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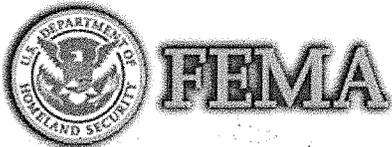
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**Region II**  
**Individual and Community Preparedness**  
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**Preparedness Tips:**

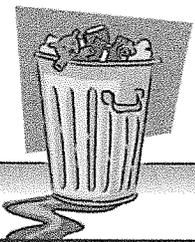
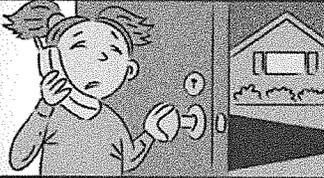
**After Hurricane Matthew**



The Flood is Over.  
What do you do now?

## Be Careful in Your Home

Follow these simple steps to be safe.

 <p>Throw away any of your things that have been in flood water.</p>	<p>Always wash your hands with soap and water after you have touched flood water or anything that has been in the flood water.</p> 	 <p>Always tell an adult if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feel dizzy, weak or sick</li> <li>• Throw up</li> <li>• Have pain in your chest</li> <li>• Feel confused</li> <li>• Have a headache</li> </ul>
 <p>Tell an adult if you smell a bad odor or hear a hissing noise in your house.</p>	 <p>If you feel funny at night and can't wake your mom or dad call 9-1-1 right away and go to a neighbor's house for help. Do not go back into your house until help arrives.</p>	

### : Make Sure Your Food and Water Are Safe to Use

After a hurricane, it's important that the water you drink and food you eat is safe. Spoiled food or dirty water can make you and your family sick.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

### : Be Safe After a Hurricane

It's important to remember that the danger isn't over when the storm ends. [Click here to get tips for how to keep your family safe after a hurricane.](#)

### : Clean up Your Home

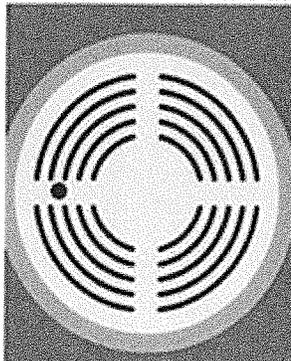
After a hurricane or flood, you may need to clean up your home and yard. [Take these steps to stay safe.](#) See the [Homeowner's and Renter's Guide to Mold Cleanup after Disasters](#) for more tips.

## FEMA Region II Fire Safety Tip #1

### Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

#### Smoke Alarm Safety Tips:

- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home including the basement.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall and at least 10 feet from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



Have working smoke alarms.

Put them on every level of your home, in every bedroom, and outside sleeping areas.



For more information: <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/>

## National Cyber Security Awareness Month:

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month, which raises awareness about cybersecurity.

### #CyberAware Tip of the Week

*One small step can make a big difference in your online security.*

**Lock down your login.** Always opt to enable stronger authentication when available, especially for accounts with sensitive information including your email or bank accounts.



The White House recently launched the “Lock Down Your Login” campaign to encourage all Americans to enable stronger authentication for their online accounts which can include a unique code sent as a text message, biometric verification, or a token. To learn more about the “Lock Down Your Login” campaign and how to enable stronger authentication, please visit [www.lockdownyourlogin.com](http://www.lockdownyourlogin.com).

Join us this October to recognize NCSAM. When all Americans own their digital life and take steps to protect themselves online, the Internet becomes safer and more secure for all. To learn more and find out how to get involved, visit [www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month](http://www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month).

### Cyber-Security Tips:

- Manage a strong set of passwords—keep them private and avoid duplication.
- Enable strong authentication for your online accounts whenever it is available. The White House recently launched “Lock Down Your Login,” a campaign promoting stronger authentication for all. Learn more at <https://www.lockdownyourlogin.com/>.
- Do not open links or attachments in suspicious or unknown sender emails.
- Keep your operating system, browser, and software optimized by installing security updates.
- Limit the amount of personal information you post online and use privacy settings to avoid sharing information widely.
- Maintain an open dialogue with your family, friends, and community about Internet safety.

### Resources:

- To find out more about National Cyber Security Awareness Month and how to get involved, please visit [www.dhs.gov/cyberaware](http://www.dhs.gov/cyberaware).
- Visit DHS Connect at <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/nppd/csc/ncsam>.
- **Stop.Think.Connect Toolkit** Find the toolkit at [www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect-toolkit](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect-toolkit)
- **Cyber Security for Businesses:**
  - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Private Sector Office invites stakeholders to [get involved in NCSAM today!](#) Follow the conversation on social media with #CyberAware.
  - Need to report a cyber incident? The [Cyber Incident Reporting fact sheet](#) provides information on when to report to the Federal Government, what to report, how to report, and the types of federal incident response is available to private sector entities.
  - DHS’s free Automated Indicator Sharing (AIS) capability enables the exchange of cyber threat indicators between the Federal Government and the private sector at machine speed. The Federal Government is sharing indicators through AIS and is in need of more private sector participants to join. Please review the [fact sheet](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information.
  - The Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community or C<sup>3</sup> (pronounced “C Cubed”) Voluntary Program is available to assist the enhancement of critical infrastructure cybersecurity. More information is available here: <https://www.us-cert.gov/ccubedvp>.

## Individual Community Preparedness - Then and Now:

### Last week's events included:

- Fire Preparedness Week

### This week's events include:

- National Cyber Security Awareness Month: Week 2 (October 10 – 14): Cyber from the Break Room to the Board Room. See the Resource page to find out how you can get involved.
- Oct 14 – 19: International Association of Emergency Managers 64th Annual Conference – Savannah, GA
- October 21<sup>st</sup>: Public Comments for Federal Flood Risk Management Guide Deadline

## FEMA Bulletin:

### **FEMA Releases Second Version of Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide for Public Comment**

The second version of the *Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide* (PAPPG) has been posted to the Federal Register for public comment. The PAPPG is a comprehensive, consolidated program and policy document that outlines the Public Assistance (PA) Program into a user-friendly guide. All comments must be received through the Federal Register by **October 24, 2016**.

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### **FEMA Releases Individuals and Households Program Unified Guidance**

FEMA released the Individuals and Households Program Unified Guidance (IHPUG). The Guide clarifies FEMA's Individuals and Households Program by streamlining and simplifying information about disaster services for individuals and communities, to help state, local, and tribal officials better serve disaster survivors through a clear understanding of disaster programs. The Guide is posted to FEMA's website at [www.fema.gov/IHP-Unified-Guidance](http://www.fema.gov/IHP-Unified-Guidance) and on the Federal Register.

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### **DHS Seeks Public Feedback for Draft Interim National Cyber Incident Response Plan Update**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is soliciting public feedback for the National Cyber Incident Response Plan (NCIRP). Recognizing that cybersecurity is a shared responsibility and effective cyber incident response must involve all levels of government as well as the private sector, Presidential Policy Directive (PPD)- 41: *U.S. Cyber Incident Coordination* directs DHS to develop an NCIRP.

The draft plan is available for review and feedback at <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncirp>. Webinars are also available. Please use the submission form to provide any comments and recommendations and email them to [FEMA-NCIRP-engagement@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-NCIRP-engagement@fema.dhs.gov) by **5 p.m. EDT October 31, 2016**. More information is available on the DHS blog.

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### **Emergency Management Institute Congratulates East Hartford, Connecticut, for Completing Integrated Emergency Management Course**

FEMA congratulates East Hartford, Connecticut, for completing their Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC). The four-and-a-half day training course was designed specifically for their jurisdiction, providing both lecture and exercise-based training focused on response operations for a major flooding event.

IEMC classes are mainly delivered at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland; however, local delivery may occur in the community. Questions should be directed to [FEMA-EMI-IEMB@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-EMI-IEMB@fema.dhs.gov). If your jurisdiction is interested in applying for the program and obtaining information on the application process and its timeline, please visit <http://training.fema.gov/iemc/>.



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## Reminder of Upcoming Deadlines

### EMI Offers Advanced Public Information Officer Training

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute is offering the Advanced Public Information Officer (PIO) course on November 28 – December 2, 2016. The course, held at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland, provides participants with the skills to establish, manage, and work in a joint information center (JIC).

The application deadline is **October 14, 2016**. If interested, contact Phil Politano, Training Specialist - Course Manager, at [Philip.Politano.fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Philip.Politano.fema.dhs.gov) or (301) 447-1343. For information on prerequisites and course schedules, go to <http://training.fema.gov/programs/pio/>.

### Seeking Public Comments for Federal Flood Risk Management Guide

Published in the Federal Register, FEMA continues to encourage comments to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and supplementary Policy 078-3, "Guidance for Implementing the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS)." When FEMA federally funded projects involve more than one federal agency, FEMA would use the Unified Federal Review (UFR) to coordinate application of the FFRMS to those projects.

Comments may be submitted through **October 21**, using one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Search for the notice in Docket ID FEMA-2015-0006. When submitting comments, indicate the section and reasoning for each comment.
- Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 8NE-1604, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472-3100.
- Viewing comments and documents: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- Background documents and submitted comments may also be inspected at the Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., 8NE, Washington, DC 20472-3100.

All submissions will be posted to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and will include any personal information provided. Individuals who submit comments should read the Privacy Act.

### Tribal Consultation to Update the FEMA Tribal Policy

FEMA is updating its Tribal Policy that guides how the agency implements a framework for nation-to-nation relations with federally recognized tribal governments, recognizing tribal sovereignty, self-governance, and our trust responsibility consistent with applicable authorities. This updated policy will supersede the current FEMA Tribal Policy, issued in 2013, which expires on December 30.

Tribal officials can submit comments on the FEMA Tribal Policy until October 28 through:

- E-mail to [tribalconsultation@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:tribalconsultation@fema.dhs.gov)
- Mail to ATTN: Margeau Valteau, Office of External Affairs (OEA), DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472-3605.

## Draft Disaster Resilience Indicators Concept Deadline Extended

The deadline has been extended until **December 15, 2016**, to submit inputs and feedback to the Mitigation Federal Leadership Group (MitFLG) Disaster Resilience Indicators Subcommittee’s “Draft Interagency Concept for Community Resilience Indicators and National-Level Progress Measures.” Stakeholders can submit comments and feedback to FEMA-CommunityResilience@fema.dhs.gov. The document is the result of a year-long effort to identify potential indicators of community resilience capacity building that align with the Mitigation and Recovery Core Capabilities under the National Preparedness Goal. Learn more details about this initiative through FEMA and NOAA partnership [here](#).

## Important Dates & Deadlines



Public Comments for Federal Flood Risk Management Guide Deadline



Second Version of Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide Public Comment Deadline



Tribal Consultation to Tribal Policy Deadline



Interim National Cyber Incident Response Plan Update National Engagement Period Deadline



Draft Interagency Concept for Community Resilience Indicators and National-Level Progress Measures Deadline

## Online Trainings/Certificate Programs

### Fire Prevention Resources for Faith-based and Community-Based Organizations

How to Join the Webinar:

- Please [click here to register for the event](#) using the Adobe Connect registration web link.
  - Registering for the webinar ensures you can receive a recording once its available. <https://icpd.adobeconnect.com/fireprep1/event/registration.html>

In this email, you will find a summary and the unedited transcript from our regional webinar. I have also included the registration information for the New England Higher Education Emergency Managers Symposium that will be held December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Last but not least, because October is Cybersecurity Awareness month, attached you will find a Cyber Bulletin from FEMA's Cyber Security Division that has some very useful information about social media threats and phishing attacks.

The next **webinar is scheduled for: December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**. The topic for this webinar will be announced within the upcoming weeks. Please find all of the aforementioned information attached and/or below:

#### **Recap/Summary**

- Higher Education Webinar Presentations (attached)
- Unedited Transcript | 9-21 Campus Preparedness Webinar (attached)
- Edited Recording: <https://icpd.adobeconnect.com/p3y739gik33/> (Please note that viewers can still access/download the files from the share pods)
- The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) also held a HiEd webinar on September 28<sup>th</sup>. You can find more information here: "[Chat: The Role of research in emergency management higher education.](#)"

#### **Emergency Preparedness: A Security Management Webinar**

- Why you should Monitor your Risk Profile continuously
- How to Strengthen your Overall Risk Management Performance
- Where Best to Invest in Risk Reductions to enhance Organizational Resilience

#### **Register Today**

## **Catalog: Trainings/Events**

### **FEMA EMI Training Opportunity: Course: L0388 Advanced Public Information Officers**

The Advanced Public Information Officer Course provides participants the knowledge and skills to establish, manage and work within a joint information center (JIC) through multimedia lectures and individual and group activities.

#### **Course Dates:**

February 27 – March 3, 2017

#### **Travel Dates:**

February 26 and March 4, 2017

#### **Course Length:**

This course is five (5) days in length.

- Registration: 7:45am – 8:00am
- Course time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

#### **Location:**

King County

Office of Emergency Management

3511 NE 2nd Street Renton, Washington 98056

[1286 -Training Opportunity - L0388 - Feb 27-Mar 4, 2017 Renton WA](#)

### **DHS's Cybersecurity Engagement Highlights**

- Undersecretary for National Protection and Programs Directorate [Suzanne Spaulding](#) will address the Cambridge Cyber Summit in Cambridge, MA on October 5, 2016. The summit will be hosted by the Aspen Institute, in partnership with CNBC and MIT. Please visit the summit's [website](#) for additional information.
- DHS joined the Department of Justice for the Cybersecurity Conference for Lawyers at The Wilson Center on September 28, 2016. Cybersecurity is something of a new legal frontier, and this collection of legal experts shared their advice and

expertise by providing invaluable resources for lawyers on compliance, regulations, liability, and other legal issues. Please click [here](#) for a webcast recap.

- Senior leaders from the Department, including Deputy Secretary [Alejandro Mayorkas](#), Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications [Andy Ozment](#), and others participated in the 5th Annual Cybersecurity Summit hosted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on September 27, 2016. Now in its fifth year, [the summit](#) is an opportunity for the public and private sectors to explore the latest threats, discuss the future of cyber policy, and promote best practices.

## **New England Higher Education Emergency Managers Symposium**

Thursday, December 1 & Friday, December 2, 2016  
The Babson Executive Conference Center; Wellesley, MA

The Emergency Managers of The Boston Consortium for Higher Education in conjunction with the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)UCC invite you to attend the inaugural New England Higher Education Symposium. This two-day event will bring together higher education emergency management professionals to discuss topics based on results from our recent survey. It will feature panel discussions of topics essential to new emergency managers or higher education professional tasked with emergency management among other duties. ([Registration Link](#))

## **COCA Training and Conferences**

The COCA Training and Conferences webpage has been updated to include conferences from October 2016 – March 2017. Visit the webpage to learn about conferences sponsored by CDC, other federal agencies, and COCA partners.

## **Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources**

COCA's Emergency Preparedness and Response webpage contains information on scheduled and on-demand emergency preparedness and response training resources offered by CDC, other federal agencies, and COCA partners.

## **Catalog: Online Public Health Videos & Webinars and Literature**

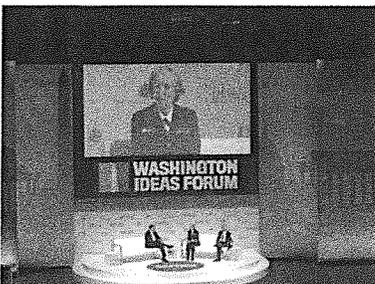
### **Zika Situation Report: 6 October 2016**

10/06/2016 05:01 PM EDT

World Health Organization. 10/06/2016

This Web page provides a summary of the latest information about the Zika virus outbreak, as of October 6, 2016. It provides a map and list of countries, territories, and areas showing the distribution of Zika virus, 2013-2016; key updates on the outbreak; and analysis.

Updated Case Count Maps for the United States: [Zika Cases Reported in the United States](#)



### **Washington Ideas Forum: Dr. Anne Schuchat provides an update on CDC's Zika response**

Dr. Anne Schuchat, CDC Principal Deputy Director, and Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, provided an update on Zika virus at the Washington Ideas Forum. [Click here](#) to see Dr. Schuchat's update on CDC's Zika response.

CDC's Response to Zika

# PREGNANT AND WORRIED ABOUT ZIKA?

Zika Prevention Kit for Pregnant Women

The products below can help protect you from Zika. Use these items to build your own Zika prevention kit.



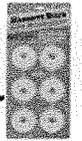
- Bed Net**
- Keep mosquitoes out of your room day and night. If your room is not well screened, use this bed net when sleeping or resting.
  - Mosquitoes can live indoors and will bite at any time, day or night.



- Insect Repellent**
- Insect repellent will help keep mosquitoes from biting you.
  - Use only an EPA-registered insect repellent.
  - Always follow the directions on the bottle.
  - Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.
  - If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.
  - When used as directed, these insect repellents are proven safe and effective even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.



- Condoms**
- During sex, it is possible to get Zika virus from a partner who has Zika. If you have sex during your pregnancy, you should use condoms the right way every time.
  - Not having sex eliminates the risk of getting Zika through sex.



- Standing Water Treatment Tabs**
- Use water treatment tabs to kill larvae in standing water around your house. Do not put them in water you drink.
  - Always follow directions on the package.
  - When used as directed, these tabs will not harm you or your pets (dogs and cats).



- Permethrin Spray**
- Spray your clothing and gear with permethrin to help protect you from mosquito bites.
  - Always follow the directions on the bottle. Reapply as directed.
  - Do not spray permethrin on your skin.

**Additional readings:**

# CRISIS COMMUNICATION CORNER

## Communication Tips: "Panic: Fact or Fiction?"

Despite what you may see in disaster movies, people rarely panic in an emergency. If panic is defined as acting completely irrationally, the overwhelming majority of people can and do act reasonably during crises. Of course, there are some stresses that affect people's actions in a disaster, but most of these can be addressed through effective crisis and emergency risk communication (CERC).

For more resources and information on CERC, please see [Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication, 2014 Edition](#) or [Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication Pandemic Influenza, 2007](#).

## National Cyber Security Awareness Month

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month, which raises awareness about cybersecurity. This annual campaign is designed to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives, provide them with tools and resources needed to stay safe online, and increase the resiliency of the Nation in the event of a cyber incident. Visit the Resource page to find more information and how you can get involved.

Each week has a theme:

- Week 2 (October 10 – 14): Cyber from the Break Room to the Board Room
- Week 3 (October 17 – 21): Recognizing and Combatting Cybercrime
- Week 4 (October 24 – 28): Our Continuously Connected Lives: What's Your 'App'-titude?
- Week 5 (October 31): Building Resilience in Critical Infrastructure



This week, from October 9-15, is Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign theme is "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years" and encourages you to test and inspect your home smoke detectors before you may need them. Smoke detectors need to be replaced every 10 years from their date of manufacture. You may only have one to two minutes to evacuate from your home when your smoke detectors activate. Make sure to develop your fire evacuation plan, discuss it with your family, and practice the plan. Use the [Home Fire Escape Plan](#) template to develop your family's version.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, visit the National Fire Prevention Association's [Fire Prevention Week](#) website and the FEMA [Home Fires](#) website.

### **Why It's Always Cyber Hunting Season (& what to do about it)**

### **Are You Prepared for National Cybersecurity Awareness Month?**

### **Building an insider threat program that works — Part 2**

### **The Carrot or the Stick? Incentivizing Safe Cyber**

### **Management lessons from the espionage of Ana Montes**

### **Hurricane Matthew Expected to Impact Atlantic States**

According to recent information from FEMA, Matthew is a major hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Scale with sustained winds near 145 miles per hour (MPH) and while some fluctuations in intensity are possible during the next couple of days, this storm is expected to remain a powerful hurricane. According to the National Hurricane Center, the current forecast models for impact to the United States vary greatly from direct landfall to remaining offshore along the East Coast.

The *How to Prepare for a Hurricane* guide from America's PrepareAthon! outlines step you can take today to protect yourself and your property before a hurricane hits.

### **Coping & helping others cope**

When disaster strikes, people often have a hard time coping with the stress of the situation. With support from community and family, most of us bounce back. However, some people may need extra help to cope with unfolding events and uncertainties. Whether you are having trouble coping with the disaster or you want to help children or loved ones cope, these resources can help you learn to more effectively manage stress and reduce anxiety.

[Learn More >>](#)

## Staying Safe after Hurricane Matthew

Take steps to keep yourself and your family safe after the hurricane has passed. Avoid floodwaters whenever you can and make sure that your children and pets stay away from them too. If you have to come into contact with flood waters, be sure to wear protective clothing. If you do use a generator, always make sure that the generator is at least 20 feet from your house. These are just some examples. Take time to learn about other common post-hurricane hazards and how to stay safe. [Learn More >>](#)



## Safe and Effective Clean-up

After a hurricane, you may need to clean-up all kinds of damage. Thoroughly cleaning your home can help protect your health and your home, but it is important to stay safe while you clean. After a hurricane, excess moisture and standing water contribute to the growth of mold in homes and other buildings. If your home has been flooded, mold grow and it could endanger your family's health, especially if you have young children, older adults, or people with certain chronic conditions living in your home. [Learn More >>](#)



## The Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill is Coming

At **10:20 a.m. on October 20, 2016**, millions of people will practice **Drop, Cover, and Hold On** during Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills held worldwide. Many people and organizations will also practice other aspects of their emergency plans.

Visit [ShakeOut.org](http://ShakeOut.org) to learn more and register your participation today! Watch this video from America's PrepareAthon! to learn more about earthquake safety.

You can also support ShakeOut on social media by participating in their Thunderclap on October 20 at 10:00 a.m. EDT. To join in, go to the ShakeOut Thunderclap and agree to post a one-time message on Facebook, Twitter, or Tumblr promoting the earthquake drill.

## Building a Campus Police Post

While serving as chief of police for the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, James C. Herring, Jr., was instrumental in planning a new police facility for the campus. The new building was designed to include spaces for critical incident response, prisoner processing, training, and telecommunications, among other things. Read about the planning and construction of the building in Herring's article "[How to Build a Better Security Space.](#)"

## Emergency Assistance

Healix International, a travel security and assistance firm, is using a new tool to help keep tabs on travelers and keep them safe. Geofeedia pulls data from social media feeds. Because so many people are posting photos and information on social media, the company can use the tool to verify reports of crises. In one case, it found a university student who had lost his smartphone by scanning posted photos from social media in the area. Learn more about this product in "[Case Study.](#)"

## Business Phishing

Can an email that appears to be from your boss get you in trouble? It can if the email is not the genuine article. Business email compromise (BEC) scams have targeted thousands of workers. A sophisticated criminal sends an email to an employee requesting a payment. The email seems to be from an authorized manager, but it turns out to be phony. October's "[Cybersecurity](#)" brings this practice to light and offers advice for countering it.

**Emergency Communications** - The U.S. Federal Communications Commission is making a major upgrade to emergency text alerts in the United States, expanding texts from a limit of 90 characters to 360 characters on 4G networks. The Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) system was first mandated in 2008 and implemented in 2012 as a way to warn large groups of people about imminent nearby danger. However, they were not as initially effective as emergency management agencies hoped because the texts were limited to the information they could send.

**Dangerous Pathogens** - U.S. government laboratories are in hot water—again—after the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report detailing poor practices with dangerous pathogens. High-containment laboratories use live pathogens in their research and operations, but the GAO raised concerns about how those pathogens are rendered inactive. "For example, there is limited federal guidance for researchers on the development and validation of inactivation protocols," the report notes.

## **Emergency Management and Response Information Sharing and Analysis Center Articles**

The [EMR-ISAC InfoGram for October 6, 2016](#) contains the following articles:

1. Distracted Driving's Legal Concerns for EMS
2. First Responder Earthquake Risk Video
3. CBRNE Emergencies Medical Management Course
4. State of 911 Webinar: Funding Challenges