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Fentanyl: A Briefing Guide for First Responders

In order to address the deadly fentanyl dangers first responders are increasingly facing, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) released the June 2017 version of “[Fentanyl: A Briefing Guide for First Responders](#)” (PDF, 7.7 MB).

This is a comprehensive guide all fire, EMS and law enforcement agencies should have on hand as reference, and it can be used to develop and support departmental policy. The guide details recommendations pertaining to safe handling of fentanyl or substances that could contain fentanyl, overdoses, evidence collection and decontamination. It also details types of exposure risks and how to manage an accidental exposure.

Fentanyl poses a deadly situation for first responders and that danger appears to be increasing. Several accidental overdoses have occurred to law enforcement officers in recent weeks. Departmental leadership needs to take this threat seriously and ensure their personnel are thoroughly educated on the threat and how to mitigate it. Please see other [DEA resources](#) to help address the fentanyl dangers.

(Source: [DEA](#))

Updated Active Shooter Response Resources

Jurisdictions should have an active shooter response plan in place by now. Law enforcement, EMS, and fire departments should have a unified approach to these chaotic incidents and should train together regularly. Workplaces also should plan to hold drills with their employees and even drill jointly with first responders. Joint drills and exercises provide a multitude of benefits for all involved.

The Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) its [Active Shooter Preparedness page](#) includes new training content, resource documents, and a facts sheet listing warning signs, along with steps people can take if they notice worrisome behavior.

The Active Shooter Resources section, which includes pamphlets, a poster and pocket cards, also now has [new resource packets translated](#) into Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Punjabi, Russian, Somali, Urdu and Spanish. Culturally diverse neighborhoods are sometimes underserved due to language barriers; this allows authorities to include them in outreach procedures.

The time to train, practice and prepare for these events is before one happens. Active shooter incidents are not going away, as recent events unfortunately show.

The InfoGram is distributed weekly to provide members of the Emergency Services Sector with information concerning the protection of their critical infrastructures.

They can and do happen without notice or any indications. Being prepared as a community will help keep people alive and improve overall response.

(Source: [DHS](#))

2017 Mitigation Planning Webinars Continue

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 10 Mitigation Planning team is continuing the 2017 “Mitigation Planning Webinar Series” with a different mitigation planning topic each month. The webinar series is for anyone in the public and private sector involved in community planning, but participants should keep in mind speakers and examples are specific to Region 10.

The next offering, “[Integrating Community Wildfire Protection Plans and Natural Hazards Mitigation Plans](#),” will be June 23, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern. Representatives from Idaho Department of Lands and Idaho Emergency Management will discuss how they work with communities in plan integration, as well as a plan review process between the two state agencies. Future topics and dates:

- July 28 – [Developing an Effective Mitigation Strategy](#)
- August 25 – [Incorporating Climate Adaptation into Natural Hazards Mitigation Planning](#)
- September – Tribal Mitigation Planning
- October – Addressing Social Equity Through Mitigation Planning
- November – Integrating Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans into Local Comprehensive Plans
- December – Bringing the Mitigation Plan to Life

To be added to the distribution list to receive future dates and times, contact the FEMA Region 10 Mitigation Planning Program Manager Brett Holt at brett.holt@fema.dhs.gov. Those interested in presenting a 5-10 minute brief on a future topic may also send an email to the above address. All webinars are recorded and available through the [Coffee Break site](#).

(Source: [FEMA Region 10](#))

Apply for National EMS Advisory Council

The National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC) is currently accepting applications for membership to their 2017-2019 term. The NEMSAC provides EMS-related recommendations and advice to the Department of Transportation and the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS.

Council members serve 2-year terms and may be reappointed to one successive term. Applicants can apply for one or more of the 25 areas representing various sectors in or related to EMS, such as EMS practitioners, volunteers, hospital-based, tribal, air medical, 9-1-1 dispatchers, educators, public health, emergency management and state EMS directors. [See the Join NEMSAC informational page](#) for the full list of sectors represented.

Applications to join the 25-member council must be received on or by June 16, 2017. The full official notice is available through the [Federal Register](#). See the [NEMSAC page](#) for details on the application packet. For more information, contact Susan McHenry at susan.mchenry@dot.gov.

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