

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTHLY



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Welcome to the latest issue of Emergency Preparedness Monthly! The [Maine Training Committee for Medical, Behavioral and Public Health Emergency Preparedness](#), the [Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (formerly the Maine Bureau of Health), the [Maine Center for Public Health](#), and the [Harvard School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness](#) have partnered to bring you regular updates on emergency preparedness news and activities in Maine and beyond. This free monthly newsletter is designed to be a resource for a regional audience of public health, healthcare, public safety, and emergency response practitioners throughout Maine, as well as state and local leaders interested in protecting the public's health. It includes a digest of select news stories and commentaries, links to relevant resources, and a listing of upcoming preparedness-related trainings and events. The goal of this publication is to provide a central forum for disseminating useful, current, and succinct preparedness information to busy professionals. We welcome your comments and suggestions, and can be reached by contacting [epmonthly@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:epmonthly@hsph.harvard.edu).

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## Trainings/Exercises:

### SAD 72 Drill

**Date:** February 8, 2008, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Location:** Molly Ockett Middle School, 25 Molly Ockett Drive, Fryeburg, Maine

**Overview:** Oxford County EMA is hosting an emergency drill pertaining to the management of a school intrusion incident.

**Contact:** Oxford County EMA ([oxctyema@megalink.net](mailto:oxctyema@megalink.net)), 207-743-6336

### Hancock County-Bar Harbor Pan-Flu TTX

**Date:** February 28, 2008

**Location:** Bar Harbor, Maine

**Overview:** This pandemic flu tabletop is hosted by the Hancock County EMA and Northern Maine Regional Resource Center.

**Contact:** Hancock County EMA ([Linda.Feury@co.hancock.me.us](mailto:Linda.Feury@co.hancock.me.us)), 207-667-8126

## Research:

### [Pandemic Policy and Planning Considerations for Universities: Findings from a Tabletop Exercise](#)

**Randal Beaton, Andy Stergachis, Jack Thompson, Carl Osaki, Clark Johnson, Steven J. Charvat, and Nicola Marsden-Haug**

*Biosecurity and Bioterrorism: Biodefense Strategy, Practice, and Science / Volume 5, Number 4, 2007*

**Summary:** "The potential for a novel influenza virus to cause a pandemic represents a significant threat to global health. Planning for pandemic flu, as compared to planning for other types of hazards, presents some unique challenges to businesses, communities, and education institutions. To identify and address the challenges that may be faced by major metropolitan universities during a flu pandemic, a tabletop exercise was developed, offered, and evaluated. This exercise revealed existing gaps in university pandemic influenza plans and policies, including issues related to isolation and quarantine, continuity of operations, disaster mental health services, integration of volunteers into a disaster response, tracking travel of university students and personnel, communication problems, and ways to meet the needs of resident and foreign students and faculty during an outbreak. Policy and planning recommendations are offered that address each of these challenges faced by UW as well as other major research universities and colleges."

### [Emergency Preparedness for Health Professionals in a Statewide AHEC Program: The First Two Years](#)

**Virginia Fowkes, H. John Blossom, Heather Karr Anderson and Christian Sandrock**

*Academic Medicine, Vol. 82, No. 8 / August 2007*

**Summary:** "In 2003 through 2005, the California Statewide Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program developed an educational delivery system, through partnerships with six AHECs and state organizations concerned with emergency preparedness, to train for public health emergency preparedness the health professionals who practice primarily in the state's medically underserved areas. Four educational modules—General Emergency Preparedness, Bioterrorism, Chemical and Radiologic Agents, and Emerging Infections—were developed and delivered by a trained, multidisciplinary, community-based faculty. The authors discuss the organization, partnerships, curriculum, faculty, characteristics of trainees, outcomes of the program, effects for AHECs, and the evaluation used to commit the organization and program process to the intended program objectives during the two-year period."

## Local News:

### [Broadcast News Clip from CBS Channel 13, November 2, 2007](#)

**Overview:** SMRRC in the news -- Public health emergency preparedness discussion with Steven Trockman

### Department of Homeland Security Releases REAL ID Regulation

**Overview:** "The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced today a final rule establishing minimum security standards for state-issued drivers' licenses and identification cards. The rule sets uniform standards that enhance the integrity and reliability of drivers' licenses and identification cards, strengthen issuance capabilities, and increase security at drivers' license and identification card production facilities. The final rule also dramatically reduces state implementation costs by roughly 73 percent. Customs and Border Protection Issues Proposes Rule Requiring Additional Cargo Information."

### Customs and Border Protection Issues Proposes Rule Requiring Additional Cargo Information

**Overview:** "U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has published on January 2, 2008 a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) requiring importers and carriers to electronically submit additional information on cargo before it is brought into the United States by vessel. The Security Filing, also known as "10+2," is another step in the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) strategy to better assess and identify high-risk shipments to prevent terrorist weapons and materials from entering the United States."

## **National Events:**

### Heroes of Disasters

**Date:** April 15, 2008, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**Location:** Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive, Augusta, Maine

**Overview:** "The Maine Center for Public Health in partnership with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Harvard School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness has been planning a statewide conference focused on volunteers in public health emergencies. National as well as Maine-based speakers will participate."

**Contact:** [www.mcph.org/events.htm](http://www.mcph.org/events.htm)

### 2008 Local, State, Federal Public Health Preparedness Summit

**Date:** February 19, 2008 -- February 22, 2008

**Location:** The Atlanta Hilton Galleria Exhibit Hall, 3200 Cobb Parkway SW, Atlanta, Georgia

**Overview:** "The 2008 Public Health Preparedness Summit is the nation's largest conference for public health and emergency preparedness professionals. This third annual

Summit provides attendees the opportunity to participate in cutting-edge workshops, interactive sessions, and round table discussions that are designed to enhance knowledge, increase professional networks, and leave participants inspired."

**Registration:** [www.PHPrep.org](http://www.PHPrep.org)

## **2008 IEEE International Conference on Technologies for Homeland Security**

**Date:** May 12, 2008 -- May 13, 2008

**Location:** Westin Hotel, 70 Third Avenue, Waltham, Massachusetts, Greater Boston

**Overview:** "With Technical Assistance from the Department of Homeland Security, Science & Technology Directorate, the eighth annual IEEE International Conference on Technologies for Homeland Security will focus on novel and innovative technologies, which address the most pressing national security problems. The Conference will provide a forum for innovators to discuss ideas, concepts and findings to date. The conference will bring together innovators from leading universities, research laboratories, Homeland Security Centers of Excellence, small businesses, system integrators and the end user community. The IEEE Conferences has been identified as the key Homeland Security conference by the National Science and Technology Council, Nuclear Defense Research and Development Subcommittee to share with a broad community the interagency Nuclear Defense Research and Development Roadmap."

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