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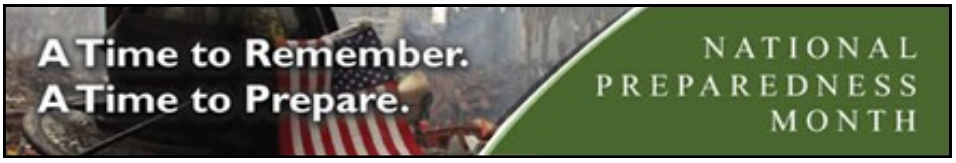
September is National Preparedness Month



The eighth annual National Preparedness Month kicks off in September, using the slogan: "A Time to Remember. A Time to Prepare." The campaign seeks to transform awareness into action by encouraging all Americans to take the necessary steps to ensure that their homes, workplaces and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of all kinds.

Craig Fugate

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Ready Campaign, in partnership with Citizen Corps and the Ad Council, launched new web tools to make it easier for individuals and organizations throughout the nation to join the 2011 NPM coalition and pledge their support to help prepare their families, businesses and communities for emergencies of all kinds.

"As we move forward with planning for this year's events and activities, we also recognize that this September marks the 10-year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks," said FEMA Administrator **Craig Fugate**. "By doing what we can to ensure that our communities, and our nation, are prepared to respond and recover from all types of disasters and hazards, we honor the memory of those who were lost that day."

Individuals and groups can register to become NPM coalition members at www.community.fema.gov. Once registered, members have access to a toolkit that includes suggestions for activities and events, templates, articles, banners and customizable materials.

Coalition members also have access to an events calendar allowing them to post and promote preparedness events, share success stories, and participate in national and regional discussion forums to engage with fellow coalition members and FEMA representatives.

See Gov. Steve Beshear's "Commonwealth of Kentucky Preparedness" proclamation on page 8.

By hosting events, promoting volunteer programs and sharing emergency preparedness information, coalition members can help make sure that their communities are prepared for emergencies. Becoming a coalition member is easy and free.

While NPM is held each September, FEMA's Ready Campaign promotes individual emergency preparedness at home, in the workplace, and throughout America's communities all year long. Ready is a national campaign, produced in partnership with The Ad Council, designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to all types of emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks.

The Ready Campaign's websites (ready.gov and listo.gov) and toll-free numbers (1-800-BE-READY and 1-888-SE-LISTO) provide free emergency-preparedness information and resources available in English and Spanish.

Additionally, through FEMA's partnership with the Ad Council, public service announcements are available to increase the American public's involvement in preparedness.

Michael Embry/KOHS

KOHS teamed with the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management at the 2011 Kentucky State Fair. The state agencies provided preparedness literature to visitors.

Study Finds Citizens Play Big Role in Foiling Terrorist Plots

More than 80 percent of foiled terrorist plots between 1999 and 2009 resulted from observations by citizens and law enforcement officials or from law-enforcement investigations, according to a report by authors at the independent nonprofit research organization, RTI International.

The report, published by the Institute for Homeland Security Solutions, resulted from an ongoing study that reviewed open-source information on 86 foiled and successful terrorist plots against U.S. targets from 1999 to 2009.

"Since 2001, the intelligence community has sought better ways to detect and prevent domestic terrorist plots," said **Kevin J. Strom**, senior research scientist and the report's lead author. "What this report reveals is the vital role played by citizens as well as state and local U.S. law enforcement agencies in uncovering such planned attacks."

Strom said tips included reports of specific plots as well as reports of suspicious activity, such as pre-operational surveillance, paramilitary training, smuggling activities, and the discovery of suspicious documents.

Among the report's other findings:

- Plots by single actors ("lone wolves") have proven particularly successful, reaching execution nearly twice as often as plots by groups.
- More than one in five plots were uncovered during investigations into seemingly unrelated crimes such as robberies, arson or parole violations. Training is needed to ensure that ordinary crimes possibly connected to terrorism are recognized and properly investigated.
- Tips from the public, informants or undercover officers helped law enforcement officials uncover 40 percent of the plots that were thwarted.
- Less than half of all the U.S. terrorism plots examined were motivated by Islamic extremists. Tactics such as racial, ethnic, religious, or ideological profiling may harm efforts to establish trust with persons in or near radical movements who could otherwise be helpful to law-enforcement officials.

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security offers several ways to report suspicious activity including tip line at 1.866.393.6659 (1.866.Eye-On-KY); Web portal at www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov/sar; iPhone app; or by calling the Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center at 502.564.2081 x4374.

Angela Blank/GOAP

Gov. Steve Beshear presented a $37,000 State Homeland Security Grant check to Estill County officials in July. The funds were used to purchase surveillance cameras for the county courthouse. Taking part in the ceremony were Magistrate Early Young, KOHS Acting Executive Director Gene Kiser, Magistrate Darrell Johnson, Gov. Beshear, Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor, and state Rep. Ted Edmonds.

Kentucky Intelligence FUSION CENTER KIFC

Contributing Agencies:

- Kentucky Office of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Kentucky State Police Intelligence
- FBI Louisville Division
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
- U.S. Secret Service
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- Kentucky State Police Headquarters Communications
- Lexington Division of Police
- Kentucky Department of Corrections
- Kentucky Army National Guard
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Kentucky Fire Commission

Pulaski County Becomes Part of eWarrants System

The 28th judicial circuit in Pulaski County became part of the electronic warrant management system, commonly known as eWarrants, in July.

"This program has revolutionized the process for issuing, tracking and serving warrants in the Commonwealth," said **Gene Kiser**, KOHS acting executive director. "We're pleased that Pulaski County is now part of the eWarrants system, which benefits the courts, law enforcement and citizens throughout the state."

The eWarrants system facilitates the sharing of information among all law enforcement concerning active warrants in jurisdictions throughout Kentucky.

It replaces the manual protocols for processing warrant information with an electronic method for warrants available via the Law Enforcement Information Network of Kentucky, which is administered by Kentucky State Police. More than 80 counties are using eWarrants.

Angela Blank/GOAP

Gov. Steve Beshear presented State Homeland Security Grant checks for the Lowmansville and Cherryville fire departments in Lawrence County. Taking part in the ceremony were KOHS Acting Executive Director Gene Kiser, Lawrence County Judge/Executive John Osborne, state Rep. Rocky Adkins, Gov. Beshear and state Sen. Walter Blevins.

Conferences, Training, Etc.

Sept. 1 — ILO Training, Frankfort (1.502.564.2081 or Lindsey.Hix@ky.gov)

Oct. 13 — Pharmaceutical Drug Diversion Program, Lexington (leedalexington.eventbrite.com/, Elizabeth.percheson@pharma.com or 1.203.588.7817.

Nov. 1-3 — Child Fatality Investigations Training, Nashville, Tenn. (www.fvtc.edu/childprotecttraining, 1.800.648.4966 or childprotecttraining@fvtc.edu)

Dec. 12-14 — Kentucky Governor's Emergency Management Workshop, (Ryan Fisher, 1.502.607.5755, or Wayne Mullannix, 1.502.607.5743)

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Information about these events and other activities for law enforcement is available to subscribers of the Homeland Security Information Network. To learn about HSIN, visit www.dhs.gov/HSIN or contact Shelby Lawson, KOHS deputy executive director of operations, at Shelby.Lawson@ky.gov.

Kentucky Office of Homeland Security

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D.A.R.E. Re-accredits KSP for Programs in Kentucky

Drug Abuse Resistance Education has reaccredited the Kentucky State Police as the official D.A.R.E. Training Center for the anti-drug and violence program in Kentucky.

The program is a police-officer-led series of classroom lessons that teach children from kindergarten through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.

"The Kentucky State Police is to be commended for the dedication it has shown in shouldering the responsibility of managing and maintaining the Kentucky State D.A.R.E. Officer Training," wrote **Scott Gilliam**, director of training for D.A.R.E America, after a recent evaluation.

Charlie Parsons, president and CEO of the organization, praised KSP's "daily commitment" to the faithful replication of the D.A.R.E. training model and the concern for the officers they teach.

Last year, 13,427 fifth- and sixth-grade students and 3,000 seventh- and eighth-grade students in Kentucky participated in D.A.R.E. programs. Four thousand kindergarten through fourth-grade students received at least one 20-minute lesson.

KSP has trained approximately 1,400 law enforcement officers from Kentucky and 26 from other states as D.A.R.E. instructors since the late 1980s. D.A.R.E. officer training consists of 80 hours of instruction during a two -week period. Topics of study include classroom management and presentation skills; elementary and middle school learning theory; alcohol, tobacco, drug, violence and bullying resistance information and school visitations for hands-on teaching experience.

"D.A.R.E. goes beyond traditional drug abuse and violence prevention programs," notes **Bruce Olin**, state D.A.R.E. coordinator and a retired state trooper. "It gives children the skills needed to recognize and resist the subtle and overt pressures that could cause them to experiment with drugs or become involved in gangs or violent activities."

For more information on how to start a D.A.R.E. program in your school, contact Olin at 502-782-1780.

DHS Teams with D.A.R.E. on Internet Safety and Security

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's ***Stop.Think.Connect.*** campaign announced a new partnership with Drug Abuse Resistance Education America — an initiative that will help protect millions of children from online threats by encouraging Internet safety.

"In today's world, Americans can use technology to engage with communities around the globe," said DHS Secretary **Janet Napolitano**. "Now, more than ever, it is important that all Americans — adults and children alike — learn to protect themselves online and do their part to ensure that cyberspace is a safe and secure environment for all Internet users."

Using the resources of the largest child-safety program of its kind in the world, the ***Stop.Think.Connect.*** campaign will train D.A.R.E. officers to talk to kids and parents in their communities about cybersecurity, and provide them with the Community Outreach Toolkit – an all-inclusive resource with simple tips and tools they can use to stay safe while using the Internet.

"To stay current with child safety needs, D.A.R.E. has added programs in Internet Safety and Cybersecurity," said **Charlie Parsons**, president and CEO of D.A.R.E. America. "We look forward to continuing to work with the Department of Homeland Security on these important efforts to keep our children and America safe."

DHS remains committed to encouraging all Americans to take an active role in promoting online safety.

The D.A.R.E Program was established in 1983 in Los Angeles to address substance abuse. Since then, it has become the largest and most comprehensive children's safety program in the world, positively impacting millions of kindergarten through 12th grade students each year. D.A.R.E. is now taught in all 50 states and 45 countries around the world.

Stop.Think.Connect. is a national public awareness effort to guide the nation to a higher level of Internet safety and security by educating and empowering the American public to be more vigilant about practicing safe online habits. The campaign encourages Americans to view Internet safety and security as a shared responsibility — at home, in the workplace, and in our communities.

For more information on D.A.R.E. America, visit www.dare.org.

For more information on ***Stop.Think.Connect.,*** visit www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect.

Appalachian Conference Focuses on Emergency Management and Response

The Appalachian Inclusive Emergency Preparedness Conference on Oct. 14-15 is an unprecedented event in that will bring together emergency management, public health, human services and disability stakeholders from throughout the rural Appalachian region to discuss the latest issues in inclusive emergency management and response.

This day-and-a-half conference at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg is hosted by the Kentucky Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and enableUS.

This interactive and engaging seminar will examine some of the greatest challenges in meeting the unique access and functional needs of the entire community in disasters and strategies to overcome these issues. Speakers from national, state and local government agencies and organizations will focus on programs that have worked in their communities as well as continued shortfalls and challenges that they experience.

Through keynote and panel presentations, facilitated audience discussions, break-out sessions and networking breaks, attendees will have the opportunity to interact with speakers and other attendees to exchange information about what is working in communities throughout the eastern Kentucky Appalachian region and the nation on including larger groups of stakeholders in emergency planning and response

What attendees will learn:

Sheltering Issues

- Understanding the new FEMA Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS) sheltering guidelines
- How FNSS guidelines allows for a community based approach to sheltering

Building Community Partnerships

- Integrating the Private Sector, Faith-Based Organizations, Disability Organizations and Emergency Management Communities
- The important roles of VOADs, COADs, and Long Term Recovery Committees in preparedness phases of emergency management
- Realities of rural community planning versus urban community planning

Emergency Evacuations

- Accessible emergency evacuation planning
- Transportation resources and availability

Other Topics

- Accessible Emergency Communications
- Rural Community Preparedness
- Building Collaborative Community Relationships
- Reasonable and Cost-effective Temporary Modifications to Shelters
- Responding and Preparing for Citizens with Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

Cost: $20

- Cost includes breakfast on both days and lunch on day one.
- Initial registration is limited to attendees living in eastern Kentucky.

How to register:

Download the registration form from http://enableus.org/upcoming-events/KYIEM/KYIEM.html and mail to:
enableUS
181 Harvard St., Suite 1
Cambridge, MA 02139
or FAX the registration form to 703-964-9891 or call 703-894-7414.

Speakers include:

Marcie Roth, Director, Office on Disability Integration and Coordination, FEMA (invited)

Sarah Williams, Director, Audrain County Missouri Emergency Management Agency

Pat Seybold, Executive Director, Kentucky Council on Developmental Disabilities

Richard Devylder, Senior Advisor for Accessible Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation

Neil McDevitt, Program Director, Community Emergency Preparedness Information Network

Mike Houston, Disability Integration Specialist, FEMA Region IV (invited)

Ray Morris, Firefighter and EMT, Scottsdale, Ariz., Fire Department, and CEO, Dads 4 Special Kids

Brian Lake, Principal, enableUS

Sherry Buresh, Assistant Director, Christian Appalachian Project Disaster Recovery Services

Brig. Gen. **John Hetzel**, Director, Kentucky Division of Emergency Management

Norm Smith, Associate Director, Project Freedom Inc.

Who should attend:

- Federal, state and local government officials
- Emergency managers, planners, coordinators.
- First responders
- Law enforcement, fire fighters and paramedics
- Military personnel
- Hospital administrators and medical professionals
- Public health officials
- Disability service providers
- Policy makers and advocates
- Community-based service providers
- Academia professionals and students
- Legal professionals

DHS Releases Report Showing Progress Since 2001 Terrorist Attacks

Seven years after the release of the 9/11 Commission report, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary **Janet Napolitano** released a Department of Homeland Security report highlighting the significant progress that DHS, along with its many partners, have made in fulfilling specific recommendations to build a country that is stronger, safer and more resilient.

Leading up to the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the report details advancements in strengthening and evolving the homeland security enterprise to better defend against evolving terrorist threats.

Janet Napolitano

"Over the past decade, we have made great strides to secure our nation against a large attack or disaster, to protect critical infrastructure and cyber networks, and to engage a broader range of Americans in the shared responsibility for security," said Secretary Napolitano. "We recognize and thank the many men and women of DHS, all of our partners, and the law enforcement officers and emergency management professionals who work on the frontlines everyday protecting America, at home and abroad."

DHS and its many partners across the federal government, public and private sectors, and communities across the country and around the world have worked since 9/11 to build a new homeland-security enterprise to better mitigate and defend against dynamic threats, minimize risks, and maximize the ability to respond to and recover from attacks and disasters of all kinds. Together, these efforts have provided a strong foundation to protect communities from terrorism and other threats, while safeguarding the fundamental rights of all Americans.

Highlights from the DHS Progress Report Include:

- *Expanding Information Sharing*

The United States' strengthened homeland-security enterprise includes a number of critical features to expand and enhance information sharing with public and private sector partners that did not exist on 9/11. This includes 72 recognized state and major urban area fusion centers, which serve as focal points for the receipt, analysis, gathering, and sharing of threat-related information; the National Suspicious Activities Reporting Initiative, which trains state and local law enforcement to recognize behaviors and indicators related to terrorism, crime and other threats; the new National Terrorism Advisory System, which provides timely, detailed information about terrorist threats; and the "If You See Something Say Something" campaign, which emphasizes the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper law-enforcement authorities.

Additionally, the United States participates in robust information sharing with international partners, facilitating the exchange of data about terrorists and criminals.

- *Developing and Implementing Risk-based Transportation Security Strategies*

DHS has made significant advances in risk-based security since 9/11, focusing on intelligence-driven security across all transportation modes. This approach emphasizes pre-screening for passengers and cargo, while focusing resources on those who pose the greatest threat to the nation's transportation networks. Efforts include conducting baseline security assessments across the maritime, surface and aviation sectors; forging international consensus on historic new global aviation standards; collecting and analyzing advanced passenger and cargo information; and supporting risk-based state and local prevention efforts.

- *Strengthening Airline Passenger Pre-screening and Targeting Terrorist Travel*

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Ten years ago, screening of passengers coming to the United States was limited to the visa process and inspection of a person by an immigration officer at the port of entry. Provision of advance passenger information was voluntary. In response to both 9/11 and evolving threats, and with the help and support of Congress, DHS has significantly adapted and enhanced its ability to detect threats through a multi-

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layered, risk-based system. Today, DHS requires all airlines flying to the United States from foreign countries to provide Advance Passenger Information and Passenger Name Records prior to departure; checks 100 percent of passengers on flights flying to, from, or within the United States against government watchlists through its Secure Flight program; and has expanded trusted traveler programs, expediting travel for passengers who provide biometric identification and pass rigorous, recurrent security checks.

- *Enhancing Screening for Explosives*

Prior to 9/11, limited federal security requirements existed for air cargo or baggage screening. Today all checked and carry-on baggage is screened for explosives. The capacity of frontline security personnel and new technologies also has significantly expanded to more than 52,000 TSA personnel serving on the frontlines at over 450 U.S. airports today. Through the Recovery Act and annual appropriations, TSA has accelerated the deployment of new technologies to detect the next generation of threats and through close partnerships with state and local law enforcement and the implementation of Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response (VIPR) Teams, which provide deterrent and detection capabilities, DHS helps prevent and disrupt potential attacks across all modes of transportation.

- *Protecting Cyber Networks and Critical Physical Infrastructure*

DHS has made significant strides to enhance the security of the nation's critical physical infrastructure as well as its cyber infrastructure and networks through the National Cybersecurity Protection System, of which the EINSTEIN cyber intrusion detection system is a key component; the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center, which serves as the nation's principal hub for organizing cyber response efforts; and a 2010 landmark memorandum of agreement between DHS and the Department of Defense to enhance America's capabilities to protect against threats to critical civilian and military computer systems and networks. DHS has also led the effort to design the National Infrastructure Protection Plan, a comprehensive risk management framework for all levels of government, private industry, nongovernmental entities and tribal partners and improved interoperability to ensure that emergency response providers can communicate during natural disasters and other catastrophic events.

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Bolstering the Security of U.S. Borders and Identification Documents

Protecting the nation's borders—land, air, and sea—from the illegal entry of people, weapons, drugs, and contraband is vital to homeland security, as well as the nation's economic prosperity. Over the past several years, the Administration has deployed unprecedented levels of personnel, technology, and resources to the Southwest border, and made critical security improvements along the Northern and maritime borders.

Additionally, DHS has taken significant steps to strengthen the security, reliability and accuracy of personal identification documents and reduce identity fraud while practicing privacy safeguards, including fundamentally transforming the way citizens enter the United States through the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and preventing potential terrorist and criminal threats from coming to the United States through the Visa Security Program and other pre-departure initiatives.

- *Ensuring Robust Privacy and Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Safeguards*

DHS builds privacy and civil rights and civil liberties protections into its operations, policies, programs, and technology from the outset of their development. The DHS Privacy Office partners with every DHS component to assess policies, programs, systems, technologies and rulemakings for privacy risks, and recommends privacy protections and methods for handling personally identifiable information. DHS's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties plays a key role in the department's mission to secure the nation while preserving individual freedoms through the Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Impact Assessment process.

Kentucky Goes Mobile with Radiation Detection

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security co-sponsored a technology demonstration and mobile detection platform orientation using Kentucky's Vehicle Mounted Detection System (VMDS.)

Joining KOHS as co-sponsors and participants in this July event were the Kentucky State Police, Kentucky Department of Health Radiation Safety Branch, and the federal Department of Homeland Security's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO.)

The purpose of the demonstration was to test the physical and technical capabilities of the system to include localization and isolation of sources, data retrieval and reach back, and to demonstrate characteristics of mobile detection operations, anomalies and background inflections.

Purchased as part of the DHS DNDO-led Southeast Transportation Corridor Pilot Program (SETCP) conducted between 2006 and 2009, the VMDS underwent updates and modifications and became operational in late 2010.

What does it do?

The VMDS is designed to detect radiological or special nuclear material (SNM) and provide notification to the system operator(s.) The system may be used in radiological/nuclear materials surveillance, post radiological event evaluation and for leak, accident, or attack evaluations. Unlike fixed monitors at ports of entry into the country or weigh stations, the VMDS is mobile and can be used on roadways, in parking lots—basically anywhere that the unit is able to access.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, "Terrorist use of an RDD—often called "dirty nuke" or "dirty bomb"—is considered far more likely than use of a nuclear explosive device.

"An RDD combines a conventional explosive device—such as a bomb—with radioactive material. It is designed to scatter dangerous and sub-lethal amounts of radioactive material over a general area.

"Such RDDs appeal to terrorists because they require limited technical knowledge to build and deploy compared to a nuclear device. Also, the radioactive materials in RDDs are widely used in medicine, agriculture, industry, and research, and are

easier to obtain than weapons grade uranium or plutonium."

The VMDS further increases our ability to identify and render safe an RDD device as well as to detect any illicit nuclear materials that may be stored or transported in the Commonwealth.

Gov. Beshear Proclaims September as "Commonwealth of Kentucky Preparedness Month"

In conjunction with National Preparedness Month, Gov. **Steve Beshear** proclaimed September as "Commonwealth of Kentucky Preparedness Month."

Gov. Beshear

"Kentuckians face many challenges throughout the year – tornadoes, flooding, winter storms and man-made hazards," Gov. Beshear said. "During my term alone, Kentucky has experienced 10 presidentially declared major disasters. Every household should be prepared to face emergencies at any given time, which is why my administration is raising awareness and proclaiming September 'Preparedness Month.'"

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and Kentucky Emergency Management urge all Kentuckians to develop a plan throughout the month. Key points the agencies stress are:

- Be aware. Familiarize yourself with the risks to you, your family and community. The more you know, the better you can identify and prepare to reduce those risks.
- Be prepared. You should have a three-day supply of food and water for each member of your family and pets, along with essentials such as: medicines, flashlights, radio, extra batteries, matches, candles and first aid supplies. Should a catastrophic event occur, officials are now encouraging citizens to have a five-day emergency supply.
- Have a plan. Every home, every business and every organization should have an emergency plan for situations such as power outages, evacuations, and severe weather.
- Make an emergency kit. Something as simple as having a flashlight, radio and extra batteries available during a power outage can make you and your family more comfortable during these times.