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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.

Trainings/Exercises:



[Principles of Emergency Management \(G230\)](#)

Date: January 13 - January 14, 2009

Time: 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM

Location: MEMA Classroom at the Central Maine Commerce, Center 45 Commerce Drive, Suite 2, Augusta, Maine

Overview: "The Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will be conducting the Federal Emergency Management Agency training program titled Principles of Emergency Management. This 2-day course is part of the Professional Development Series (PDS) of courses developed under the supervision of the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) with the assistance of State and local subject-matter experts. This course will provide the student with an introduction to the fundamentals of the emergency management system. Course topics will include the four phases of the emergency management cycle, community-focused hazard analysis, and the connection between planning and emergency management. The student will be introduced to the core function of an emergency management program, as well as the day-to-day program functions, including the roles of emergency management participants. A final examination will be administered at the end of the program."

contact: Mike Grant, MEMA Training Officer (michael.f.grant@maine.gov), 207-624-4400

[Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act \(EPCRA\) Reporting Workshop](#)

Date: January 15, 2009

Time: 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: Caribou Inn and Convention Center, 19 Main Street, Caribou, Maine

Overview: "This 3-hour workshop is for facilities that are required to report extremely hazardous substances and/or hazardous materials above reporting quantities. If you attend this workshop, you will have an understanding of:

- EPCRA Federal Law Public Law 99-499, October 17, 1986: 42 U.S.C. 11001 et seq.
- EPCRA Maine Law Public Law 464, Title 37-B, M.R.S.A., Chapter 13
- What chemicals do or do not need to be reported and why
- How to use Tier 2 Submit to complete and submit chemical inventory reports
- How to fill out the Fee Worksheets
- Use the List of Lists
- Updates in the program
- Questions about EPCRA answered

Please take advantage of this training and register early or at least 5 business days prior to the scheduled date."

Contact: Robert Gardner (maine.serc@maine.gov), 207-624-4400 or 800-452-8735

Emergency Planning (G235)

Date: January 27 - January 28, 2009

Time: 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM

Location: MEMA Classroom at the Central Maine Commerce Center, 45 Commerce Drive, Suite 2, Augusta, Maine

Overview: "This course will provide the student with an introduction to the fundamentals of the emergency planning process. Being able to use all the basic elements of the planning process gives emergency managers, planners, and other stakeholders a basis for working together to shape the community's disaster response to all types of hazards and problems. This course is designed to provide common experience of a properly structured Emergency Operations Plan in the following areas: The planning process; hazard analysis; the basic plan; annexes and appendices; and implementing instructions."

Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA Training Officer (michael.f.grant@maine.gov), 207-624-4400

Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Reporting Workshop -- Brewer

Date: January 29, 2009

Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Jeff's Catering, East West Industrial Park, 15 Littlefield Way Brewer, Maine

Overview: "This 3-hour workshop is for facilities that are required to report extremely hazardous substances and/or hazardous materials above reporting quantities.

If you attend this workshop, you will have an understanding of:

- EPCRA Federal Law Public Law 99-499, October 17, 1986: 42 U.S.C. 11001 et seq.
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Maine's Elders and Emergencies: Working for the Future

Overview: "The Maine Center for Public Health, the Maine Office of Elder Services and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Maine Emergency Management Agency and the Harvard School of

Public Health, Center for Public Health Preparedness (HSPH-CPHP) are pleased to present an online course intended to improve emergency preparedness planning for and among the elderly population titled: "Maine's Elders and Emergencies: Working for the Future." This course is designed for city and state officials, representatives of community-based organizations and other service providers, adult caregivers, first responders, elder adults, and any individual who wants to participate in promoting emergency preparedness for elder community needs. This course will provide you with the tools and knowledge necessary to prepare and respond to elders in an emergency. It is professionally narrated and has non-graded quizzes that will allow one to test their responses as well as printable facts and other downloadable information. We encourage you to share this online course with anyone involved in emergency preparedness or other groups/individuals who may benefit from it."

*** * Win one of five \$50.00 gift certificates when you complete the course evaluation * ***

Visit: www.cphp.sph.harvard.edu

User name: Elder

Password: Elder

Please note, the above user name and password are case-sensitive*

Certificates of completion will be sent via us mail 4-6 weeks from time of course completion.

Contact: Joshua C. Frances, 207-662-5143

Webcasts:



Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Partnering with Tribal Governments and Communities

Date: January 29, 2009

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST

Overview: "The capacity to reach every person in the community is the goal of any mass antibiotic dispensing campaign. In particular, planning for dispensing to American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations presents unique challenges for public health professionals, tribal leaders, and tribal health providers. Many public health planners are unsure how to reach out to and involve AI/AN communities in their mass antibiotic dispensing plans and drills. This broadcast will assist state and local Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) planners in determining how to effectively engage their neighboring tribal governments and communities. Participants from several states, counties, and tribal entities will discuss how to ensure that tribal leaders and stakeholders are appropriately involved in mass antibiotic dispensing and all-hazards planning. The broadcast will include a live question and answer session in which viewers are encouraged to participate. Goal to assist state and local public health planners in reaching out to and partnering with American Indian and Alaska Native governments and communities for a mass antibiotic dispensing campaign. Objectives Upon successful completion of the program, participants will be able to:

- * Define some of the challenges of reaching out to tribal populations
- * Identify ways to reach out to the tribal communities
- * Determine the most appropriate contacts within local tribal communities
- * List two preferred methods of communication within the tribal community
- * Describe two methods for providing training in the tribal community"

Contact: CDC, 1-800-41-TRAIN

Research:



Library roles in disaster response: an oral history project by the National Library of Medicine

Featherstone RM, Lyon BJ, Ruffin AB.

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Overview: "To develop a knowledgebase of stories illustrating the variety of roles that librarians can assume in emergency and disaster planning, preparedness, response, and recovery, the National Library of Medicine conducted an oral history project during the summer of 2007. The history aimed to describe

clearly and compellingly the activities--both expected and unusual--that librarians performed during and in the aftermath of the disasters. While various types of libraries were included in interviews, the overall focus of the project was on elucidating roles for medical libraries. METHODS: Using four broad questions as the basis for telephone and email interviews, the investigators recorded the stories of twenty-three North American librarians who responded to bombings and other acts of terrorism, earthquakes, epidemics, fires, floods, hurricanes, and tornados. RESULTS: Through the process of conducting the oral history, an understanding of multiple roles for libraries in disaster response emerged. The roles fit into eight categories: institutional supporters, collection managers, information disseminators, internal planners, community supporters, government partners, educators and trainers, and information community builders. CONCLUSIONS: Librarians--particularly health sciences librarians--made significant contributions to preparedness and recovery activities surrounding recent disasters. Lessons learned from the oral history project increased understanding of and underscored the value of collaborative relationships between libraries and local, state, and federal disaster management agencies and organizations."

Conference:



2009 Public Health Preparedness Summit

Date: February 18, 2009 - February 20, 2009

Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Pacific Time)

Location: Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, 1380 Harbor Island Drive
San Diego, California

Overview: "The Summit is the largest conference for public health and emergency preparedness professionals offering a variety of plenary, panel, and poster presentations, round table discussions, and interactive workshops all focused on building, enhancing, and sustaining our nation's ability to plan for, respond to, and recover from disasters and other public health emergencies."

Why should you be at the Summit?

"Demonstrate your support of our nation's local, state, and federal public health preparedness professionals by being an exhibitor or sponsor of the 2009 Public Health Preparedness Summit.

There are various ways to feature your organization at the Summit and achieve maximum impact and exposure for your marketing investment. Your exhibit and sponsorship will show your organization's leadership in one of the most exciting public health events of the year and put you in front of more than 1,500 attendees from across the country including:

- Local and state public health department preparedness staff
- Federal agency staff working on public health preparedness issues, including CDC and HRSA
- Representatives from the academic community including Centers for Public Health Preparedness.
- Community health center, hospital, and emergency medical services staff
- Industry partners looking to learn from conference attendees and share new ideas and technologies.
- Emergency management agency and homeland security professionals and other personnel working with public health agencies to build preparedness capacity and competency at the local, state, and federal level."

Contact: Contact the Registration Department (phpreg@conferencemanagers.com), 703-964-1240

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Please submit your events to the February edition of EP Monthly by mid-January through the following [online form](#). We would love to share our resources and opportunities with the growing New England EP Monthly community.