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CITIZEN ASSISTANCE VITAL TO MAKING U.S. SAFER

Prepared, alert citizens, make our communities, our state, and our nation, safer and more resilient. Engaging citizens is not only possible, but essential. Since September is National Preparedness Month, we all should take some time to get out in the community even more than usual to deliver the important message of preparedness.

Citizen preparedness is essential to homeland security. To accomplish this, citizens must be urged to:

- Put together a family readiness kit. One of the most important items is water, a gallon a person per day for at least three days. For a handout on items in a kit, to go GetPrepared.in.gov.
- Take a first aid, CPR or other class that will help in emergency situations.
- Be prepared to check on neighbors after ensuring their families are safe. Encourage able citizens to meet their neighbors now and get to know them before something bad happens.
- Learn to recognize and report (special emphasis on report) suspicious activity that could lead to criminal or terrorist activity.

Some citizens are prepared, but spreading the word and spurring action is essential. We in public safety are only going to be as successful as citizens allow us to be. By being prepared, citizens will provide relief to public safety officials and free resources to assist those who are in need of help the most.

We at IDHS and our partners across the state connect with each other every day through our district system here in Indiana. Citizen preparedness is a big part of the overall readiness picture. Starting the journey (Continued on page 3)
MORE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANTS ANNOUNCED

On July 1, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced the recipients of Round 27 of the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) program for the Fiscal Year 2010. The main goal is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations.

Since its creation in 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

Seventy-three fire departments in Indiana received grant funding from the AFG program that will go toward operations and safety, or vehicle acquisition. Nearly $8.5 million will be awarded to fire departments in Indiana from the FY2010 program.

Workshops are now being offered for the FY2011 AFG to explain details and changes in the program, and talk directly to AFG regional contacts. PowerPoint presentations are also available to individuals who are unable to attend a workshop in person. Information about these workshops can be found at http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/program/workshop_schedule.shtm.

BIKE RIDE TO BENEFIT YOUNG BURN SURVIVORS IS AUGUST 20

Each summer, young burn survivors ages eight to 18 travel to Camp Tecumseh in rural Tippecanoe County for the Hoosier Burn Camp. The annual weeklong summer camp aims to build self-esteem and self-confidence in campers while stimulating independence and giving children the life skills they need to fully recover from burn injuries at no cost to the camper. In addition to the summer camp, teen programs, family programs, and various trips are offered through the support of various community organizations and fundraisers to benefit the Hoosier Burn Camp.

One of the many events where proceeds are given to the camp is the Floyd “Pop” Dreyer Ride on August 20, 2011 in Indianapolis. This charitable bicycle ride begins at 9am on the 4100 block of West Washington Street and gives participants the opportunity to ride on the Moto GP Track at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway at a cost of $25 per bicycle.

For more information about the Hoosier Burn camp, visit www.hoosierburncamp.org. Information about the Floyd “Pop” Dreyer Ride can be found at http://www.in.gov/dhs/files/Pop_Dreyer.pdf.

NTAS PROVIDES DETAILED THREAT INFORMATION TO PUBLIC

The United States Department of Homeland Security introduced the National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) earlier this year to replace the Homeland Security Advisory System. Since it was unveiled in 2002, the color-coded Homeland Security Advisory System has become very familiar with members in the public safety community and the public. While this was a serviceable tool to gauge the general threat level to our nation, the need for a more detailed and specific system has become evident.

The NTAS includes information specific to the individual threat that will be shared with the public in a variety of ways. Categorized as an imminent or elevated threat, alerts will be based in the nature of the threat. An elevated threat alert warns of a credible terrorist threat against, while an imminent threat alert warns of a credible, specific, and impending terrorist threat against the United States. Using available information, NTAS alerts will provide a concise summary of the potential threat, information about actions being taken to ensure public safety, and recommended steps that individuals, communities, businesses and governments can take to help prevent, mitigate or respond to the threat.

This new system will more effectively communicate information about (continued on page 8)
HOOSIERS CAN SHARE EXPERIENCES FROM 9/11 WITH IDHS

As the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001 approaches, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is providing a way for Hoosiers to honor public safety professionals, especially those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

“The events of 9/11 affected all Americans, and it changed the way Americans see themselves and fellow citizens,” said Joe Wainscott, IDHS Executive Director. “We hope this memorial wall provides a venue for remembering this life-changing event and the individuals who daily dedicate their lives to keeping America safe.”

Participation is open to all residents of Indiana. Submissions can be audio or video clips, pictures (including photos of artwork), or text. Entries along the following lines are welcome:

- Where you were and what you were doing on 9/11
- How 9/11 changed your life
- How 9/11 changed the U.S. or the world
- Honor public safety professionals, including fire, police, emergency medical and emergency management professionals.

For more information, visit the IDHS website at www.in.gov/DHS or the IDHS Facebook Page. Entries can be submitted through the IDHS Facebook page or at pio@dhs.in.gov.

AUGUST 22 DEADLINE FOR PRIVATE NON PROFITS TO APPLY FOR DISASTER LOANS

The U.S. Small Business Administration reminds eligible Private Non-Profit Organizations (PNPs) of the August 22 deadline to submit disaster loan applications for damages caused by the severe storms, tornadoes, high winds and flooding that occurred from April 19 through June 6, 2011.

PNPs located in Benton, Clark, Clay, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Dubois, Floyd, Franklin, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Knox, Martin, Monroe, Ohio, Orange, Parke, Perry Pike, Posey, Putnam, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Starke, Sullivan, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Warrick, Washington and Wayne counties in Indiana are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Examples of eligible non-critical PNP organizations include, but are not limited to, food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, community centers, schools and colleges.

PNPs may borrow up to $2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. The SBA may increase a loan up to 20 percent of the total amount of disaster damage to real estate and/or leasehold improvements, as verified by SBA, to make improvements that lessen the risk of property damage by future disasters of the same kind. Economic Injury Disaster Loans are also available to PNPs to help meet working capital needs, such as ongoing operating expenses regardless of whether the entity suffered any physical property damage.

Interest rates are as low as 3 percent with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition.

Disaster loan information may be obtained by calling the SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for people with speech or hearing disabilities) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Applications can also be downloaded from www.sba.gov. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

PNPs affected by the disaster may also apply for disaster loans electronically from SBA’s website at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is August 22, 2011. The deadline to return economic injury applications is March 23, 2012.

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towards preparedness is easy and can be done in stages. Even being a little bit prepared can help make responding to a disaster easier on citizens and emergency responders.

Preparedness: Can it be a reality?

There is conjecture that citizen preparedness is not realistic. This may be because citizens have a short memory or expect government to rescue and take care of them. Public safety officials will do their best to rescue and care for Hoosiers, but citizens must also be aware of their responsibilities.

Citizen engagement in preparedness and recognition and reporting suspicious behavior is a simple goal. The complexity comes in the push for action.

The challenges of dealing with emergencies and disasters can be best handled as a team. It’s not just the township, the town, the city, the county, or one district in our state system. It’s not just the Indiana Department of Homeland Security; not just the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and not just the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. It’s all of us, working together.

Keep pushing.

IDHS: Leadership for a Safe and Secure Indiana
IDHS & IUPUI LOOK TO GAUGE HOOSIER PREPAREDNESS WITH ONLINE SURVEY

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the Survey Research Center at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis are gauging Indiana citizens’ readiness for emergencies and disasters with brief online surveys.

The two surveys, one for the general public and another for public safety officials, only take a few moments to complete and will provide a great deal of insight into the preparedness of the residents of Indiana. Those who complete the survey for the general public will have the opportunity enter a contest for a free preparedness kit or an all hazards radio.

The online survey is designed to emphasize the need for preparedness during September, which is the 8th annual National Preparedness Month. The theme for this year is, "A Time to Remember. A Time to Prepare.” Messages during the month seek to encourage all Hoosiers to take the necessary steps to ensure that their homes, workplaces and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of all kinds.

“Being ready for a major disaster is very important and the basics of a kit can be put together without a lot of effort,” said IDHS Executive Director Joe Wainscott. “Having a preparedness kit can make the aftermath of an emergency or disaster easier for individuals and emergency responders. We hope that this survey will remind Hoosiers of the importance of being prepared and what they can do to improve their level of preparedness.”

“Asking Indiana residents how prepared they are for such a disaster is the key to understanding the needs of the population. This survey will help the State gain a greater understanding of how prepared Indiana residents are and how to help increase that preparedness,” said Director of Operations of the Survey Research Center at IUPUI Anne Mitchell.

The survey for the public can be found on the IDHS website at www.in.gov/dhs under “Topics of the Day” or by clicking here.

The survey for public safety officials can be found at www.in.gov/dhs/3694.htm or by clicking here.

FY 2010 IDHS Webinar Usage

- 55 classes offered
- 1,821 students
- 1,223 attended live
- 599 watched recorded
- 83 hours of classes
- 51,409 student hours

For more information about IDHS webinars, visit http://www.in.gov/dhs/3642.htm

Current webinars offered include:

- Being a Lead Evaluator and Evaluator
- Being a Proctor for a Written Exam
- Firefighter III Train-the-Trainer
- Being a Lead Instructor and Instructor
- Essential Training for Volunteers
- Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics Train-the-Trainer
- Firefighter Certification — How to Register a Course
Indiana Department of Homeland Security Search and Rescue Training Manager, Lillian Hardy, has trained thousands of individuals from various public and private organizations through the IDHS Search and Rescue K-9 Training Program. In June, Hardy travelled to Korea to teach a search and rescue course for Korean police, fire, and military personnel. Earlier this year in hopes that IDHS and Hardy could provide education on how to develop a canine search and rescue program. Some of the skills that were taught in the course included training dogs to locate human remains, canine movement and theory, training logs, selection of canines for the program, and how to begin training a canine that has just begun training.

The K-9 Search and Rescue program consists of structured classes of varying levels and disciplines from basic foundation training to advanced skills. The IDHS Mari Hulman George Search and Rescue Training Center also offers workshops, individual instruction and opportunities for search organizations to utilize training areas at the center.

For more information about the K-9 Search and Rescue Training Program, visit http://www.in.gov/dhs/2651.htm •

FIRE SPOTLIGHT: Speedway Fire Department Receives Anonymous Donation of Rescue Equipment Designed for Pets

The Speedway Fire Department recently received an anonymous donation of two sets of resuscitation/oxygen masks designed for pets. The equipment was purchased from Pets America, a nonprofit organization focused on providing educational programs and resources about emergency preparedness and response, and donated to the Speedway Fire Department to provide the equipment necessary to rescue a household pet in need of oxygen.

“Over the years we have rescued many animals from various structure fires and often the biggest hurdle they have at survival is early intervention to counteract the toxic effects of smoke inhalation and stress,” said Speedway Fire Chief Mark Watson. “The generous donation of these quality intervention devices gives our Firefighters and medics another tool at their disposal to help citizen’s family pets.”

The equipment comes complete with oxygen tubing and adapter ports to allow firefighters to administer oxygen to animals in respiratory distress. The amount of oxygen given to a pet depends on the size and type of animal in need. It will provide extra resources to the department when faced with a pet in need of rescue. However, the Speedway Fire Department reminds citizens that the best chance of a pet’s survival is to not be exposed to a smoke filled room to begin with. By taking time to identify and reduce fire risks, citizens can help keep their loved ones, furry and non-furry, safe from accidental home fires.
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES LISTED ON IDHS ONLINE TRAINING CALENDAR

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.

All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT)
August 8-12
Sheraton Louisville Riverside Hotel
700 W. Riverside Dr
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

PREREQUISITES:
• IS 100 Introduction to Incident Command
• IS 200 ICS for Single Resources & Int. Action
• ICS-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
• IS 700 Introduction to NIMS

TARGET AUDIENCE:

This course focuses on the importance of developing and operating as a functional All Hazard Incident Management Team. This course will emphasize the nature and purpose of an AHIMT so that others in the community and emergency services are more willing and able to assist within various components of their local AHIMT. It also provides a basic framework for building and maintaining critical interpersonal communications and for working together as a team member of an AHIMT. We do this through offering practical experience of on scene operations through extensive exercises and simulations.

Scenario Based Executive Level Training
August 17-18
Lynnville Fire Department
314 W. State Road 68
Lynnville, IN 47619

PREREQUISITES:
• IS 100 Introduction to Incident Command
• IS 700 Introduction to NIMS

TARGET AUDIENCE:
District Planning Council Members, District Planning Oversight Committee, Key Elected and Appointed Officials, Task Force Leadership.

This course is created to expand and sustain homeland security leadership across the country. Participants, as leaders of their communities, will learn about leadership theories and traits that will assist them in planning and preparing for a National or domestic all hazards catastrophic event. This course will use historical figures and a pandemic influenza case study to examine and discuss how leaders, at critical times, can do the right thing, at the right time, in the right way, for the right reasons.

To access this calendar visit the IDHS Training Division webpage and click the Consolidated Training Calendar link at www.in.gov/dhs/tngbranch.htm.

EMS SPOTLIGHT: A Letter to EMS Friends from Dale E. Lanham, EMT-P

Emergency Medical Technicians are routinely placed in high stress situations where they must focus all their attention to the victim or victims at hand. While saving lives is the highest priority, sometimes EMTs can forget the little things when caught up in the moment. I recently received a letter from a long time friend and fellow EMT describing an emergency situation where focusing more on the little things could have helped comfort the family of the victim. The letter read:

“This past weekend, a friend lost her mother very suddenly and unexpectedly. She had been diagnosed with cancer and had surgery to remove as much of the cancer as possible. She was in a nursing home for rehab to build up her strength so she could start chemo/radiation treatments. She was doing great; walking, eating, and getting ready to be released. They received a phone call one morning that her condition had changed and they need to come right away. When they arrived, the medics were working her, in a full arrest.

My point is this: when they brought her out of her room, taking her to the rig for transport, her arm was lying limply off the cot/backboard and it absolutely broke my friend’s heart. That is all she remembers seeing; her mom’s arm lying limply off the cot. Afterwards, when the family returned from the hospital to get her mother’s belongings, all the garbage from everything the medics used during the full arrest was still laying all over the place in the room. The nursing home staff hadn’t had time to clean it up yet. There again, the family was so upset and had to go relive the whole thing again.”

The letter continued, “We all know how crazy working a full arrest can be. It really made me stop and think about all the full arrests I’ve been a part of and how you get totally zoned in on the physical therapy and kind of forget what is going on with the family.”

While nothing is more important than saving the life of the victim, we must realize that the victim had family and people who cared about them. In the unfortunate event that the life cannot be saved, we must remember to keep the emotions of those who loved the victim in mind. As the letter showed, simply making sure the arm of the victim was fully on the cot would have saved the family from unnecessary stress and heartache. Thus, I encourage my fellow EMTs to try to put themselves in the shoes of those affected by a death. Let’s not forget the little things that we can do to help make those unfortunate situations a little bit easier on those who just lost a loved one.

Respectfully,
Dale E. Lanham, EMT-P
Porter Emergency Medical Service
BE AWARE OF SCAM ARTISTS OFFERING DISASTER ASSISTANCE

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is warning Indiana residents affected by the spring flooding and severe weather to be on the lookout for scam artists trying to cheat them.

“Indiana has many legitimate organizations and businesses that work to assist disaster survivors,” said Joe Wainscott, executive director of IDHS. “However, some scam artists may try to take advantage of this disaster situation. Hoosiers should be cautious of any unsolicited offers of assistance, and take measures to safeguard financial and other personal information.”

A common scam occurs when a person poses as a FEMA inspector or loss verifier of damaged property. If an inspector requests a fee, that inspector is a fake, or scam artist. FEMA inspectors never request a fee for anything they do.

Another scam that may follow in the wake of a major disaster is attempted identity theft. People living in the disaster area may receive a letter, a phone call, or an e-mail from someone posing as a state or federal official. The imposter claims he is holding a disaster assistance grant or loan for the applicant and all he needs is the person’s bank account number, Social Security number, or other personal information to complete the processing.

“Don’t be fooled by come-ons like these,” warns Wainscott. “Neither FEMA nor the state will ever call you asking for that information - or for a fee of any kind.”

The only time FEMA collects banking information is when the applicant first registers for assistance and request funds to be direct-deposited into a bank account. But that occurs only when the applicant calls FEMA, not the other way around. Also, FEMA and state representatives carry a photo ID. Ask to see it. If still unsure, call FEMA to verify at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for those with special speech or hearing needs.

A twist on the same scheme is for someone pretending to work for a volunteer organization to offer to help fill out an application for disaster assistance. The real object is to steal the victim's banking information.

People in the process of rebuilding their homes after a disaster are also cautioned to watch out for unscrupulous contractors.

Most contractors are reputable, hard-working individuals. Unfortunately, as the recovery process unfolds, there are those who try to take advantage of storm victims. People should be on the alert for door-to-door solicitors who hand out flyers and ask for large cash deposits or advance payment in full. They should insist on seeing identification and be especially alert for phone solicitors who ask for banking information, Social Security numbers or other personal information. This information should NOT be given out.

Individuals affected by recent disaster should consider the following:

- Ask contractors for proof of insurance. Be sure the contractor has both disability and workers’ compensation insurance. If a contractor is uninsured, you may be liable for accidents on your property.
- Ask for a written estimate, and check to make sure it includes everything you expect the contractor to do, as well as, taxes and any other fees.
- Ask for a written contract, and never sign a blank contract. The contract should include all tasks to be performed, all associated costs, payment schedule and specify who is responsible for applying and paying for necessary permits and licenses. Also ask for a written guarantee.
- Legitimate contractors and other service providers normally do not require more than one-third as a down payment. Don’t give anyone an advance payment in cash. Pay by check, and make sure your payment schedule is clearly spelled out in your contract.
- FEMA does not endorse individual loan companies or contractors, so be wary of any business that claims it has governmental support.

All residents are encouraged to get involved with the Hoosier recovery effort by helping spread the word about this warning. Tell your neighbor - and report anything suspicious by calling the Indiana Attorney General’s Hotline: 1-800-382-5516.

FEMA’s mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

2011 INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONFERENCE IS AUGUST 17-20

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security is reminding all emergency responders of the 2011 Indiana Emergency Response Conference on August 17-20 in Indianapolis.

The General Session Guest Speaker for the conference is Josh Bleill, Community Spokesperson for the Indianapolis Colts. Bleill, a Greenfield, Indiana native, lost both of his legs in Iraq while serving with the United States Marine Corps. Since then, he has authored “One Step At A Time: A Young marine’s Story of Courage, Hope, and a New Life in the NFL”, which chronicles his unique and inspiring story.

The 2011 IERC Workshop Presenter will be Randolph Mantoon, best known for his role in the 1970s medical drama, “Emergency!” His presentation titled “CO: The Quiet Killer” looks to motivate firefighters and paramedics to take a more proactive role in reducing the on the job risks to health and safety.

Angela Ganote, co-anchor of Fox 59 Morning News, will be the Awards Banquet Presenter. Originally from Brownsburg, Indiana, Ganote has worked for television stations across Indiana including WFLI in West Lafayette, WSBT in South Bend, and currently, WXIN in Indianapolis.

For more information about the 2011 IERC, visit www.indianaerc.com.
“ANIMALS IN DISASTER” TRAINING OFFERED AUGUST 17TH

An “Animals in Disaster” training course will be offered on August 17th at Grace College in Winona Lake. The training, which will focus on how to assist animals that end up in a disaster, will be conducted in conjunction with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH).

Additionally, participants will be given the opportunity to view BOAH’s new “Pet Disaster Trailer”. This trailer is designed to be deployed in the event of a major disaster involving companion animals in Indiana.

The “Animals in Disaster” training is currently being offered without cost. However, it is unlikely that this training will continue to be free. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. at 610 Wooster Road, Winona Lake, IN, and will continue until 3 p.m.

To register, please contact Dathan Reed at dreed@koscoredcross.com or Jean Marie Thompson at jeanmarie_thompson2000@yahoo.com.

REMEMBER TO VISIT IDHS AT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security would like to remind Hoosiers to visit the IDHS tent at the 2011 Indiana State Fair. Some of the activities at the IDHS tent include earthquake demonstrations and safety information from the Indiana Geological Survey, Disaster Comfort dogs from the Board of Animal Health, a high-tech mobile EMS simulation lab, and the opportunity to win an all-hazards alert radio or a fully stocked preparedness kit.

All-hazards radios will be given away every two hours during the fair and you can register for each radio awarded. Additionally, preparedness kits will be given away randomly to individuals who take a brief survey about preparedness while at the fair. You can also register to win a preparedness kit online at http://www.in.gov/dhs/statefair.htm.

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terrorist threats by providing timely, detailed information to the public, government agencies, first responders, airports and other transportation hubs, and the private sector. The public can receive these alerts through multiple sources including: DHS website (www.dhs.gov/alerts), IDHS website (www.in.gov/dhs), through email, Facebook, Twitter, and various other data feeds, web widgets, and graphics.

K-9 Crisis Responder “Nellie”