

# Community Preparedness e-Brief

**\*\*\*Upcoming FEMA Think Tank Call\*\*\***

## **FEMA Think Tank: Innovative Response and Recovery Efforts during Hurricane Sandy**

Please join officials from the White House Office of Public Engagement, Office of Science and Technology Policy and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a Think Tank conference call on February 6, 2013 from the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C. The call will highlight some of the initiatives developed by innovation teams inside and outside of government in the areas of communications, analytics, design, and technology, among other potential areas for discussion.

The FEMA Think Tank is a forum to engage the whole community, connect resources and share best practices, and develop solutions to the challenges we face in emergency management.

**WHAT:** FEMA Think Tank  
**WHO:** Richard Serino, FEMA Deputy Administrator  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 6, 2013  
12:00PM – 1:30PM (Eastern)  
**WHERE:** Eisenhower Executive Office Building  
**CALL IN:** 888-324-6998  
**PASSCODE:** THINK TANK  
**CAPTIONING:** <http://fedrcc.us/Enter.aspx?EventID=2090240&CustomerID=321>

After Hurricane Sandy, FEMA developed an Innovation Team in New York: a multi-sector, cross functional group made up of people in government, non-profit and international organizations, volunteer groups, businesses, and concerned citizens. For more information about the Innovation Team's efforts, please visit <http://www.fema.gov/blog/2013-01-15/lessons-sandy-word-innovation>.

Before our next call, we encourage you to visit FEMA's online forum at [www.fema.gov/thinktank](http://www.fema.gov/thinktank) to comment and share your innovative ideas we will be discussing this month or to submit your own ideas and comment on others.

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