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## MORE THAN 2 MILLION PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN THE 2012 GREAT CENTRAL US SHAKEOUT

More than 2 million people across the central United States in schools, businesses and homes registered to participate in an earthquake drill this morning, including more than 525,000 participants from Indiana, the most among the nine states. The second Great Central United States ShakeOut was held today to mark the 200th anniversary of the 1812 New Madrid Earthquakes.

The earthquake drill is an encouragement for Hoosiers is to learn about all types of earthquake

safety and response, including drop to the floor, take cover under a table or desk, and hold onto the furniture because it may move due to the vibrations caused by an earthquake. This technique is known as "Drop, cover and hold on."

### Indiana Department of Homeland Security

"The Great ShakeOut in Indiana was tremendously successful," said IDHS Executive Director Joe Wainscott. "Our two objectives to [\(continued on page 2\)](#)

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## From the Director's Chair-Executive Director Joe Wainscott Cooperation was Essential to the Success of Super Bowl XLVI

While the eyes of the world were focused on Lucas Oil Stadium and the Super Bowl Village in Indianapolis for the last few weeks, countless individuals were working to ensure the success of this event behind the scenes.

Hosting an event the size of the Super Bowl cannot be organized and planned by a single organization. Public and private sector partnerships were essential to the success of the event. The Indiana Department of Homeland

Security had been working with other agencies and organizations for years in an effort to make the Super Bowl a safe and enjoyable experience for the more than 1.1 million people that visited the Super Bowl Village on Georgia Street in downtown Indianapolis and the numerous other events and venues across central Indiana.

With so many visitors coming to Indianapolis, crowd control and public safety were paramount. The state emergency operations

center was moved to a remote location to monitor and respond to public safety incidents. By working with local, state, federal, and private sector partners, the EOC served as a hub that was responsible for ensuring communications and was prepared to disseminate resources. The state EOC was [\(continued on page 3\)](#)



## GREAT CENTRAL UNITED STATES SHAKEOUT (Continued)



IDHS Executive Director Joe Wainscott (left) presents a certificate of appreciation to Judy VanHoosier, principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School in Evansville. Sherman Greer, Evansville emergency management director, arranged the school's participation in the Great Central US Shakeout. More than 2.4 million people in nine states registered. More than 525,000 of them were Hoosiers.



Great Central US Shakeout partners at Good Shepherd Catholic School in Evansville on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012, were, from left, Walter Gray, Indiana Geological Survey; Judy VanHoosier, Good Shepherd school principal; John Steinmetz, Indiana Geological Survey; Sherman Greer, Evansville Emergency Management Agency; Joe Wainscott, Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security executive director; and Terry Hight, IDHS field services.

raise awareness about the threat of earthquakes and promote preparedness were met as hundreds of thousands of students, businesses and families across the state were educated about earthquake safety measures."

### Indiana Geological Survey

"The Indiana Geological Survey is pleased that so many Hoosier residents took part in the Great Central US ShakeOut. Even if we don't experience a serious earthquake in the very near future, earthquake preparedness plans and supplies can protect citizens against other natural disasters such as floods and tornadoes," said Indiana Geological Survey Educational Outreach Coordinator Walter Gray.

The event was organized by the



IDHS Director of Field Services, Gerri Husband, speaks with local media about the efforts made by the Sheraton Louisville Riverside Hotel to reduce the damage and potential injury during an earthquake. The Sheraton Louisville Riverside Hotel was a participant in the QuakeSmart Business program.

Central United States Earthquake Consortium and involved the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee.

For more information about being prepared for earthquakes and other disasters, visit [www.GetPrepared.in.gov](http://www.GetPrepared.in.gov).

## ROBERT COOLEY, IDHS FIRE AND BUILDING INSPECTOR, PASSES AWAY



Robert W. Cooley, 53, of Mount Pleasant, passed away on Friday, February 3, 2012, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Since November of 2008, Robert was employed by the State of Indiana where he was working at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security as a Fire and Building Code Inspector. Robert's duties included performing inspections for compliance with the fire and building codes

(structural, fire, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, accessibility, etc), rules, regulations and laws as they related to construction projects and existing class I structures.

Robert W. Cooley was a Navy veteran serving from 1976 through 1981 in Norfolk, Virginia. Robert received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy in 1981. He spent approximately 21 years with the State of Indiana (1987 – 2008) working for the Indiana Department of Corrections as a Physical Plant Director and Plumbing Foreman at the Branchville and Tell City

facilities, respectively.

He leaves behind family members, Randy and Erika Cooley, also from the IDHS Fire and Building Code Enforcement Section, and good friends from IDHS as well. Robert W. Cooley will be truly missed by his family and friends including those from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. ▪

## SUPER BOWL (Continued)

not only tasked with monitoring Super Bowl activities, but also keeping situational awareness for the entire state.

If you visited downtown Indianapolis or saw the festivities on television, it was evident that the area was transformed into a focal point of entertainment.

IDHS played an important role in keeping the public safe as they took part in the many activities. Working with the City of Indianapolis, IDHS fire and building inspectors visited many locations to ensure adherence to fire and building code. While safety was paramount, vendors who had to have various permits complimented the state and city on their teamwork, indicating the



Personnel from various local, state, federal agencies, and the private sector staff the emergency operations center during the Super Bowl

collaborative atmosphere provided solutions to issues rather than roadblocks.

Communicating with the public is another essential function during these large-scale events. The Super Bowl Joint Information Center was staffed with representatives from state, local, federal, and private sector partners to collect information about Super Bowl related events and provide answers to media inquiries. The JIC was hosted by IDHS, and was operational for two shifts beginning

on January 26<sup>th</sup>. It switched to 24-hour operations on February 2<sup>nd</sup> until after the big game.



IDHS staff assist in the Emergency Operations Center during the Super Bowl

As we look back at the Super Bowl, it is clear that the hard work of our public safety community helped make the entire event an overwhelming success. Thanks to all of those unnoticed public safety partners who worked extended hours to ensure safety and security. Along with many others who worked and volunteered, you helped cast Indianapolis and central Indiana in the best light possible. Indiana showed visitors from across the world what Hoosier Hospitality is truly about. ■

## UPCOMING WEBEOC CHANGES AND INFORMATION

The next WebEOC update is scheduled for March 1, 2012.

The schedule updates will include the Damage Assessment Board with map, and a change to FEMA ARF link to FEMA site. The Damage Assessment Board allows the counties to input their pertinent information into WebEOC. This allows our Recover Division to track and document Damage Assessment information in a central location.

This information is critical when receiving federal funding. The Human Services Branch administers Individual Assistance

as provided under federal law during a Presidential Declared Disaster (PL93-288 as amended by PL100-700). The Other Needs Assistance (ONA) program is part of the FEMA Individuals and Households Program (IHP) and replaces the Individual and Family Grant Program. These programs provide assistance in disaster recovery with grants for home repair, rental assistance, and personal property lost or damaged during the disaster.

Arvin Copeland, Larry Cassagne, and Bob LaGrange have pushed for the update and implementation of the Damage

Assessment Board.

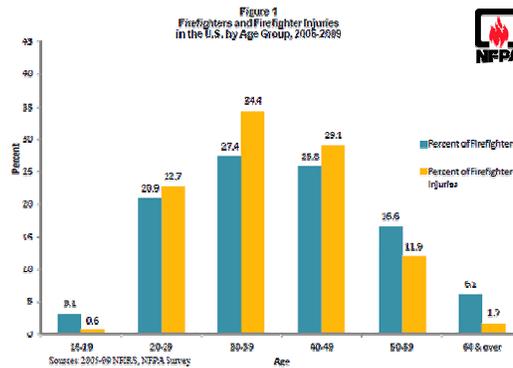
The update of the FEMA ARF link to FEMA site, will enhance the capabilities of our Recovery Division to interface with FEMA.

The WebEOC development team is looking forward to the new version of WebEOC from ESI. WebEOC version 7.4 will support the following Mobile Operating Systems

- BlackBerry OS v6 and later
- Apple iPhone (latest OS version)
- Apple iPad (latest OS version)
- Android devices (v2.1, 2.2, 3.1) ■

## NFPA RELEASES REPORT OF FIREFIGHTER INJURY PATTERNS

The National Fire Protection Association recently released a report titled “Patterns of Firefighter Fireground Injuries” which estimates and classifies firefighter injuries by type of injury, type of activity during injury, cause of injury, occupancy where injury occurred, time of day of injury, and the ages of injured firefighters. From 2005-2009, the National Fire Protection Association estimated 38,660 injuries to firefighters in the United States. Of these injuries, 27,920 were considered to be minor, and 10,740 were moderate



minor injuries, while cuts and lacerations were the cause of 8% of minor injuries.

According to the report, half of minor and moderate to severe injuries occurred during activities related to extinguishing a fire. The leading cause of minor injuries was exposure to smoke or chemicals, while moderate to severe injuries were mostly the result of a fall, slip, or trip.

or severe.

The most common type of minor injury to firefighters was a strain or sprain, which accounted for about 25% of the total. Thermal burns accounted for 10% of

The full report can be found at <http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/OS.patterns.pdf>.

## FEMA ELIMINATING USE OF SSN FOR NFA AND EMI COURSES

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is moving toward eliminating the use of the Social Security Number (SSN), where possible, when applying for any FEMA training. As an interim measure, and beginning on April, 15, 2012, individuals applying for certain National Fire Academy (NFA) or Emergency Management Institute (EMI) classes will be required to register using the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) Training Administration System (CTAS) and obtain a CDP Student Identification (SID) number. This number will be used in place of the SSN on your application. You will be asked to provide your SSN to register in CTAS but this will be phased out with a new registration system. This is an interim step; however, anyone already registered in CTAS will not need to register again.

### Which courses does this interim process impact?

NFA or EMI courses at NETC (including the NFA 2-day on-campus state weekend courses), EMI courses at the Noble Training Facility, or courses delivered through the NFA (NFA Sponsored 10-day and 6-day) or EMI off-campus programs delivered after October 1, 2012.

### How do I obtain my FEMA Training Identification Number (FTIN)/CDP Student Identification (SID) number?

Step 1: To register, go to <https://cdp.dhs.gov/elms>

Step 2: Click on the “Create Account” button on the left side of the screen.

Step 3: Follow the instructions and provide the necessary information to create your account.

### What do I do with this new FTIN/CDP SID number I’ve been assigned?

The CDP SID number should be used in place of the SSN on your General Admissions Application (FEMA Form 119-25-1) and the General Admissions Application Short Form (FEMA Form 119-25-2). This number should be used when applying for any FEMA training unless the SSN is required. FEMA forms are being revised to eliminate the need for the SSN and include a field for the training registration number.

### Why is it important to register in the CTAS?

Any applications for FY 2013 NFA or EMI courses that do not include the training registration number will not be processed until FTIN/CDP SID is provided.

## PARTNERSHIP ENHANCES INFORMATION SHARING IN NW INDIANA

In 2008, the remnants of Hurricane Ike caused heavy rain and flooding throughout Northwest Indiana. The floods put a heavy strain on the region's infrastructure, shutting down the transportation network and power grid, while leaving emergency services weakened.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security District One Planning Council established a public-private partnership in Northwest Indiana to develop an information sharing environment to help ensure the continuing

functionality of the region's critical infrastructure sectors and launched a portal on the Homeland Security Information Network – Critical Sectors to improve overall resilience and preparedness in Northwest Indiana.

"We have seen a real synergy effect from the development of our public-private partnership and information-sharing effort," said Munster Police Chief Steve Scheckel, who also serves as the IDHS District One Response Task Force – Law Enforcement Strike

Team Commander. "We can resolve and mitigate issues much more efficiently across our five-county area by working together."

By engaging more stakeholders, the partnerships will now be able to ensure appropriate participation and handling of sensitive information. Police Chief Scheckel noted that they plan to use the portal in future exercises and incidents. For more information, visit [www.nwidistrictone.com](http://www.nwidistrictone.com). ■

## 2011 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT PROGRAM

The FY 2011 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants application period will open on Monday, January 30, 2012 and run until Friday, February 24, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. EST.

The goal of the SAFER Grants is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies, assuring communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

The FY 2011 SAFER Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit will be posted on the [AFG Website](#) starting Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

All SAFER applicants should read the new [FY 2011 SAFER Grants Program Guidance](#) to fully

understand the FY 2011 award criteria, funding priorities, and important special application instructions for completing the application.

The grant program conditions described below are in effect ONLY for the FY 2011 SAFER Grants; they are not retroactive to previous fiscal years and do not apply beyond the FY 2011 SAFER Grants Program.

- Salary limits: There are no annual salary limits
- Grantee cost share: There is no prescribed cost-share
- No retention commitment: Grantees that are hiring firefighters—whether they be rehires, new hires, or retained firefighters—do not have to commit to retaining the SAFER-funded firefighters beyond the period of

performance.

- Period of performance: For the Hiring of Firefighters Category grants, the period of performance has been reduced to 2 years.
- Attrition of firefighters: FY 2011 grantees who are unable to back-fill firefighting positions that are vacated due to documentable economic hardship may petition FEMA for a waiver of staffing maintenance requirements.

If you need additional information or instructions, the SAFER Help Desk and Fire Program Specialists will be available throughout the application period to answer questions about the SAFER Program Guidance and the online grant application. The Help Desk can be contacted at 1-866-274-0960 or via e-mail at [firegrants@dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov). ■

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING RESOURCES

Providing training opportunities to emergency responders throughout Indiana is a priority for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). These courses are listed on the IDHS Consolidated Training Calendar which is continuously updated as new courses become available.

### **March 6-7, 2012 MGT 322 Preparedness & Response to Food and Agricultural Incidents**

Location: Brownsburg Fire Territory

Description: This course provides participants with the skills they need to prepare for and respond to an agricultural terrorist attack on their area's food supply. Participants are trained to identify and recruit those in their neighborhood whose daily activities place them in a unique position to identify potential threats to the cultivation, production, processing, transportation, or distribution of the Nation's food supply. Participants will develop an incident response plan for their area and learn to identify and obtain Federal, state, county/parish, or municipal resources that can protect the agricultural resources of the United States.

### **March 27-29, 2012 HSEEP**

Location: Northeast Public Safety Academy (Fort Wayne)

Description: HSEEP is a capabilities based exercise program that includes a cycle, mix, and range of exercise activities of varying degrees of complexity and interaction. The purpose of HSEEP is to build self-sustaining exercise programs and provide a standardized methodology for designing, developing, conducting and evaluating.

### **April 10-12, 2012 Management for Emergency Managers**

Location: Central Indiana Public Safety and Education Training Center (Noblesville)

Description: This intensive 3-day course provides a refresher in the basic management functions, (planning, organizing, directing, and controlling) as well as the skills of communication and coordination. The knowledge is applied to emergency management situations and scenarios. The course culminates in an exercise where the students as a team must organize, plan, prepare, and execute a mission provided to them. The student will learn how the use of simple generic processes can be used for almost any situation to maximize effectiveness.

### **Professional Emergency Manager (PEM)**

Packet Due Date:

[May 31, 2012](#)

Study Guide Distribution Date:

[June 8, 2012](#)

Test Date:

[June 26, 2012](#)

Congratulations to the following 2011 PEM Recipients:

*Tim Hayes*

Congratulations to the following 2011 PEM Renewal Recipients

- Jennifer Tobey
- Gary Fritz
- Clyde Avery
- Forrest (Tug) Sutton
- Bruce Bender
- Duane Davis
- Phil Griffin
- Al Perdue
- Adam Groupe
- Bryan Husband
- Sherman Greer
- Ron Sharp
- Larry Robb
- Michael Jacobs

Be sure to check out the updated Emergency Management Training Program on IDHS' website for information on upcoming training, the PEM program, and free online consortium trainings.

<http://www.in.gov/dhs/emermgtngpgm.htm> ▪

## NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DURING 9-11 PASSES AWAY

Richard J. Sheirer, the director of New York City's Office of Emergency Management during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, recently passed away January 19<sup>th</sup> after experiencing chest pains while driving to work.

Sheirer was a former deputy fire commissioner and deputy police

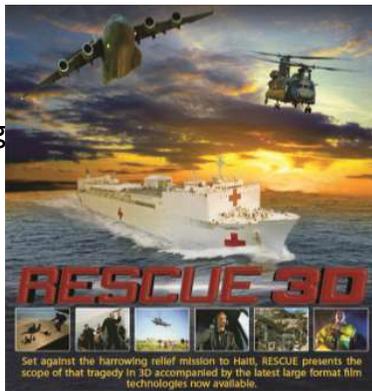
commissioner before being appointed to lead the New York City Office of Emergency Management in 2000. Sheirer was widely praised for his actions and leadership during the chaos of September 11<sup>th</sup>; a federal emergency management official was quoted as saying: "Sheirer gives the marching orders. So far,

we're blown away by OEM's performance."

Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani appointed Sheirer to the OEM and had only positive things to say about him. "He spent 10 hours a day at ground zero for months. He was a real hero." ■

## CERT VOLUNTEERS OFFERED FREE SCREENING OF IMAX FILM

The IMAX theater at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis is offering a free screening of RESCUE 3D to Indiana CERT volunteers on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to recognize them for their efforts



Set against the harrowing relief mission to Haiti, RESCUE presents the scope of that tragedy in 3D accompanied by the latest large format film technologies now available.

in their community. The Producer and Director of the movie, Stephen Low, wanted to thank CERT volunteers for their dedication by offering a free screening to the film.

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The IMAX theater at the Indiana State Museum is located at 650 West Washington Street in Indianapolis. To RSVP for the event, please visit <http://rescue3dfilm.eventbrite.com>. Parking for the event will be validated. ■

Set against the harrowing relief



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