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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BULLETIN

Week of June 2, 2014
Important Dates and Deadlines:

[Lightning Awareness Week](#)
(June 23-28, 2014)

[Rick Rescorla National
Award for Resilience](#)
(July 17, 2014)

FEMA Announces 2014 Youth Preparedness Council Members

FEMA is pleased to announce the members of the 2014-2015 [FEMA National Youth Preparedness Council](#), which was formed in 2012 to bring together youth leaders from across the country interested in advocating on behalf of youth preparedness and making a difference in their communities. It also provides an avenue to engage youth, taking into account their perspectives, feedback and opinions.

Young people play an important role in raising emergency preparedness awareness. Preparedness education empowers youth to keep themselves and others safe in an emergency; encourages them to share preparedness information with their families, schools and communities; and reduces anxiety about potential disasters. The Youth Preparedness Council members represent the youth perspective on emergency preparedness, and they share information with their communities.

The 12 newest members of the council were selected based on their dedication to public service, community involvement and potential to expand their impact as national advocates for youth preparedness. Each council member completes a self-selected legacy project during his or her term. Council members also participate in a Youth Preparedness Summit where they share their ideas, opinions and questions about youth disaster preparedness with the leadership of national organizations working on this critical priority. During the summit, they will determine their legacy projects and meet with FEMA community preparedness staff who will be their ongoing FEMA support contacts and mentors. Members also meet with FEMA throughout their term to provide input on strategies, initiatives and projects.

FEMA Announces Policy Updates to Flood Risk and Analysis Mapping Standards

In August 2013, a full list of standards for the Risk MAP (Mapping, Assessment, and Planning) program was issued as the FEMA policy Standards for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping. [FEMA has instituted a semi-annual maintenance process for this policy](#) to address the number of standards and to provide regular updates and procedures for mapping. Updates to the mapping standards will typically be issued twice each year.

As a part of the regular maintenance, standards now require all Federal Register Flood Hazard Determinations Notices to include a web link to an official FEMA site showing the proposed flood hazard changes; require standardization of map repository addresses; and require FEMA to leverage existing data from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers National Levee Database.

FEMA is also issuing new guidance documents for Risk MAP and updating the related technical reference documents that define specific requirements for flood risk project deliverables.

For additional information, please visit the [FEMA Guidelines and Standards for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping](#) webpage.

FEMA's Office of External Affairs provides this bulletin to highlight recent and upcoming program and policy activities and announcements.

Feedback is welcome at
fema-ea-bulletin@fema.dhs.gov.

Open Joint Field Offices

AK, AL, AR, CO, FL, GA, IN, MD, MS,
MT, NC, NM, OR, SC, TN, VT, WA, WV
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Wireless Emergency Alerts

The National Weather Service Forecast Offices send imminent threat weather alerts for severe weather warnings for tornadoes, flash floods, extreme wind, tsunami, hurricane, typhoon and dust storms. Local public safety officials may also send [Wireless Emergency Alerts](#) to mobile phones for a wide range of emergency warnings.

[Learn more.](#)

Seeking Input on Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance

In January 2013, the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act (SRIA) provided federally recognized Indian tribal governments (tribal governments) the option to request a Presidential emergency or major disaster declaration independently of a state. To implement this historic provision, FEMA initiated a second round of consultation on the working draft of the Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance with tribal governments, conducting working meetings across the country to collect comments and feedback from tribal governments.

Comments on the working draft of the [Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance](#) can be sent to tribalconsultation@fema.dhs.gov. More information about this consultation, including upcoming dates, is available at www.fema.gov/tribal. Questions can be directed to FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

Whole Community Partners Hurricane Preparedness Efforts

As part of last week's National Hurricane Preparedness Week, community partners across the country planned events to help communities, customers and employees prepare for the upcoming hurricane season, which began on June 1. A few examples of the hurricane preparedness efforts that took place include:

The Home Depot hosted free Hurricane Preparedness Workshops at 700 of its stores from the Gulf Coast to New England on Saturday, May 31. This second annual event is a single-day effort to prepare residents in storm prone regions for the upcoming hurricane season. Workshop leaders covered readiness topics such as storm prep projects, generator safety, sizing generators for specific home or business needs and assembling disaster preparedness kits.

Walmart partnered with the National Weather Service and Coastal Guardian Outreach to promote 2014 Hurricane Guides in Texas and Georgia. The guides were available in 119 stores throughout coastal Texas and Georgia May 31 and June 1. The guides were free, with English and Spanish versions available in Texas.

Leading up to the start of the 2014 Atlantic hurricane season, **Google's** Crisis Response team shared tips on how technology can be of use during a disaster on its [Google+](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

The Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience: Call for Applications

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is seeking nominations for the 2014 [Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience](#) to recognize leadership in fostering resilience over the course of 2013.

The Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience is DHS's first national resilience award for superior leadership and innovation by a private sector individual or organization who exemplifies the qualities and achievements of Rick Rescorla. Resilience is the ability to adapt to changing conditions and withstand and rapidly recover from disruption due to emergencies. In 2014, there will be two separate awards for "for-profit" and for "non-for-profit" organizations.

Candidates may be nominated for the Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience until **July 17, 2014, 11:59 p.m. EDT**. All nominations must be submitted by email to rescorlaaward@hq.dhs.gov. For further information, including the nomination form, please visit the web page at www.dhs.gov/rick-rescorla-national-award-resilience. **Questions concerning the award may be sent to bradley.garner@hq.dhs.gov.**

Rick Rescorla served as Vice President of Security for Morgan Stanley in its World Trade Center headquarters. Following the 1993 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, Rescorla regularly drilled his Morgan Stanley employees in disaster preparedness and response, especially evacuation. On 9/11, Rescorla led a massive evacuation of Morgan Stanley's 2,700-person workforce located in the South Tower. Rick Rescorla died on 9/11 as he returned to the South Tower in order to assist others.

Emergency Management Courses Available to Prepare for Hurricane Season

Emergency managers, volunteers and the general public can take free online courses to help them prepare for the hurricane season that began June 1. Some of the courses can be found on FEMA's [Emergency Management Institute training site](#) include:

[IS 244.b – Developing and Managing Volunteers](#)

This course will provide strategies for identifying, recruiting, assigning, training, supervising and motivating volunteers; and include discussion of spontaneous volunteers as well as those affiliated with community-based, faith-based, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). The goal is to strengthen abilities to prepare for and manage volunteers before, during and after a severe emergency or major disaster.

[IS 324.a – Community Hurricane Preparedness](#)

This computer-based course is to provide those involved in the decision making process for hurricanes with basic information about: how hurricanes form, hazards they pose, how the National Weather Service (NWS) forecasts future hurricane behavior and what tools and guiding principles can help emergency managers prepare their communities.

[IS 288 – The Role of Volunteer Agencies in Emergency Management](#)

This independent study course provides a basic understanding of the history, roles and services of disaster relief voluntary agencies in providing disaster assistance. It is appropriate for both the general public and those involved in emergency management operations.