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### National Preparedness Month

September is the 6<sup>th</sup> annual [National Preparedness Month \(NPM\)](#), "Prepare, Plan, Stay Informed." The [Emergency Management and Response—Information Sharing and Analysis Center](#) (EMR-ISAC) verified the NPM 2009 will focus on changing perceptions about emergency preparedness and should help Americans understand what it truly means to be ready.

In partnership with Citizen Corps and the Advertising Council, FEMA's Ready Campaign will sponsor this year's NPM. FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate's video message "[Be Part of the Team](#)," emphasized the need for public preparedness. He explained that our entire emergency management team has a role to play when it comes to preparing for and responding to the next disaster. "One of the most important parts of that team is the public. The more prepared the public is now, by getting an emergency response kit, making an emergency response kit, making an emergency action plan, and getting a skill, the stronger our emergency response team will be."

National Preparedness Month Coalition [membership](#) is open to all public and private sector organizations. The 2009 NPM will teach Americans that being ready includes the following:

- Assembling an emergency supply kit.
- Preparing a family emergency plan.
- Getting informed about emergencies and their appropriate responses.
- Becoming involved in community efforts such as Citizen Corps.

More information about FEMA's Ready Campaign can be seen at <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/index.shtm>.

### Law Enforcement Intelligence

The [Emergency Management and Response—Information Sharing and Analysis Center](#) (EMR-ISAC) learned that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) recently released the Second Edition of "[Law Enforcement Intelligence: A Guide for State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies](#)." (PDF, 5.3 Mb) "This Guide of nearly 500 pages serves as a road map to understanding criminal intelligence and its related methodology, standards, processes, management, and resources," stated the former director of the DOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). "It will reflect the most current issues and initiatives related to law enforcement intelligence at the state, local, and tribal levels."

After reviewing the Executive Summary, the EMR-ISAC noted the second edition of the Guide captures the vast changes that have occurred in the four years since the first edition was published in 2004. Emphasis has been placed on cooperation and information sharing among local, state, tribal, and federal agencies.

Hard copies may be ordered from the DOJ COPS Response Center by calling 800-421-6770.

## Citizen Corps

The [Emergency Management and Response—Information Sharing and Analysis Center](#) (EMR-ISAC) confirmed the [Citizen Corps](#) offers possibilities to engage citizens through education, training, and volunteer service to strengthen America's communities and increase their protection and resiliency to the wide array of natural and man-made hazards that threaten local safety and security.

According to Citizen Corps web site, everyone can make families and communities safer through [volunteer service](#). Citizen Corps engages individuals in volunteer activities that support first responders, disaster relief groups, and community safer organizations. Everyone can do something to support local law enforcements, fire, emergency medical services, community public health efforts, and the four stages of emergency management: prevention, mitigation, response and recovery.

The Citizen Corps partner programs give citizens the opportunity to get involved and enhance the capabilities of first responders through the use of volunteers. The five federally sponsored programs are the following:

- The [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#) educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic response skills.
- The [Fire Corps](#) promotes the use of citizen advocates to augment the capacity of fire and rescue departments at all levels: volunteer, combination, and career.
- [USAonWatch \(UOW\)-Neighborhood Watch](#) works to provide information, training, and resources to citizens and law enforcement agencies throughout the country.
- The [Medical Reserve Corps \(MRC\)](#) strengthens communities by helping medical, public health, and other volunteers offer their expertise throughout the year, during local emergencies, and other times of community need.
- [Volunteers in Police Service \(VIPS\)](#) work to increase the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers. VIPS serves as a gateway to resources and information for and about law enforcement volunteer programs.

The EMR-ISAC learned that successful response and recovery must be supported through well-coordinated planning, training, and preparation. Citizen Corps Councils are designed to bring together government, community leaders, first responders, emergency managers, businesses, non-profit and volunteer organizations, and other groups with direct interest in strengthening their communities. The [Citizen Corps brochure](#) (PDF, 2.0 Kb) states: "We all have a role to play in keeping our hometowns safe and secure and Citizen Corps helps you prepare, train, and volunteer."

## Second National Dialogue on Quadrennial Homeland Security Review

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will conduct the second National Dialogue on the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR) beginning 31 August and continuing through 6 September. The [Emergency Management and Response—Information Sharing and Analysis Center](#) (EMR-ISAC) was notified that the DHS Secretary specifically requests to hear from the leaders, owners, and operators of Emergency Services Sector (ESS) departments and agencies. "The work you do is directly related to what is in this review, and we encourage you and your colleagues to participate."

According to QHSR coordinators, this second dialogue will be more interactive. It will ask participants to prioritize and comment on proposed homeland security objectives and to discuss what must be done to achieve these objectives. "Participation by ESS personnel will help inform the work of the QHSR study groups," each of which is focusing on one of the following study areas:

- Counterterrorism and domestic security management.
- Securing our borders.
- Smart and tough enforcement of immigration laws.
- Preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters.
- Homeland Security National Risk Assessment.
- Homeland Security Planning and Capabilities.

DHS will provide a final week-long online collaboration session from 28 September to 4 October. Use the following link to join next week's conversation: [www.homelandsecuritydialogue.org](http://www.homelandsecuritydialogue.org). To learn more about the QHSR, go to [www.dhs.gov/qhsr](http://www.dhs.gov/qhsr).

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- 2) Your local FBI office - Web: <http://www.fbi.gov/contact/fo/fo.htm>
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