

FEMA: Week in Review



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Announcements

National Disaster Response Framework Engagement

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is hosting the National Disaster Response Framework Stakeholder Engagement on Dec. 1, 2011, at the University of New Orleans Lindy C. Boggs International Conference Center. The meeting will focus on how the principles of NDRF provide guidance to enable effective recovery support to disaster-impacted state, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions and provides a flexible structure that enables disaster recovery managers to operate in a unified and collaborative manner.

The National Disaster Response Framework is part of the [National Strategy for Homeland Security](#) that presents the guiding principles enabling all levels of domestic response partners to prepare for and provide a unified national response to disasters and emergencies. Building on the existing [National Incident Management System](#) (NIMS) as well as [Incident Command System](#) (ICS) standardization, the NRF's coordinating structures are always in effect for implementation at any level and at any time for local, state, and national emergency or disaster response. To attend this event, RSVP by November 28th to FEMA-LATRO@fema.dhs.gov. In your email please provide name, agency/company, address and contact information and if you will be requiring any accommodations.

The FEMA Think Tank

<http://www.fema.gov/thinktank/>

FEMA recognizes that the best solutions to the challenges we face are generated by the people and the communities who are closest to these challenges. That is why we are reaching out to state, local, and tribal governments, and to the public, to seek their input on how to improve the emergency management system. FEMA wants to hear your ideas and suggestions, to both explore best practices and generate new ideas. The FEMA Think Tank will help facilitate these conversations and encourage further discussion.

What is the FEMA Think Tank?

The FEMA Think Tank has two main components:

- ◇ **Online Forum:** [Submit your own ideas, comment on others, and participate in conversations](#) meant to generate creative solutions. The forum is open to anyone who wants to discuss a variety of emergency management issues, such as how we prepare for, respond to, recover from, or mitigate against all types of disasters.
- ◇ **Monthly Conference Call Discussions:** [Deputy Administrator Serino](#) will conduct monthly conference calls to discuss some of the real-life solutions and ideas that are generated by this online forum.

What ideas will be discussed during the monthly conference call?

Each month, Deputy Administrator Serino will select three to four ideas on improving emergency management at the federal level to discuss during the conference call. The individuals that submitted these ideas will have the opportunity to brief the Deputy Administrator during the call. The call will then be opened for questions and further discussion.

Who can participate?

Anyone can participate in the FEMA Think Tank. If you have an idea or suggestion on how to improve the emergency management system, submit that idea to the online forum or comment, comment on another's idea, and listen to the monthly calls with Deputy Administrator Serino.

How do I participate?

Visit FEMA's [online collaboration platform](#) to participate in an open dialogue and discussion.

Contacts

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Calendar

Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 29: Little Woods School Groundbreaking 10 – 10:30a.m.; New Orleans East, 10200 Curran Boulevard, New Orleans, LA

Dec. 1: National Disaster Recovery Framework Stakeholders Engagement Event. RSVP by Nov. 28th to FEMA-LATRO@fema.dhs.gov.

Jan. 17-19: [International Disaster Conference and Expo](#), New Orleans, LA

Let's Get Ready!

Helping Families Get Ready for Emergencies



Sesame Street has new videos on Preparing for Emergencies! <http://www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/toolkits/ready>

READY CLASSROOM

Emergency Preparedness Materials for Teachers, Students and Families

Resources for teachers, parents and students. <http://readyclassroom.discoveryeducation.com/#/map>

Housing Update

Katrina/Rita: 21 units

Gustav/Ike: 6 units



