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## Zika May Grow as We Enter Summer Season

As weather warms up in the Northern Hemisphere, the potential exists for the Zika virus to spread further into the United States by way of its primary vector, the mosquito. Though many states have active mosquito control measures in places where they are a consistent problem, they cannot stop all mosquitoes and many officials feel it is just a matter of time before we see local transmissions.

Many southern cities and states have the potential to see Zika cases as early as April, according to this [study in PLOS Current Outbreaks](#). Most of the 50 cities in the study have the potential for low-to-moderate Zika activity by June. No locally-acquired cases of Zika have been found in the United States as of March 30<sup>th</sup>, though various localities have reported imported cases.

Public health departments, hospitals, local government officials, and first responders interested in learning more about Zika and monitoring the virus in the United States can sign up for email updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) [Zika Virus page](#).

In addition, Health and Human Services' Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange ([TRACIE](#)) has "[Zika: Resources at Your Fingertips](#)" (PDF, 454.7 Kb). Updated since its first iteration, the sheet lists the basics about the virus such as symptoms and treatment as well as key resources for emergency managers and public health workers, testing, monitoring, and reporting.

It is unknown how Zika might progress in the United States or even if it will be a problem over and above the cases imported in by people traveling to affected areas. However, preparing for possibilities is the basis of emergency management and it is crucial to always keep plans and procedures up-to-date.

(Source: [TRACIE](#))

## State of 9-1-1 Webinar: Railroad Incident Response

[The next State of 9-1-1 webinar](#) will feature an official from the Federal Railroad Administration discussing a set of new educational videos on response to railroad incidents. The videos target dispatchers to help educate them on how to respond and manage a call involving a train-related accident, including the type of information to gather, how to work with the rail company, managing hazmat incidents, and handling

a caller who is unable to provide concrete information on location, type of train, or nature of the accident.

Also in this webinar, Washington's Deputy State E9-1-1 Coordinator will talk about their development of an Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network (ESInet). As next-generation 9-1-1 moves forward, ESInets offer PSAPs a way to embrace the functionalities such as video and image files.

This webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Eastern. All interested parties are asked to [register](#).

(Source: [911.gov](#))

## Briefings on Ukraine Power Infrastructure Attack

The Ukraine was victim to the first known power outage caused by a cyberattack back in December, prompting many infrastructures and businesses to shore up their cybersecurity even more than they already had. The United States uses the same equipment found in the Ukraine systems, and officials are taking this risk very seriously.

The Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) and the FBI are holding a series of in-person briefings and webinars around the country to discuss the Ukraine event and potential implications to stakeholders in the United States. The briefings will last approximately an hour and go over the events of the attack, techniques used, and strategies for mitigating risk.

[Interested parties are asked to register](#) regardless of whether they will be attending an in-person briefing or via a webinar. There is limited seating depending on the venue, registration is recommended early. The events will be held through the end of April.

(Source: [ICS-CERT](#))

## Ground Vehicle Standard for Ambulances

The Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) announces the release of their [Ground Vehicle Standard for Ambulances](#) (PDF, 2.54 Mb). This long-awaited document is the result of two years of work by a consensus group made up of a number of organizations within the industry.

The goal of the standard is to establish minimum requirements for performance, construction, maintenance, and provisions to ensure ground ambulances will function reliably and ensure providers are delivering the best care possible to their communities. The document goes over definitions and terms as well as design guidelines, equipment, supplies, manuals, and more.

The standard is free for download and has an effective date of July 1, 2016. In the future, the website will have a portal for providers to connect with the GVS Technical committee for interpretations and questions about the standard.

(Source: [CAAS](#))

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