected/2013/07/23/d23c4f7e-f3b9-11e2-aa2e-4088616498b4_story.html?hpid=z1

The Rise of Al-Qaeda 2.0

http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2013/07/the-rise-of-al-qaeda-20/278059/?utm_source=pulseneews

Oath Keepers Rally Reveals Radical Politics of Group

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2013/07/25/oath-keepers-rally-reveals-radical-politics-of-group/>

Sovereign 'President' Sentenced to 18 Years in Federal Prison for Tax Crimes

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2013/07/31/sovereign-president-sentenced-to-18-years-in-federal-prison-for-tax-crimes/>

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Edward Snowden granted asylum, leaves Moscow airport in taxi
<http://www.latimes.com/news/world/worldnow/la-fg-wn-snowden-leaves-moscow-airport-20130801,0,1975132.story?Facebook>

NSA chief to hackers: If you don't like what we do, change it
http://money.cnn.com/2013/07/31/technology/security/nsa-prism/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

F.B.I. Said to Conclude It Could Not Have Averted Boston Attack
<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/02/us/fbi-said-to-conclude-it-could-not-have-averted-boston-attack.html?partner=rss&emc=rss&smid=tw-nytimes&r=1&>

Could University Officials Have Stopped a Killer? (Alabama)
http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/newsdesk/2013/07/did-university-officials-know-amy-bishop-was-dangerous.html?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

Higher ed emergency managers response to Boston bombings: A look back
http://www.universitybusiness.com/article/higher-ed-emergency-managers-response-boston-bombings-look-back?goback=%2Egmp_3833131%2Egde_3833131_member_47547619

Universities Show How Emergency Communications Have Evolved
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Universities-Communication-Hurricane-Sandy.html>

What Outbreak? Students Tune out Tweeted Health Warnings
<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2013/08/01/207902595/what-outbreak-students-tune-out-tweeted-health-warnings>

After Year-Long Investigation, Senate HELP Committee Chairman Tom Harkin Releases Report Showing ADA's Promise of Integration is Not Being Met for Many Americans with Disabilities
<http://www.help.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/?id=909ecec1-4c87-4891-8314-7b35e5316a35&groups=Chair>

Kinect-powered software translates sign language
http://www.nbcnews.com/technology/kinect-powered-software-translates-sign-language-6C10658006?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

Researchers developing communication app for children with autism
http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-205_162-57596317/researchers-developing-communication-app-for-children-with-autism/

FDA grants emergency approval for test to detect MERS
<http://www.foxnews.com/health/2013/07/16/fda-grants-emergency-approval-for-test-to-detect-mers/>

How San Onofre's new steam generators sealed nuclear plant's fate (California)
<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-07-14-san-onofre-tic-toc-20130714,0,5736015.story>

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How Long-Forgotten Seawall Fended Off Sandy (New Jersey)

<http://weather.yahoo.com/long-forgotten-seawall-fended-off-sandy-115800832.html>

Electric Grid Vulnerability Puts U.S. at Risk of Catastrophe

<http://www.mdchhs.com/blog/electric-grid-vulnerability-puts-us-risk-catastrophe>

James Pflueger enters plea deal in fatal dam break (Hawaii)

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/22879912/pflueger-accepts-plea-deal-in-kauai-dam-breach>

Las Vegas thunderstorm brings high water to Strip (Nevada)

<http://news.yahoo.com/las-vegas-thunderstorm-brings-high-water-strip-044758123.html>

Oklahoma Geological Survey working to reduce risk of oil-field-related earthquakes

http://www.tulsaworld.com/article.aspx/Oklahoma_Geological_Survey_working_to_reduc_e_risk_of/20130720_11_A15_CUTLIN332026?rss_Ink=1

Doctor Helps Hospitals in the Middle East and U.S. Prepare for MERS

<http://www.georgetown.edu/news/daniel-lucey-mers-preparation.html>

Natural defences can sharply limit coastal damage

<http://www.nature.com/news/natural-defences-can-sharply-limit-coastal-damage-1.13380>

Liberty University rebuffs state's offer related to Ivy Lake Dam (Virginia)

http://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/article_616cf132-f408-11e2-882b-001a4bcf6878.html

La. Flood Board Sues Oil Companies over Erosion

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/la-flood-board-sue-oil-companies-erosion-19758656>

Wildfire season getting longer

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/07/23/wildfire-season-getting-longer/2581381/>

Last Boston Marathon survivor leaves hospital 100 days after bombing

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/07/24/19657558-last-boston-marathon-survivor-leaves-hospital-100-days-after-bombing?lite>

Sandless bags offer protection from floodwaters

http://www.khou.com/news/local/New-method-can-battle-rising-water-216680901.html?qoback=%2Egde_52824_member_260494518

Seafloor sensors to monitor earthquake activity near Diablo Canyon (California)

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2013/07/11/2580060/diablo-canyon-earthquake-faults.html#twl>

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Rioters rampage through Huntington Beach after surf competition (California)
http://www.cnn.com/2013/07/29/us/california-huntington-beach-rampage/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

Kansas company recalls 50,000 pounds of ground beef products
<http://www.cnn.com/2013/08/01/health/beef-recall/index.html?sr=fb080113beefrecall1130a>

NIH 'superbug' was thwarted with help of two scientists
http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/nih-superbug-was-thwarted-with-help-of-two-scientists/2013/07/31/0d7f146e-f931-11e2-afc1-c850c6ee5af8_story.html

New York City EMS 911 System Crashes Repeatedly On Monday
<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2013/07/22/ems-911-system-goes-down-repeatedly-monday/>

FirstNet Planning Grants Awarded
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/firstnet-planning-grants-awarded/f21d4c148ea4cd024001366a92507078.html>

Man suffering heart attack at JFK dies after security doors in new \$1.4 billion terminal won't allow first responders inside (New York)
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2368090/Man-suffering-heart-attack-JFK-dies-security-doors-new-1-4-billion-terminal-wont-allow-responders-inside.html>

SF plane crash victim was alive when she was hit, sources say (California)
<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/SF-plane-crash-victim-was-alive-when-she-was-hit-4674126.php>

Active Shooter Workshop Teaches Communities to Win, not Survive
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Active-Shooter-Workshop-Teaches-Schools.html>

INGENIOUS TOURNIQUET INVENTION SAVES LIVES
<http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2013-06/amazing-tourniquet-invention-saves-two-lives>

Dozens of NJ firefighters overcome as killer heat wave nears an end
http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/07/19/19556536-dozens-of-nj-firefighters-overcome-as-killer-heat-wave-nears-an-end?lite&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

Ariz. firefighters changing locations when they died
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/07/24/yarnell-hill-arizona-wildfire/2582525/>

Fake firefighter arrested for starting fire at library (Florida)
<http://www.firerescue1.com/Arson-Investigation/articles/1474544-Fake-firefighter-arrested-for-starting-fire-at-library/>

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Montana's smokejumper base offers the public at look at firefighting's parachute corps
http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/travel/montanas-smokejumper-base-offers-the-public-at-look-at-firefightings-parachute-corps/2013/07/24/c41850ee-f48d-11e2-81fa-8e83b3864c36_story.html

ALIVE Training Tool Is a Game Changer
<http://www.firefighternation.com/article/training-0/alive-training-tool-game-changer>

Tacoma Fire (WA) Working to Reduce Non-Emergency Calls
<http://www.fireengineering.com/articles/2013/07/tacoma-fire-wa-working-to-reduce-non-emergency-calls.html>

How to train first responders for structural-collapse rescues
<http://firechief.com/extrication/how-train-first-responders-structural-collapse-rescues>

Heart attacks a rising deadly weapon against cops
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/07/28/heart-attack-law-enforcement-officers-deaths/2586077/>

Cherokee Fire Dancers Leap Into Northern California Blazes
<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2013/07/25/cherokee-fire-dancers-leap-northern-california-blazes-150587>

Volunteer Departments in Conn. Starting to Charge Fees
<http://www.firehouse.com/news/11070141/volunteer-fire-departments-in-connecticut-look-to-service-fees>

New FBI Director Confirmed by Senate
http://www.fbi.gov/news/news_blog/new-fbi-director-confirmed-by-senate

Cross-Disciplinary and Interagency Use of Hazmat Equipment
<http://www.firefighternation.com/article/hazardous-material-cbrn/cross-disciplinary-and-interagency-use-hazmat-equipment>

Firefighter's widow speaks out on fire official's controversial words (Arizona)
<http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/story/22983974/loved-ones-speak-out-on-fire-officials-words>

'Firebot' Prototype to Use Thermal Imaging to Fight Fires
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Firebot-Thermal-Imaging-Fight-Fires.html>

Google prototyping real-time universal translator device
http://www.dvice.com/2013-7-26/google-prototyping-real-time-universal-translator-device?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

Britain giving Syrian rebels protection against chemical weapons
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/07/16/us-syria-crisis-britain-idUSBRE96F0CL20130716?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

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Syria death toll now above 100,000, says UN chief Ban
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-23455760>

WHO scales up epidemic readiness for the Syrian refugees in Iraq
<http://reliefweb.int/report/iraq/who-scales-epidemic-readiness-syrian-refugees-iraq>

Syrian refugee crisis stretching aid effort to its limits say aid agencies
<http://reliefweb.int/report/lebanon/syrian-refugee-crisis-stretching-aid-effort-its-limits-say-aid-agencies>

UN team heads to Syria to inspect sites of alleged chemical weapon attacks
<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/aug/01/un-inspectors-syria-chemical-weapons>

Elderly, children sidelined in emergency response – study
<http://www.trust.org/item/20130716144620-4ycp9/>

Cyber Attacks Hit over Half of World's Securities Exchanges in 2012
<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/articles/491254/20130717/cyber-attack-dos-ddos-wfef-iosco-exchanges.htm>

Tech Talk: Social volunteers take action in Alberta flooding (Canada)
<http://redcrosstalks.wordpress.com/2013/07/18/tech-talk-social-volunteers-take-action-in-alberta-flooding/>

World Humanitarian Day video nominated for major award
<http://www.unocha.org/top-stories/all-stories/world-humanitarian-day-video-nominated-major-award>

South Korea accuses North of cyber attacks
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/07/16/net-us-korea-cyber-idUSBRE96F0A920130716?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

'Neo-Nazi' musician Vikernes in French terror arrest
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-23327165#?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

Sri Lanka disaster stocks dangerously low
<http://reliefweb.int/report/sri-lanka/sri-lanka-disaster-stocks-dangerously-low>

Flood-hit Indians struggle to rebuild lives in the "Land of the Gods"
<http://www.trust.org/item/20130725112224-kbhyi/?source=hptop>

In China, Lessons in Disaster Management Lead to Regional Cooperation
<http://asiafoundation.org/in-asia/2013/07/24/in-china-lessons-in-disaster-management-lead-to-regional-cooperation/>

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Why Anonymous hacked the tiny, impoverished island nation of Nauru

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/worldviews/wp/2013/07/25/why-anonymous-hacked-the-tiny-impoverished-island-nation-of-nauru/?hpid=z12>

UNHCR launches initiative to recruit top young professionals

<http://reliefweb.int/report/world/unhcr-launches-initiative-recruit-top-young-professionals>

Analysis: The future of food aid

<http://reliefweb.int/report/world/analysis-future-food-aid>

First glimpse at Canada disaster site shows scale of devastation

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/07/16/us-train-idUSBRE96A0WS20130716>

CN and CP tighten safety rules after Lac-Mégantic disaster (Canada)

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/story/2013/07/18/business-cp-cn-rules.html>

United Nations releases new funds to support cholera response in Haiti during rainy season

<http://reliefweb.int/report/haiti/united-nations-releases-new-funds-support-cholera-response-haiti-during-rainy-season>

Insufficient brake force blamed in Canada crash

<http://news.yahoo.com/insufficient-brake-force-blamed-canada-crash-153854486.html>

Saving Lives Worldwide by Training International Volcano Scientists

http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=3642&from=rss&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+usgs%2FNaturalHazards+%28Newsroom+-+Natural+Hazard+Releases%29

West Africa cholera down but officials vigilant

<http://reliefweb.int/report/world/west-africa-cholera-down-officials-vigilant>

Himalaya 'tsunami' shows need for science in disaster plans

<http://www.trust.org/item/20130725143032-leioh/?source=fb>

TEPCO says was reluctant to worry public over leak (Japan)

<http://news.yahoo.com/tepcu-says-reluctant-worry-public-145736436.html>

After fires, cruise line execs answer questions

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The highly competitive FY 2013 CTG program grants will be awarded to state and local (including rural communities), tribal entities, nonprofit national associations and organizations; nonprofit higher education institutions; and non-profits. Non-profits can include community and faith-based organizations or entities with existing programs that develop high priority national homeland security training needs. Multi-state and multi-jurisdictional applicants are strongly encouraged to collaborate and apply with states and jurisdictions that have similar homeland security strategies and approaches.

The FY 2013 CTG program has two parts: Part A funding priorities focuses on five areas:

Medical Readiness and Immediate Emergency Victim Care at Mass Casualty Events; Countering Violent Extremism (CVE); Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD); Emergency Management Leadership; and Cybersecurity.

The Part B funding priorities for the CTG program are for rural communities and focuses on: Isolation/Quarantine; and Environmental Health.

The grants will be announced directly to eligible applicants through [grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) by the end of FY 2013. The period of performance for the FY 2013 CTG program is for 36 months.

Applications for the FY 2013 CTG program FOA can be found at www.grants.gov. Applications must be completed and submitted through FEMA's Non-Disaster (ND) grants system located at <http://portal.fema.gov> by Aug. 16, 2013.

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For any questions, please contact FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or at FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

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Wireless Emergency Alerts- Video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PySsJG_7z3U&list=UU9hQvMjzSxurMirYDgOMezw

Boston Marathon Bombings: Medical Response Activities at the Incident Site

https://www.hsdl.org/?abstract&did=740204&goback=%2Egsm_3833131_1_*2_*2_*2_In_a_PENDING_*2

Lessons Learned from the Boston Marathon Bombings: Preparing For and Responding to the Attack, Hearing Before the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, United States Senate, One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, First Session, July 10, 2013

https://www.hsdl.org/?abstract&did=740471&goback=%2Egsm_3833131_1_*2_*2_*2_In_a_PENDING_*2

Living with Fire: The USGS Southern California Wildfire Risk Project- Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-SNF0xM5g>

Syria Regional Analysis - 31 July 2013

<http://reliefweb.int/report/syrian-arab-republic/syria-regional-analysis-31-july-2013>

2013 International Hazard Mitigation Practitioners Symposium presentations

<http://nhma.info/practioners-workshops/2013-workshop/2013-presentation-recordings/>

CDC Guidelines for Evacuation Center Play Areas

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/pdf/evacplayareas.pdf>

Homeland Security Digital Library Newsletter

<https://www.hsdl.org/?newsletter&id=88>

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Several new pages have been added as "Likes" on the EM Weekly Report's Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Emergency-Managers-Weekly-Report/110533579036082>). They include:

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- Archer County Emergency Management (Texas)
- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport DPS Fire Department (Texas)
- NCCC FEMA Corps Blue 1
- Center for Disaster Risk Policy (CDRP)