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Fentanyl video from CBP helps first responders stay safe

First responders are increasingly likely to encounter fentanyl in the course of their duties, due in part to the availability and demand for synthetic opioids. Fentanyl is extremely potent and first responders need to know how to protect themselves from exposure and steps to take if they are exposed.

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) produced "Fentanyl: The Real Deal," a new video based on the White House's "Fentanyl Safety Recommendations for First Responders." The video debunks some of the common myths about exposure to fentanyl and its analogs, lists methods and symptoms of exposure, recommended PPE, and discuses Nalaxone use.

Fentanyl and its analogs do pose a threat to first responders, but as with anything, proper education, prevention and response is the key to making sure everyone goes home. This video is ideal for addition to an in-house training session or as a stand-alone short instructional.

(Source: CBP)

Functional Needs Registry aids responders and citizens alike

Citizens who have functional needs are more vulnerable than the general population and often require additional assistance before, during and after an emergency. Emergency managers and planners should consider this population carefully when updating plans, as this group makes up a large percentage of the population.

Some jurisdictions address the issue through a Functional Needs Registry, a database of information on individuals needing additional assistance during an emergency. Registries are voluntary and often residents can register through an online questionnaire. Such a registry assists emergency response agencies to better meet the needs of the whole community.

Emergency managers and first responders should consider creating a Functional Needs Registry and partnering with healthcare facilities, public health offices, social services and nonprofit organizations to get the word out. A registry can benefit people with the following concerns:

- Mobility - walker or cane, wheelchair, confined to a bed.
- Medical needs - dialysis, insulin-dependent, ventilator or oxygen, life support.
- Communications - deaf, hard of hearing, blind, non-verbal.
- Cognitive - mental health concerns, developmental disability, autism.
- Other - older adults, service animal, lack of transportation, isolated populations.

You can see a variety of examples of municipality, county and state registries online from New York, California, Colorado, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, Montana and North Carolina. Most of these stress that being listed on a registry does

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not guarantee immediate assistance and that individuals are still encouraged to prepare for their own care and safety, as all residents should.

(Sources: Various)

Terrorism Prevention Literature Library

The Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) at the Department of Homeland Security developed a free and publicly accessible dashboard enabling users to search catalogued literature and research projects on terrorism prevention and countering violent extremism.

The dashboard is intended for stakeholders working on terrorism prevention initiatives at the state and local level. Users can search by title, author, abstract, author keywords and themes. Each user is able to customize their own unique library through folders and tagging.

Users can access the database through either a downloadable desktop application or a web-based system. Users can share content with others through the creation of groups using the desktop option, while the web-based option allows users to follow topics and authors.

Details on accessing the dashboard can be found on the S&T website.

(Source: S&T)

Nomination period open for 2019 Wildfire Mitigation Awards

The Wildfire Mitigation Awards Committee invites nominations for the 2019 Wildfire Mitigation Awards. First started in 2014, this award recognizes great wildfire mitigation programs around the country such as:

- ❯ Creation of local mitigation coalitions.
- ❯ Community wildfire protection plans.
- ❯ Engagement efforts like creating defensible space and home hardening.
- ❯ Fire department engagement wildfire risk reduction.

This is an excellent opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of members of your community engaged in wildfire preparedness and mitigation programs. It also serves to increase public recognition and awareness of community adaption programs.

Submission deadline is Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Visit the National Association of State Foresters website for full submission guidelines and selection criteria.

(Source: National Association of State Foresters)

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