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## Salmonella Latest in Drug-Resistant Worries

A small outbreak of [multi-drug resistant Salmonella](#) in the upper Midwest this year is the newest addition to the conversation on drug-resistant strains of bacteria. In this case, only 21 people were reported infected, with eight hospitalizations and no deaths. The outbreak is linked with dairy bulls in Wisconsin.

The fight against [antibiotic resistance](#) is a serious concern worldwide and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says aggressive action is needed to keep new resistance from developing and prevent existing strains from spreading. State and local public health departments play a major role in tracking the issue here in the United States.

The CDC offers instruction on [protecting patients and stopping outbreaks](#), which is a must-read for anyone working in a medical capacity, as well as information on protecting the food supply. Every year, 2 million people become infected with resistant bacteria, causing 23,000 deaths. Collected data shows they are contracted most in general communities and inpatient healthcare.

This fall the CDC opened the [Antibiotic Resistance Laboratory Network](#) (AR Lab Network) consisting of seven regional labs networked to provide support to healthcare facilities detecting [antibiotic resistant strains](#). This additional support coupled with education on ways to minimize the spread can help healthcare facilities protect their patients and communities.

(Source: [CDC](#))

## Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks Program

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced a new funding opportunity for the [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2016 Program to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks](#) (CCTA Program). The FY2016 CCTA Program provides \$35.94 million to local, state, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions to improve their ability to prepare for, prevent, and respond to complex coordinated terrorist attacks.

Complex coordinated attacks, like those seen in France last year, are very difficult to prepare for and respond to due to the non-traditional attack methods used. CCTA Program is a competitive grant process; selected jurisdictions will receive funding to build and sustain capabilities enhancing preparedness to include the following components: identifying capability gaps; developing and/or updating plans; training to implement plans and procedures; and conducting exercises to validate capabilities.

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Two upcoming webinars will discuss this opportunity in more detail. Connection details on these webinars are forthcoming:

Webinar on the FEMA FY 2016 CCTA Grant Program:

- Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. (EST)
- Thursday, December 15, 2016, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. (EST)
- Monday, December 19, 2016, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. (EST)

Webinar on Non-Disaster (ND) Grants System:

- December 15, 2016, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (EST)

The application period will remain open until February 10, 2017. The program Notice of Funding Opportunity, fact sheet, and FAQs on this opportunity can be found at [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) and [FY 2016 CCTA Program Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). If you have any questions, please contact FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or at [FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov).

(Source: [FEMA](#))

## Health and Safety Courses Free for Limited Time

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is offering 17 of their health and safety courses free for a limited time through its [Virtual Classroom](#) (PDF, 99 Kb). These courses are self-paced, developed by and for fire service members, and come with downloadable materials. A sample of courses:

- Fireground Accountability: Daring Not to be a Statistic
- Flawed Situational Awareness: Stealth Killer of First Responders
- Incident Safety Officer Series
- Obesity in the Fire Service
- Behavioral Health in the Fire and Emergency Services

The NVFC Virtual Classroom features low-cost courses created and presented by emergency services professionals. You do not need to be a member of NVFC to take the courses, but members do get a discount. For a complete list of courses available and instructions on accessing them, visit the [Virtual Classroom](#) (PDF, 99 Kb).

(Source: [NVFC](#))

## 9-1-1 Training for Active Shooter Response

The International Public Safety Association (IPSA) is holding "[Training and Education for Dispatchers and 911 Call Takers on Active Shooter Response](#)," a free 60 minute webinar providing dispatchers and 9-1-1 call takers with strategies, effective guidelines, and principles to handle calls involving active shooter situations.

People involved in active shooter incidents need their call taker to be a clear, firm voice giving instructions and directions in a dangerous, quickly changing situation. Good training is a key element in ensuring dispatchers handle these incidents effectively, saving lives in the process.

Please join IPSA on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Eastern for this webinar. Registration is required; call in information will be emailed after registration.

(Source: [IPSA](#))

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