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“The true meaning of Islam will not only focus on how Muslims worship but also on who we are: mothers, fathers, spouses, students, neighbors, friends. People who smile with pride at their child’s first step; laugh with friends over the old times; worry about exam results; cry at the sight of our children in pain. People just like you!”

Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah of the Kingdom of Jordan on being Muslim



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- Government Executive
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- Homeland 1
- Federal Computer Weekly
- Firehouse Magazine
- United National
- Emergency Management Magazine
- Sign on San Diego
- Homeland Security Today
- ReliefWeb
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Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill

Tropical storm, oil slick equal more fear, uncertainty

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/06/26/gulf.oil.disaster/index.html?hpt=T1>

Little spent on spill cleanup technology

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/37944872/ns/disaster_in_the_gulf/

Volunteers, agencies counter misinformation about oil spill

<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/715975/>

Gov. Jindal's Office: Federal Gov't Needs to Fix Response or 'Just Get Out of the Way'

<http://www.propublica.org/ion/blog/item/gov.-jindals-office-federal-govt-needs-to-fix-response-or-just-get-out-of-t>

Hurricane season triggers planning to evacuate oil spill site

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/26/AR2010062602943.html>

162 cases of illness linked to oil spill reported in Louisiana

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/HEALTH/06/28/louisiana.oil.exposure/index.html?hpt=Sbin>

NASA Surveys Oil Spill with Earthquake Aircraft

<http://news.discovery.com/space/nasa-surveys-oil-spill-with-earthquake-aircraft.html>

US accepts international assistance for Gulf spill

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100630/ap_on_re_us/us_gulf_oil_spill_international_help

BP oil cleanup efforts disrupted on many fronts by rough seas

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/06/30/gulf.oil.disaster/index.html?hpt=T1>

Ex-FEMA director could help BP out of its disaster

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100628/ap_on_bi_ge/us_gulf_oil_spill_witt_3

BP's point man tries to polish tarnished image

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/24/AR2010062406181.html?hpid=topnews>

Oil industry cleanup organization swamped by BP spill

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/29/AR2010062905384.html?hpid=topnews>

Oil spill takes toll on tourism on Gulf Coast

http://www.usatoday.com/travel/destinations/2010-06-25-1Aspill25_CV_N.htm

Satellite Beach fire chief helps with Gulf spill (Florida)

<http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20100630/NEWS01/6300333/1006/rss01>

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Vice president announces Gulf food safety plan

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/06/29/gulf.oil.disaster/index.html?hpt=Sbin>

Vietnamese fishermen in Gulf fight to not get lost in translation

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/06/24/vietnamese.fishermen.gulf.coast/index.html?hpt=Mid>

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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

Get prepared for FEMA-funded Disaster Hero game

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/TECH/gaming.gadgets/06/25/fema.disaster.hero.game.ars/index.html?hpt=Mid>

VA KEY PLAYER IN EMERGENCY "SURGE CAPACITY"

<http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/13756/149/>

FEMA CREDIT CARDS SUBJECT TO MISUSE

<http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/13749/128/>

Cal EMA Secretary Matthew Bettenhausen Joins State of Nevada in Cross Border Exercise

<http://calemanews.wordpress.com/2010/06/28/cal-ema-secretary-matthew-bettenhausen-joins-state-of-nevada-in-cross-border-exercise/>

FEMA Administrator Fugate Speaks At Conference On Broadcast Meteorology, Tours National Hurricane Center In Miami

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=51975>

Few Creating Specific Plans for Social Media, Survey Says

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Plans-Social-Media-Survey.html>

Mayor Announces 'We Are Home' Rebuilding Assistance Program for Nashville Flood Victims (Tennessee)

<http://www.nashville.gov/mayor/news/2010/0629.asp>

Former CIA officer hired as Dallas County emergency management director (Texas)

http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/stories/DN-dalcounty_30met.ART.State.Edition1.295b6a1.html

Conn. city counts damage, blessings after tornado

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100625/ap_on_re_us/us_severe_weather

Corpus Christi officials learn from recent hurricanes (Texas)

http://www.caller.com/news/2010/jun/22/corpus-christi-officials-learn-from-recent/?partner=yahoo_feeds

Karuk Tribe and FEMA sign disaster assistance agreement; funds to be made available to help with storm recovery

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=52011>

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General Physics' Homeland Security, Defense & Emergency Management Group Becomes Authorized Provider of IACET CEUs

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/General-Physics-Homeland-bw-2325332979.html?x=0&.v=1>

GOVERNOR SCHWEITZER DISCUSSES MONTANA'S OIL AND GAS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

<http://www.kfbb.com/news/local/96934559.html>

Hurricane preparedness efforts earn awards (Hawaii)

http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/hawaii/news/20100619_Hurricane_preparedness_efforts_earn_awards.html

N.J. State Police reaction to nuclear disaster emergency drill too slow, FEMA says

http://www.nj.com/business/index.ssf/2010/06/fema_criticizes_nj_state_polic.html

Task force: Dallas not ready for major disaster (Texas)

<http://www.statesman.com/news/texas/task-force-dallas-not-ready-for-major-disaster-760448.html>

Governor Paterson Announces Agency Mergers and Consolidations to Save Taxpayer Dollars

<http://www.state.ny.us/governor/press/061810Consolidation.html>

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

Gen. McChrystal allies, Rolling Stone disagree over article's ground rules

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/25/AR2010062504087.html?hpid=topnews>

Panetta: Afghan war has 'serious problems,' but progress being made

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/POLITICS/06/27/panetta.interview/index.html?hpt=T1>

U.S. officials discover smuggling tunnel underneath Rio Grande

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/06/25/mexico.smuggling.tunnel/index.html?hpt=Sbin>

DHS front and center in Congress' cybersecurity debate—again

http://fcw.com/articles/2010/06/28/homepage-cybersecurity.aspx?admgarea=TC_HLS

NYPD, MTA to share anti-terror camera feeds in major subway hubs

<http://www.homeland1.com/homeland-security-products/video-surveillance-cctv-closed-circuit-television/articles/842303-nypd-mta-to-share-anti-terror-camera-feeds-in-major-subway-hubs/>

Spy case: U.S., Russia play down fallout

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/37982175/ns/us_news-security/

Alleged Russian agent was dramatic TV reporter in Peru

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/CRIME/06/29/russian.spies.pelaez.profile/index.html?hpt=T2>

Documents show vast cleanup of Plum Island land

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100627/ap_on_bi_ge/us_plum_island_sale

ACLU mounts first legal challenge to no-fly list

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/29/AR2010062904339.html?hpid=topnews>

Plan for new border troops outlined in Arizona meeting

http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=45577&sid=60

Fire at Calif. police building may be 7th attack

<http://www.homeland1.com/homeland-security-news/843377-fire-at-calif-police-building-may-be-7th-attack/>

NAPOLITANO TO LAUNCH RAIL SECURITY CAMPAIGN

<http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/13809/128/>

FBI says finding source of intelligence leaks hurt by scant referral-agency data

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/24/AR2010062406275.html?hpid=sec-nation>

US officials: Al-Qaida operative tied to NY plot

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100630/ap_on_re_us/us_nyc_terror

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Virginia getting \$9.6 million through infrastructure protection program
<http://progress-index.com/news/virginia-getting-9-6-million-through-infrastructure-protection-program-1.860088>

Parking lot attendants trained to fight terror (Georgia)
<http://www.cnn.com/2010/CRIME/06/30/parking.lot.security/index.html?>

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Campus Safety and Security

Is Your Campus Following NFPA-1600?

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Blog/Campus-Command-Post/Story/2010/06/Is-Your-Campus-Following-NFPA-1600.aspx>

Cause of MU blast unknown (Missouri)

<http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/2010/jun/28/explosion-injures-4-mus-schweitzer-hall/>

Fire in UC-Berkeley dorm injures 2 students; 200 students evacuated (California)

<http://topnews.net.nz/content/25600-fire-uc-berkeley-dorm-injures-2-students-200-students-evacuated>

IU appoints directors for emergency management, public safety (Indiana)

<http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/14810.html>

Retired, then rehired: How college workers use loophole to boost pay (Washington)

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2012217904_retirerehire27m.html

KU Public Safety debuts online crime map (Kansas)

<http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2010/jun/28/ku-public-safety-debuts-online-crime-map/>

Police link Virginia student slaying, 2005 sex assault

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/CRIME/07/01/virginia.slain.student/index.html?hpt=T2>

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Special Needs

NH woman on oxygen dies after power cut to home

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/25/AR2010062503592.html>

Blind children compete in Braille Challenge

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-braille-challenge-20100627,0,3486126.story>

Service Dogs Shouldn't Be Distracted When On The Job

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ucda/20100627/lf_ucda/servicedogsshouldntbedistractedwhonthejob

Federal grant will be used to reach infirm in dire situations (Missouri)

http://www.newstribune.com/articles/2010/06/29/news_local/nt185local13infirm10.txt

Helping People With Special Needs Prepare For A Disaster

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=52017>

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Hazard Research and News

Nano-coated Rocks Keep Earthquakes From Creeping Up

<http://news.discovery.com/earth/nano-coated-rocks-keep-earthquakes-from-creeping-up.html>

Signs of La Nina, and higher fire risk

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2010/jun/24/grsq-la-nina-takes-hold-could-worsen-wildfires/?sciquest>

Terrifying chase through America's 'tornado alley'

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/from_our_own_correspondent/8762000.stm

3 burned in gas explosion in Oklahoma

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/06/29/oklahoma.explosion/index.html?hpt=Sbin>

Alex Marks the First Named Storm Of 2010 Season - FEMA Urges Citizens To Be Prepared

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=52012>

Heat claims 2 more Md. seniors, for total of 5 killed

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/29/AR2010062905051.html?hpid=sec-metro>

New meningitis vaccine could stop outbreaks

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/30/AR2010063001446.html?hpid=moreheadlines>

Northern Wisconsin region suffering long dry spell

http://www.usatoday.com/weather/drought/2010-06-24-drought_N.htm

Expired swine flu shots amount to \$260 million loss

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/38046491/ns/health-cold_and_flu/

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Public Safety Communications, Interoperability, 3-1-1 and 9-1-1 News

Montgomery County Launches New MC311 Online and Telephone System (Maryland)
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=6677

Mass. dispatcher fired over fatal 911 call
<http://www.homeland1.com/homeland-security-news/843698-mass-dispatcher-fired-over-fatal-911-call/>

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Other

ROBO-BAYWATCH: AUTONOMOUSLY PATROLLING ROBOT LIFEGUARD SWIMS AT 28 MPH

<http://www.popsci.com/gadgets/article/2010-06/invention-month-robot-lifeguard>

In the Lap of Luxury for Doomsday- Video

<http://news.yahoo.com/video/us-15749625/in-the-lap-of-luxury-on-doomsday-20545178>

Manhunt on for convict after 2 Florida cops killed

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/37991941/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/

Agencies Fall Short on Web 2.0

http://wiredworkplace.nextgov.com/2010/06/agencies_fall_short_on_web_20.php

Medic big joke is DOA (Maryland)

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/brooklyn/medic_big_joke_is_doa_5ejwh1YY6iSRdXcNVIJIFK

Feds wasted millions in utilities program for poor

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100701/ap_on_re_us/us_electric_bill_fraud

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International News Stories

Civil Preparedness, Security and Humanitarian Affairs

Report: Karzai holds secret talks with top militant

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/37954054/ns/world_news-south_and_central_asia/

Russia alarmed by CIA view of Iran's weapons

http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20100628/ts_nm/us_q20_russia_iran_1

Blue helmets with UN-African force in Darfur turn to music, reading as peace tools

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35157&Cr=Darfur&Cr1>

Toronto police questioned after summit arrests (Canada)

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100629/ap_on_re_us/world_summit_protests

Working schools are vital in emergencies - experts

http://alertnet.org/db/an_art/58388/2010/05/30-133109-1.htm

US Census: Haiti population booming after quake

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h2cTUg3nNOwFogyEjgBCGdQeiOMQD9GKIAAO0>

Social Network Adds Situational Awareness to Haitian Earthquake Response

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Social-Network-Situational-Awareness-Haiti-Earthquake.html>

US issues Haiti travel alert after Americans slain

<http://www.homeland1.com/homeland-security-news/843649-us-issues-haiti-travel-alert-after-americans-slain/>

Norway joins Haiti Commission

<http://www.norwaypost.no/news/norway-joins-haiti-commission.html>

"If Education Can Still Go Forward, Haiti Has a Chance"

<http://savethechildren.typepad.com/blog/2010/07/save-the-childrens-manager-of-photography-susan-warnerlambert-if-education-can-still-go-forward-hait.html>

Crisis management body to step up activities (Switzerland)

http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/politics/foreign_affairs/Crisis_management_body_to_step_up_activities.html?cid=15325020&rss=true

Pakistan: 'District disaster management critical for effective disaster mitigation'

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14345&a=email>

Members of the European Parliament call for 'a holistic approach' to disaster prevention

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14357&a=email>

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Law to boost the Philippines' capacity to survive disasters signed
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14355&a=email>

Philippines: National Disaster Consciousness Month to be observed this July
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14374&a=email>

Solomon Islands: Red Cross to launch disaster programme
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14375&a=email>

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Hazard Research and News

Italian scientists who failed to predict L'Aquila earthquake may face manslaughter charges

<http://www.physorg.com/news196622867.html>

World's Largest Digital Camera to Watch for Killer Asteroids

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2010/06/100622-science-space-digital-camera-asteroid-telescope>

Nuclear Bombs Could Save Earth from Asteroids

<http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/diverting-asteroids-nuclear-explosives-100625.html>

Death toll in flood-stricken China nears 400

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/37942480/>

Police arrest more than 560 at Toronto summit (Canada)

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100627/ap_on_re_ca/cn_world_summit_protests

Police cars burn as vandals watch- Video

<http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/world/2010/06/26/vo.g20.police.car.fire.cnn?hpt=T1>

Ebola and Marburg viruses may be much older than thought

<http://www.physorg.com/news196925610.html>

China says 107 people trapped in a landslide

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/28/AR2010062801311.html?hpid=sec-world>

Mexico declares end to 14-month swine flu scare

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100630/ap_on_re_la_am_ca/lt_mexico_swine_flu

6 killed at amusement park in China

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/asiapcf/06/30/china.park.deaths/index.html?hpt=T2>

Fire puts Man. community on alert (Canada)

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/manitoba/story/2010/06/24/mb-forest-fire-cranberry-portage-manitoba.html?ref=rss>

Major earthquake hits southern Mexico; 1 dead

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/38012052/ns/world_news-americas/

Ottawa rolls on after quake (Canada)

<http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Canada/2010/06/25/14511226.html?cid=rssnews canada>

Tajikistan: Polio outbreak is cause for alarm

<http://bigmedicine.ca/wordpress/2010/06/tajikistan-polio-outbreak-is-cause-for-alarm/>

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International Affairs

N Korea seeks \$75 trillion in compensation

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/06/24/2936414.htm>

At White House, Obama and Saudi king discuss Guantanamo, Mideast peace process

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/29/AR2010062905048.html?hpid=moreheadlines>

G-20 leaders arrive in Toronto rived by national interests

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/24/AR2010062406472.html?hpid=topnews>

Taiwan, China sign historic trade deal

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/asiapcf/06/29/china.taiwan.deal/index.html?hpt=Sbin>

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Global Warming/Climate Change News Articles (U.S. and International)

Nothing to report

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Alternate Energy Research and Development News

Wrangling Renewables and the Smart Grid: How Can the Federal Government Change the Future of Electricity?

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=wrangling-renewables-and-the-smart-grid>

Natural Gas Could Serve as 'Bridge' Fuel to Low-Carbon Future

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=natural-gas-could-serve-as-bridge-fuel-to-low-carbon-future>

Africa's biggest wind farm opens in Morocco

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20100628/wl_africa_afp/moroccoenergywind_20100628153411

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Reports

Annual disaster statistical review 2009: the numbers and trends

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=14382&a=emai>
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GOI-UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme 2002-2009: evaluation and review of lessons learnt

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=14421&a=emai>
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In-depth review of disaster risk reduction in the Kyrgyz Republic

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=14436&a=emai>
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UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery 2009 Annual Report

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=14383&a=emai>
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Additional Information

National Hurricane Center Virtual Tour
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/nhctour.shtml>

Perfect Storm Emergency Exercise Video (Missouri)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7dQEWz9gCU>

Real Live Misinformation In Action (Oil Spill Rumors)
<http://www.govloop.com/profiles/blogs/real-live-misinformation-in>

Deputy Administrator Serino meets with Volunteer Groups in Kentucky- Video
<http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=104900556227122>

NYC brings CERT to Haiti
http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/news/10_06_25_cert_haiti.shtml

U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security Has Marked up the FY 2011 Budget for the Department of Homeland Security
<http://www.iaem.com/Committees/GovernmentAffairs/GovtAffairs.htm#MarkupFY2011DHSBudget25June2010>

Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Video
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CD9SdM4v_-E

Gallery: G8 and G20 summits
<http://www.nationalpost.com/multimedia/photos/gallery/index.html?id=3201093>

Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country: Your Handbook for the San Francisco Bay Region
<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/regional/nca/prepare/>

USAID in the News – 28 June 2010
<http://blog.usaid.gov/2010/06/usaaid-in-the-news-28-june-2010/>

CAL EMA Planning, Protection and Preparedness Program Website (California)
<http://cms.calema.ca.gov/preparednesshome.aspx>

Governor Schwarzenegger Launches First-in-the-Nation Disaster Corps- Speech
<http://gov.ca.gov/speech/15428/>

Get the Deepwater Horizon Response Widget
<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/676103>

Surviving a Disaster: Protecting Your Family- Video
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbKBI08I5Y8>

USGS Earthquake Notification Service
<https://sslearthquake.usgs.gov/ens/register>

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FEMA Tennessee Weekly Synopsis

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=52007>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Emergency Website

<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/pages/default.aspx>

Hospital Assessment and Recovery Guide

<http://www.ahrq.gov/prep/hosprecovery/>

Hospital Evacuation Decision Guide

<http://www.ahrq.gov/prep/hospevacguide/>

Tools to improve education in emergencies

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14406&a=email>

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutsshs.shtml>

U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security Has Marked up the FY 2011 Budget for the Department of Homeland Security

<http://www.iaem.com/Committees/GovernmentAffairs/GovtAffairs.htm#MarkupFY2011DHSBudget25June2010>

Catastrophic natural disasters and economic growth

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=14362&a=email>
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University of Washington Office of Emergency Management July 2010 Newsletter

http://www.washington.edu/emergency/files/documents/UWEM_Newsletter_July_2010.pdf

Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources: Protection and Resilience Transcript

The [Transcript](#) of the June 23rd EMForum.org program, "Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources: Protection and Resilience" with Darrell Darnell is now available. Please take a moment to [rate this program](#) for relevance and share your comments.

Our next program is scheduled for July 14th. Please make plans to join us then. In the meantime, we wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July holiday!

Webcast: Science in the Aftermath of the Arkansas Flood

Early Friday morning of June 11, the Little Missouri River in Southwest Arkansas experienced a deadly flash flood, with waters that rose over 20 feet in just 5 hours. In response, the USGS deployed a team of scientists to study the flow and height of the water, which is crucial for forecasters and emergency responders to warn the public, improve planning efforts, and minimize the impacts of future floods. USGS flood expert Robert Holmes discusses the response on-site in Arkansas. See this webcast (episode 128) at <http://www.usgs.gov/corecast/>.

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Plain Language Frequently Asked Questions

Dear All,

Last year the [Office of Emergency Communications](#) (OEC) sponsored a Plain Language Working Group. This Working Group developed the Plain Language Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to highlight key challenges presented when moving from coded substitutions to plain language, along with examples of how agencies have handled these challenges in the past. I am pleased to announce the [Plain Language FAQs](#) are now available on the [SAFECOM website](#).

The information developed by the working group supported multiple educational and outreach efforts. We have conducted media interviews, including [one with NBC](#), produced an awareness video and briefed multiple stakeholder groups, including members of Congress and officials within the Administration. In addition, a number of published articles addressed the topic of plain language, including those in March 2010 in [OnScene](#) and [PoliceOne](#)

OEC is delighted to announce that there will be a Plain Language panel at this year's APCO conference in Houston, Texas, on Monday, August 2, at 4:30 pm. We look forward to seeing many of you at the conference.

In the months ahead, I look forward to enhancing our partnership with you as we work toward improving interoperability nationwide. Please let me know if you have additional input for the Plain Language FAQs or others.

With best wishes for a safe and enjoyable July 4th holiday weekend.
Sincerely,

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Interesting Facebook Pages

The Public Entity Risk Institute (PERI)
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Public-Entity-Risk-Institute-PERI/135171743176276?v=wall>

GivingPreparedness - Unique Gifts, Emergency Preparedness Kits
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/www.givingpreparedness.com/GivingPreparedness-Unique-Gifts-Emergency-Preparedness-Kits/225903516941?v=wall>

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Ten Balloons, Ten Ways: How Emergency Mgmt & Social Media Work Together
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ten-Balloons-Ten-Ways-How-Emergency-Mgmt-Social-Media-Work-Together/186680516394>

PHE.gov - Public Health Emergency.gov
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-DC/PHEgov-Public-Health-Emergencygov/124033720970158?v=wall&_a=3

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