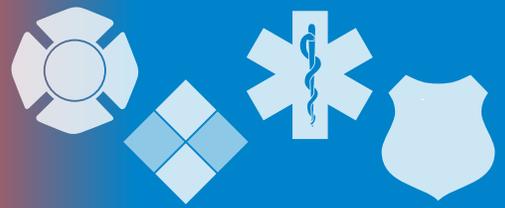


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New training module available from Fire Hero Learning Network

Automatic fire sprinkler systems and automatic fire alarm systems are common in many types of construction. As automatic fire alarms and sprinklers are installed in more properties, firefighters must know in advance the best techniques to fighting fires in structures with these systems.

To help firefighters prepare for these incidents, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) launched the new training module "[Automatic Fire Sprinkler and Alarm Systems](#)." The new module provides basic information on sprinklered buildings and how to manage alarm systems incorporated into multi-family buildings. The module is self-paced and can be completed at any time or place.

Free training available through [Fire Hero Learning Network](#) (FHLN) focuses on safety, operations and community relations. The majority of training applies to all levels (firefighter through to leadership), all jurisdictions and all volunteer or career firefighting. Users will receive certificates of completion and a training record.

(Source: [National Fallen Firefighters Foundation](#))

National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center

Federal, state and local agencies faced with major hazardous releases have scientific experts and a 24/7 national support center to assist them with predictive mapping and response efforts.

The [National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center](#) (NARAC), housed at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, provides simulation, mapping and plume prediction for all types of natural or man-made hazardous atmospheric releases. This can include nuclear, radiological, chemical and biological but also encompasses major fires and volcanic eruptions.

NARAC provides [expert services](#) including scientific analysis, training, exercise support and planning studies. Through its resource pages, users can find [publications](#), and [briefing products](#) on topics such as dirty bombs, nuclear power plant accidents and industrial chemical releases.

Examples of incidents NARAC assisted with are the tire dump fire in California (1998), a chemical facility fire in Georgia (2000), Kilauea Volcano venting (2008), the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill (2010), and several large wildfires.

NARAC account access is limited; please see the sign-in page for more details. This page also lists the [emergency contact numbers for the center](#), the kind of incidents it provides assistance to and what to expect when you call.

(Source: [NARAC](#))

Health communications lessons learned after 2017 hurricane season

Communications systems, like other systems, were devastated on Puerto Rico during last year's hurricane season. Strong winds from Hurricanes Irma and Maria brought down power and communications lines throughout the island, isolating large areas. Relaying information to people cut off from the modern world became a serious health issue.

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Experts have recently released key points and lessons learned relating to post-disaster health communications. We present two viewpoints here in the hopes that this information can mitigate such problems in future disasters.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention sent teams of health communicators to Puerto Rico after the hurricanes. Faced with no access to internet or television and very limited radio or cell phone coverage, the [teams were challenged to get potentially life-saving information into the hands of the populace](#). They discuss:

- Developing key messages in advance.
- Identifying new communication channels.
- Creating culturally appropriate materials.
- Partnering up.
- Putting boots on the ground.

The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice offers an upcoming free webinar [“Public Health Communications for Hurricane Maria Response”](#) on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 from 3-4 p.m. Eastern to discuss the implementation of a public health media campaign during hurricane recovery. This campaign aimed to keep people healthy and connected under terrible conditions. Registration is required for access.

The webinar covers working with government agencies, clinics, community coalitions and the Region 2 Public Health Training Center. The team disseminated information and deployed just-in-time training to those in need, and employed communication strategies addressing common disaster issues like pharmaceutical distribution, clean water supplies, and animal control, even with such limited resources.

(Sources: Various)

Webinar: Reimbursement for Costs of Firefighting on Federal Property

Did you know your fire department can get reimbursed by the government if you are called to a fire on federal property? The U.S. Fire Administration’s Emergency Response Support Branch is hosting an informational webinar on this program.

“Reimbursement for Costs of Firefighting on Federal Property,” scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 1:30-2 p.m. Eastern, will provide program details so fire departments can take advantage of this reimbursement program.

No pre-registration is required. [Participants should sign-in early](#) in order to establish connectivity and print attachments. The audio portion will be by telephone. Conference call in number is 800-320-4330; PIN 110085#. The webinar room will open at 1 p.m. Eastern and the call-in number will be available starting at 1:15 p.m. Eastern.

(Source: [USFA](#))

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