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"Fortune favors the Prepared!"

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

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- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities
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- Emergency Information Infrastructure Project
- U.S. Access Board
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- 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
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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:

US adds cancer to list of illnesses linked to 9/11 terror attacks

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/09/10/13783417-us-adds-cancer-to-list-of-illnesses-linked-to-911-terror-attacks?lite>

Father's note changes family's 9/11 account

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Father-s-note-changes-family-s-9-11-account-3850490.php#src=fb>

As time passes, how should the nation mark Sept. 11?

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-09-06/september-11-commemorations/57739020/1>

FDNY Details Post-9/11 Hazmat and Terror Initiatives

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/10461078/fdny-details-post-9-11-hazmat-and-terror-initiatives>

Teaching my child about the 9/11 attacks

http://www.cnn.com/2012/09/11/living/talk-to-child-about-9-11/index.html?hpt=hp_c2

Documents Disclose 9/11 Warnings

<http://news.yahoo.com/report-documents-disclose-9-11-warnings-081156564--politics.html>

How to Cover the 11th Anniversary of 9/11?

<http://publiceditor.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/09/11/how-to-cover-the-11th-anniversary-of-911/>

NBC defends not broadcasting 9/11 tribute

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-19568377>

Woeful Success Rate in Citizen Preparedness Suggests New Approaches is Necessary

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Woeful-Success-Rate-Citizen-Preparedness.html>

In La., Miss., 'heartbreaking' path to recovery from Isaac

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/storms/story/2012-09-06/flood-louisiana-mississippi-isaac-remnants/57648388/1>

New Orleans Levees Hold, and Outsiders Want In (Louisiana)

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/07/us/new-orleans-levees-hold-and-outsiders-want-in.html?_r=2&hpw

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Government Zombie Promos Are Spreading

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/health/2012/09/07/government-zombie-promos-are-spreading/>

Near-disaster in La. raises questions about evacuations

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-09-09/hurricane-isaac-louisiana-evacuation/57702792/1>

New Orleans Mayor on the Lessons Learned from Hurricanes Isaac, Katrina (Louisiana)

<http://business.time.com/2012/09/07/new-orleans-mayor-on-the-lessons-learned-from-hurricanes-isaac-katrina/>

Disaster Management: Not Just a Government Matter

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Disaster-Management-Not-Just-a-Government-Matter.html>

FEMA Corps ready to engage!

<http://www.fema.gov/current-employee-announcements-0/fema-corps-ready-engage>

New federal law clears way for US military reserve to respond to hurricanes, major disasters

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/new-federal-law-clears-way-for-us-military-reserve-to-respond-to-hurricanes-major-disasters/2012/08/30/08a49e1c-f2ef-11e1-b74c-84ed55e0300b_story.html

Emergency Food Supply and Storage for the State of Alaska

<http://ready.alaska.gov/documents/Press%20Release%20-%20Emergency%20Food%20Supply%20and%20Storage%20for%20the%20State%20of%20Alaska%2082912.pdf>

Inspector General Calls on FEMA to Consider Revoking \$45.5 Million Paid to Louisiana (Page 19)

FEMA Plans to Keep up Lobbying on Tribal Disaster Declarations (Page 21)

NPPD Lacks Strategy to Guide International Cybersecurity Efforts

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/nppd-lacks-strategy-to-guide-international-cybersecurity-efforts/2670734b55f686667d68ec3266aca05f.html>

Native Family Allegedly Attacked by White Supremacists in Shasta Lake

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/09/07/native-family-allegedly-attacked-by-white-supremacists-in-shasta-lake-133113>

Cyber-attacks grow increasingly 'reckless,' says top official

<http://www.nbcnews.com/technology/technolog/cyber-attacks-grow-increasingly-reckless-says-top-official-985366#/technology/technolog/cyber-attacks-grow-increasingly-reckless-says-top-official-985366>

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Mexico arrests suspect in Fast and Furious killing of Brian Terry

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/09/08/mexico-arrests-suspect-in-fast-and-furious-killing-brian-terry/>

Cybersecurity: The Most Active, Dynamic and Threatening Area of Risk

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Cybersecurity-The-Most-Active-Dynamic-and-Threatening-Area-of-Risk.html>

'Dirty bomb' threat at hospitals remains, GAO report says

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/dirty-bomb-threat-at-hospitals-remains-gao-report-says/2012/09/10/976214f6-fb53-11e1-b2af-1f7d12fe907a_story.html?hpid=z2

US military says 9th prisoner has died at Guantanamo; medical examiner studying cause

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/us-says-a-prisoner-has-died-at-guantanamo-and-investigation-pending-into-cause/2012/09/10/cfe928c0-fb65-11e1-98c6-ec0a0a93f8eb_story.html?hpid=z4

Officer arriving to Sikh temple shooting: 'Time to use deadly force' (Wisconsin)

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/09/10/13785426-officer-arriving-to-sikh-temple-shooting-time-to-use-deadly-force?lite>

Breach of security at 'Fort Knox' of uranium sets off alarms

<http://news.yahoo.com/fort-knox-break-u-nuclear-stockpile-security-focus-050116431--finance.html>

Five More Suspects Indicted in FEAR Militia Terror Plot

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2012/09/11/five-more-suspects-indicted-in-fear-militia-terror-plot/>

Terry Jones: Florida pastor endorses anti-Muslim film that sparked protests (Florida)

http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2012-09-12/news/os-terry-jones-movie-embassy-bombing-20120912_1_florida-pastor-islam-protests

More than a name on a wall

[http://www.washingtonguardian.com/more-name-wall?fb_action_ids=10151238980448420&fb_action_types=og.likes&fb_source=timeline_og&action_object_map=%7B%2210151238980448420%22%3A10151062270059805%7D&action_type_map=%7B%2210151238980448420%22%3A%22og.likes%22%7D&action_ref_map=\[\]](http://www.washingtonguardian.com/more-name-wall?fb_action_ids=10151238980448420&fb_action_types=og.likes&fb_source=timeline_og&action_object_map=%7B%2210151238980448420%22%3A10151062270059805%7D&action_type_map=%7B%2210151238980448420%22%3A%22og.likes%22%7D&action_ref_map=[])

University's Emergency Management website to relaunch (Virginia)

<http://thecollegianur.com/2012/09/06/universitys-emergency-management-website-to-relaunch/27995/>

Biology professor in Alabama university shooting rampage pleads guilty

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/09/11/13808304-biology-professor-in-alabama-university-shooting-rampage-pleads-guilty?lite>

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FDNY Joins Deaf and Hearing Impaired Community Leaders to Discuss Fire Safety Education (New York)

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/html/events/2012/072612a.shtml>

Colorado Child Care Study

<http://www.fema.gov/current-employee-articles/colorado-child-care-study>

Bringing Displaced Persons with Disabilities out from the Shadows

<http://reliefweb.int/report/world/bringing-displaced-persons-disabilities-out-shadows>

Global Hawk mission begins with flight to Hurricane Leslie

<http://phys.org/news/2012-09-global-hawk-mission-flight-hurricane.html>

What's Going on With Yosemite and Hantavirus?

<http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/health/med-tech/whats-going-on-with-yosemite-and-hantavirus-12479810>

NOAA makes \$250,000 in grants available to states impacted by tsunami debris

http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2012/20120716_marinedebris.html

Hundreds flee as Western wildfire season roars on

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/wildfires/story/2012-09-11/western-wildfires/57750628/1>

Storm Isaac tars Louisiana beaches with oil from BP spill

<http://news.yahoo.com/storm-isaac-tars-louisiana-beaches-oil-bp-spill-212807301--finance.html>

Storms flood parts of Vegas, Navajo land, Calif. desert communities, Utah town

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/09/12/13827625-storms-flood-parts-of-vegas-navajo-land-calif-desert-communities-utah-town?lite>

Record outbreak of West Nile virus waning

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012/09/12/west-nile-virus/57762480/1>

'Wind Tsunami' Tests Public Information Call Centers

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Wind-Tsunami-Tests-Call-Centers.html>

Police chiefs urge limits on use of drones

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-09-06/cop-drones/57639048/1#.UEjwku5inaM.facebook>

Diversity spreads to all corners of the U.S.

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-09-07/diversity-spreads-rural-demographics/57648510/1>

Cyborg cockroaches may be emergency responders

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<http://news.yahoo.com/cyborg-cockroaches-may-future-emergency-responders-202431344.html>

Finding New Infrastructure Solutions

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/finding-new-infrastructure-solutions/f977714e75ea5bed831fa76e414ed79d.html>

Bus ambulance to help in major events (Texas)

<http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/local/austin/kxan-bus-ambulance-to-help-in-major-events-ig>

GFD chief to be deployed too (Guam)

<http://mvquam.com/local/news/25806-gfd-chief-to-be-deployed-too.html>

Photos of dead police officer posted outside Tennessee farm

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/sideshow/photos-dead-police-officer-posted-outside-tennessee-farm-220517988.html>

Can firefighting mules balance California's budget?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-19402385>

Fire Chief Pushes for Super-Powered Hose (Florida)

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Fire-Chief-Super-Powered-Hose.html>

US Ambassador Chris Stevens was 'courageous and exemplary,' Obama says

<http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/09/12/13826542-us-ambassador-chris-stevens-was-courageous-and-exemplary-obama-says?lite>

US won't rule out Islamist militant link to attack, sends forces to Libya

<http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/09/12/13824089-us-wont-rule-out-islamist-militant-link-to-attack-sends-forces-to-libya?lite>

4 hours of fire and chaos: How the Benghazi attack unfolded

http://www.cnn.com/2012/09/12/world/africa/libya-consulate-attack-scene/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

US officials say 2 warships moving toward Libya

<http://news.yahoo.com/us-officials-2-warships-moving-toward-libya-231547807.html>

The Arab Spring is dead -- and Syria is writing its obituary

<http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/09/07/13686562-the-arab-spring-is-dead-and-syria-is-writing-its-obituary?lite>

Worries intensify over Syrian chemical weapons

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/worries-intensify-over-syrian-chemical-weapons/2012/09/06/13889aac-f841-11e1-8253-3f495ae70650_story.html?hpid=z4

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U.N.: Syrian refugees top 250,000

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/story/2012/09/11/un-syrian-refugees-top-250000/57741534/1>

U.N.: Time to stop waiting for Syria to end war

http://www.cnn.com/2012/09/10/world/meast/syria-civil-war/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

War crimes by both sides increasing in Syria-EU

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/war-crimes-by-both-sides-increasing-in-syria-eu/>

Israeli leader confronts White House over Iranian nuclear program

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/ap-exclusive-diplomats-say-un-agency-has-new-intelligence-iran-worked-on-nuclear-arms/2012/09/11/9c8565d0-fbf5-11e1-98c6-ec0a0a93f8eb_story.html?hpid=z3

Ambulance service "inadequate" (Nepal)

<http://reliefweb.int/report/nepal/ambulance-service-inadequate>

China: 'Authorities working on early warning system'

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=28300&a=email>

South Africa army put on 'high alert' for Malema rally

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-19568940>

Typhoon-stricken North Korea rebuffs aid offer from South

http://www.cnn.com/2012/09/12/world/asia/north-korea-flood-aid/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

After Isaac: Haitians holding on in the worst of times

http://rescue.org/blog/after-isaac-haitians-holding-worst-times-photos/?ms=fb_zzzz_zzz_zzzz_us_12zzzz

Humanitarian Issues: How effective is the humanitarian aid system?

<http://www.unocha.org/top-stories/all-stories/humanitarian-issues-how-effective-humanitarian-aid-system>

UN agencies urge speed in fight against W. Africa cholera

http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/un-agencies-urge-speed-in-fight-against-wafrica-cholera#.UEjon_VMSiE.facebook

Pressure in Mount Fuji is now higher than last eruption, warn experts (Japan)

<http://www.wired.co.uk/news/archive/2012-09/06/mount-fuji>

Concordia Capt.: 'Madonna, What Have I Done?'

<http://news.discovery.com/human/madonna-what-have-i-done-concordia-120907.html>

Thousands of China quake survivors await tents, supplies amid forecast of rain

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/thousands-of-china-quake-survivors-await-tents-supplies-amid-forecast-of-rain/2012/09/09/b7c5b09e-faeb-11e1-a65a-d6e62f9f2a5a_story.html?hpid=z3

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The driest season: Global drought causes major worries

http://www.cnn.com/2012/09/07/world/drought-around-world/index.html?hpt=hp_c3

Nicaragua volcano belches ash cloud, residents evacuated

<http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/09/08/13750924-nicaragua-volcano-belches-ash-cloud-residents-evacuated?lite>

POWER BACK IN CUBA AFTER MASSIVE BLACKOUT

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/C/CB_CUBA_HAVANA_BLACKOUT?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2012-09-09-20-52-41

At least 289 killed as fire in Pakistani garment factory rages

http://www.cnn.com/2012/09/12/world/asia/pakistan-factory-fire/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Canada's suspension of ties "hostile" decision: Iranian lawmaker

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-09/08/c_131836803.htm

Hong Kong backs down over Chinese patriotism classes

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-19529867>

Geography Strikes Back

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10000872396390443819404577635332556005436.html?mod=pls_whats_now_f&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulseneews

Away from the U.S. Conventions, a New World Order Takes Shape

http://world.time.com/2012/09/07/away-from-the-u-s-conventions-a-new-world-order-takes-shape/?iid=gs-main-lede%3Fxid%3Drss-topstories&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+time%2Ftopstories+%28TIME%3A+Top+Stories%29&utm_content=FeedBurner+user+view&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulseneews

Obama: Egypt not an ally of US, but not an enemy

<http://firstread.nbcnews.com/news/2012/09/12/13836414-obama-egypt-not-an-ally-of-us-but-not-an-enemy?lite>

Study: Hurricanes whip up faster in warming world

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-205_162-57508195/study-hurricanes-whip-up-faster-in-warming-world/?tag=cbsnewsMainColumnArea

Those with conspiracy beliefs apt to deny global warming, too

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/48947384/ns/technology_and_science-science/

Climate change challenges power plant operations

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/climate-change-challenges-power-plant-operations/2012/09/09/42b26b8e-f6a5-11e1-8b93-c4f4ab1c8d13_story.html?hpid=z3

Floating turbine buoys offshore wind potential

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Enough wind to power global energy demand, new research says
<http://phys.org/news/2012-09-power-global-energy-demand.html>

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 66/253 B on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic - Report of the Secretary-General (A/66/889)
<http://reliefweb.int/report/syrian-arab-republic/implementation-general-assembly-resolution-66253-b-situation-syrian-arab>

A National Report Card on Protecting Children during Disasters, 2012
<http://www.savethechildren.org/atf/cf/%7B9def2ebe-10ae-432c-9bd0-df91d2eba74a%7D/STC%20DISASTER%20REPORT12%20FINAL.PDF>

2011 FEMA Central States Disaster and Earthquake Preparedness Survey Report
<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do;jsessionid=A5AF46513AB2D4B281C577F3BD3E973E.Worker2Library?action=back&id=6403>

IS-450 - Emergency Preparedness for Federal Employees (Outside of the NCR)
<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/IS450.asp>

IS-450.NC - Emergency Preparedness for Federal Employees in the National Capital Region
<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/IS450NC.asp>

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

The SF Heroes Promotional Video (California)
<http://em4sf.wordpress.com/2012/09/10/the-sf-heroes-short-film/>

Haiti: Humanitarian Dashboard (as of 04 September 2012) (EN/FR)
<http://reliefweb.int/map/haiti/haiti-humanitarian-dashboard-04-september-2012-enfr>

CDC, Health Alert Network (HAN) Website
<http://emergency.cdc.gov/HAN/>

September 11th Tribute Page
<http://www.jmg-enterprises.com/911/>

U.S. Forest Service, 2012 Wildfire Guidance Memo
<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/407523-2012-wildfire-guidance-memo-may-25.html>

2012 FDNY Tribute Video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wfUAIB35Nw>

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<http://www.popsoci.com/technology/article/2012-09/amazing-video-decade-america-fire-seen-space>

That's So New York: Emergency Operations- Video

<http://a002-vod.nyc.gov/html/recent.php?id=1764>

White House Blog, Marking the Eleventh Anniversary of 9/11

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Using Medical Reserve Corps for PAS in shelters
http://www.pascenter.org/documents/Reserve_Corps_Promising_Practice.pdf

DOJ Findings Letter to Florida (September 2012)

The United States issued a Findings Letter in September 2012 concluding that Florida is violating the ADA's integration mandate in its provision of services and supports to children with medically complex and medically fragile conditions. After a comprehensive investigation, the Department found that the State of Florida plans, structures, and administers a system of care that has led to the unnecessary institutionalization of children in nursing facilities and places children currently residing in the community at risk of unnecessary institutionalization. Florida has implemented policies and procedures that limit access to medically necessary services and supports that would enable children to transition home to community based settings. The Department recommended that the State implement certain remedial measures, including the development of sufficient supports to enable children with disabilities unnecessarily segregated, or at risk of unnecessary segregation, in nursing facilities to receive services and supports in integrated settings in the community.

http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/documents/florida_findings_letter.pdf

Hazards, Emergency Response and Online Informal Communications Project

Project HEROIC is a collaborative, NSF funded effort by researchers at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and the University of California-Irvine to better understand the dynamics of informal online communication in response to extreme events. Through a combination of data collection and modeling of conversation dynamics, the project team aims to understand the relationship between hazard events, informal communication and emergency response.

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

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New Page "Likes" have been added to the Emergency Manager's Weekly Report's Facebook Page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Emergency-Managers-Weekly-Report/110533579036082#>). A complete list is on Page 49.

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New special on man who said he survived 9/11 attacks on Twin Towers by 'surfing' debris for 22 floors

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World Trade Center complex rises in fits and starts

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As time passes, how should the nation mark Sept. 11?

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FDNY Details Post-9/11 Hazmat and Terror Initiatives

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After 9/11, how we honored our son's memory

http://www.cnn.com/2012/09/10/opinion/alderman-september-11/index.html?hpt=hp_c1

Obama: US Safer, Resilient Decade after 9/11; Fewer 9/11 Families on Hand for 11th Anniversary; Romney Says US 'United' in Effort to Halt Terrorism

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How to Cover the 11th Anniversary of 9/11?

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Inspector General Calls on FEMA to Consider Revoking \$45.5 Million Paid to Louisiana

By Rob Margetta, CQ Staff

The Federal Emergency Management Agency made \$45.5 million in improper payments to Louisiana communities for the administration of disaster relief related to the 2005 hurricanes Katrina and Rita, using rules that were only meant to apply for disasters that occurred after 2007, according to a recent report.

The Homeland Security inspector general recommended that FEMA invalidate the \$45.5 million in payments, saying in a [report](#) that the funds were ineligible and duplicative. When Katrina and Rita struck, FEMA used a “sliding scale allowance” to cover all costs associated with managing and administering public assistance grants for recovery. That allowance set caps on administrative money based on the size of the grant with which it was associate. Afterward, the agency created a rule allowing for the direct payment of

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administrative costs — for disasters after November 2007. But, the report says, FEMA used that latter standard when doling out the \$45.5 million for disasters before that point.

In a letter to the inspector general, the agency claimed the payments were done properly.

Using that standard retroactively was fraught with problems, the report said, using the case of Cameron Parish, La., as an example. Under the sliding scale, the parish would have received about \$325,446 in administrative money — less than 1 percent of the nearly \$59 million it received in disaster assistance. Under the retroactively applied direct assistance, it instead received \$4.6 million, roughly 14 times more.

The report also found “significant problems” with Cameron Parish’s administrative costs, saying it broke the rules that applied both before and after 2007.

“Cameron’s claimed costs included unreasonable [administrative funding] for some projects relative to other project costs, unreasonable amounts of time charged to certain tasks, and unreasonable rates paid to high-level personnel for low-level tasks,” the report said.

In total, administrative costs were 7.8 percent of the total assistance grants Cameron received, a number the inspector general called high. Some administrative costs were more than 1,000 times higher than other project costs. The inspector general found that Cameron claimed \$103,860 in costs for maintaining files that were improperly billed to FEMA as project management.

The parish contracted with a consultant for the administrative work, who billed for projects completed before the hiring took place, with officials from Cameron saying they ordered those cases re-reviewed. The consultant also filed vague time sheets, which lacked references to specific projects, the report said. It added that work also seemed to be given to over-qualified, high-price workers. “Program funding request documentation” that could have been performed by a clerk was instead given to an associate engineer, who billed for 44 hours at a rate of \$128.52 an hour.

The report caught the attention of Susan Collins of Maine, ranking Republican on the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee

“These kinds of red flags must never be ignored,” she said of the alleged problems in Cameron Parish. “I am also troubled by the inspector general’s finding that FEMA has not provided appropriate guidance to its own employees or grant recipients on how to determine reasonable administrative costs. FEMA must be a better steward of taxpayers’ money.”

Collins said she expects the agency to work with the inspector general and recoup any improper payments.

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FEMA Plans to Keep up Lobbying on Tribal Disaster Declarations

By Jennifer Scholtes, CQ Staff

The Federal Emergency Management Agency says it will continue to press Congress to allow tribal governments to file their own requests for federal disaster assistance.

"I re-emphasized my support for amending the Stafford Act to allow federally recognized tribal governments to make a request directly to the president for a federal emergency or major disaster declaration," FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate said in a recent blog post. "I specifically recommend to Congress that they take swift action to pass this legislation."

Tribal leaders and some lawmakers have said for years that Congress needs to change disaster declaration rules in order to give Native American tribes the ability to request federal aid, instead of falling under requests made by state governments.

FEMA initially asked Congress for time to find a non-legislative fix. But the Obama administration announced in December that it found that there is no way to legally increase those tribal powers, and that it would instead push Congress this session to amend the disaster relief and assistance parameters enacted under the Stafford Act (PL 93-288).

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee included language to make such a change in a FEMA reauthorization bill (HR 2903) the panel approved in March. Committee Chairman John L. Mica, R-Fla., supports the Stafford Act revision, as does Jeff Denham, R-Calif., chairman of the subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. The full committee's top Democrat, Nick J. Rahall II of West Virginia, has filed a stand-alone authorization measure (HR 1953) with similar tribal provisions.

The FEMA bill hasn't moved since the committee approved it, though, and the tribal issue has yet to make to the floor of either chamber. Therefore, Fugate says, he plans to keep up his lobbying effort for the tribal provisions "both on and off Capitol Hill."

"We will continue with the purpose of educating decision-makers on the importance passing this bill has to tribal communities, leaders and government-to-government relationship and the emergency management team," he said.

The FEMA head has said the problem for tribal governments has to do with geography. Some tribal lands span multiple states, and when a disaster strikes, they have to ask those state governments for a share of federal disaster money. However, sometimes one state will receive disaster assistance while another won't.

Any state seeking federal money has to meet a minimum per-capita damage threshold that divides the cost of damage done by the state's total population. Tribal lands could be hit by severe disasters and still not be able to meet that statewide threshold.

Still, tribes can see some benefits when they're included under state declarations, including cost-sharing opportunities. So Fugate has said the administration wants

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Congress to enact legislation that would allow tribal governments to choose in each instance whether to go with a state request or file their own.

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DHS: Cutting CFATS Funding Would Only hurt it more

By Jennifer Scholtes, CQ Staff

While appropriators are looking to siphon funding from a Homeland Security program for regulating chemical facilities, a department official said this week that such a cut would surely make things worse for the already-struggling initiative.

The spending bill ([HR 5855](#)) the House passed this summer would provide the department with \$226 million for infrastructure protection, nearly \$70 million below the fiscal 2012 total. One of the main reasons for the proposed decrease: delays in implementation of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program, appropriators said.

But that funding level would hurt DHS' ability to make good on its promise to clean up the CFATS program, David Wulf, director of the DHS Infrastructure Security Compliance Division, said during a hearing of the House Energy and Commerce Environment and the Economy Subcommittee.

"We've turned an important corner," Wulf said "A cut would force some very, very difficult choices. . . . It would essentially cut the legs out from under us."

The program, which Congress created in 2006 ([PL 109-295](#)) to set security standards for chemical facilities, was little-known before an internal DHS memo was leaked in December. The document outlined ineffective hiring, inadequate performance and a lack of professionalism among CFATS employees, according to lawmakers who have read the memo.

Until recently, the program had not approved any of the thousands of site security plans chemical facilities have submitted. And a flaw discovered last year in the way the

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program classifies facilities has resulted in hundreds of facilities being placed in the wrong categories and given excessive security requirements.

"If you can't do the small things, how can the country, the taxpayers the public interest groups expect us to do the big things?" subcommittee chairman John Shimkus, R-Ill., said during the hearing on Tuesday.

Some lawmakers have suggested the problems with management of the chemical facility program show that the department is unprepared to regulate other critical infrastructure sectors, as proposed under some of the cybersecurity bills put forth this year.

"When I speak to dysfunction in Washington, y'all are case point No. 1 — not to be mean," Louisiana Republican Bill Cassidy said.

It hurts the department's credibility, Cassidy said, that no CFATS employees have been laid off or fired since the internal memo was leaked, despite the fact that the document explained that many of the program's workers were not hired with the skill sets needed to do their jobs.

"If I'm a taxpayer and I see something that smacks of cronyism, per your report, my question is 'Am I getting more bang for my buck?'" Cassidy said. "Frankly, the public trust is not being met by your actions."

The department has moved some employees unsuited for their positions into other roles and has provided additional training for others, Wulf said.

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Additional Information

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Planning Transportation for Pandemic Flu

This blog is to support the development of a Guide for Public Transportation Pandemic Planning and Response. This project is being conducted by the National Transportation Research Board and is supported by a team led by Abt Associates, a consulting firm based out of Cambridge Massachusetts with offices in Bethesda, Maryland.
<http://pandemictransportation.wordpress.com/about/>

FEMA Implements New Training Registration System

The new FEMA Training Registration System went on-line yesterday afternoon. This system, which replaced the former Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) training registration system, will be used by anyone applying for FEMA training to obtain their FEMA Student identification (FEMA SID) number. The system replaces the former CDP training registration system. Anyone already registered through CDP will not need to register again. Download the details at:
<http://www.iaem.com/publications/news/documents/APPLICANTSFORFY2013NFAOREMICOURSESv6.pdf>

DOJ Findings Letter to Florida (September 2012)

The United States issued a Findings Letter in September 2012 concluding that Florida is violating the ADA's integration mandate in its provision of services and supports to

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children with medically complex and medically fragile conditions. After a comprehensive investigation, the Department found that the State of Florida plans, structures, and administers a system of care that has led to the unnecessary institutionalization of children in nursing facilities and places children currently residing in the community at risk of unnecessary institutionalization. Florida has implemented policies and procedures that limit access to medically necessary services and supports that would enable children to transition home to community based settings. The Department recommended that the State implement certain remedial measures, including the development of sufficient supports to enable children with disabilities unnecessarily segregated, or at risk of unnecessary segregation, in nursing facilities to receive services and supports in integrated settings in the community.

http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/documents/florida_findings_letter.pdf

Hazards, Emergency Response and Online Informal Communications Project

Project HEROIC is a collaborative, NSF funded effort by researchers at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and the University of California-Irvine to better understand the dynamics of informal online communication in response to extreme events. Through a combination of data collection and modeling of conversation dynamics, the project team aims to understand the relationship between hazard events, informal communication and emergency response.

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

September 11th Anniversary Photo Galleries

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Facebook Pages

The following pages have been added as "Likes" on the Emergency Manager's Weekly Report's Facebook Page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Emergency-Managers-Weekly-Report/110533579036082#>):

- SAFER Santa Rosa
- Totally Unprepared
- Gulf County, Florida Emergency Management
- Esri
- Volusia County Emergency Management (Florida)
- Florida Forest Service
- Bradford County Emergency Management (Florida)
- Polk County Emergency Management (Florida)
- Volunteer Florida
- Ute Tribe Homeland Security
- Lee County, FL Emergency Management
- Orange County Sheriff's Office, Florida
- U. S. Gender and Disaster Resilience Alliance

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- Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (New Zealand)
- Cairns Disaster Coordination Centre (Australia)
- Earthquakes and Megacities Initiative
- PAHO Disasters
- iMMAP
- World Meteorological Organization
- Met Office (United Kingdom)
- NOAA NWS Storm Prediction Center
- Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
- EMSA OKLAHOMA
- BICEPP
- Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security