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Region II Individual and Community Preparedness Bulletin

FEMA RII is Accepting Interns!

One of the best ways to get valuable work experience and learn about different career paths is through an internship! Several intern positions are currently available in the National Preparedness Division in DHS/FEMA Region II based in New York City. Interns will have the opportunity to work with FEMA employees as well as complete independent tasks and projects related to their field of study, whether it be economics, information science, public health, etc.

Raul Gomez, an intern currently enrolled at NYU's Wagner School of Public Service, participated in Gotham Shield 2017 doing evaluation and design analysis, as well as developing a presentation for the Active Shooter workshop series. Across the hall in another division, Stephen Swain aided the Region II Exercise Officer in "developing full scale, functional, and tabletop exercises for a range of different audiences." Though initially unsure of what department he preferred, "being involved with exercise design, I fell in love with it. I am happy to say that I have made it a career." Stephen is now working as a full time exercise and training consultant for a state agency.

While working on these projects for FEMA, students also hone professional skills to be applied at FEMA in the future or any workplace after the internship. Nathan Psota says that "while working with FEMA as an intern, I learned background information on emergency management, presentation skills, and gained experience in a collaborative environment"—expertise that he now uses every day in the Program Management Branch of the Mitigation Division in FEMA, Region II. Julia Roberts also interned at FEMA, commuting 2.5 hours each way, and has followed her passion by working with mitigation and recovery for the past decade. Ruth Holiday, who currently works in health care but hopes to return to emergency management, says her time at FEMA helped her to develop and improve upon her professional communication skills, writing ability, and research skills. Her time spent researching and compiling

resiliency projects in New Jersey utilized all of these skills in order to present a toolkit now distributed throughout New Jersey in order to better prepare communities. With interns coming from a variety of backgrounds with even more diverse career goals, FEMA aims to help students learn modern emergency management techniques as well as introduce them to the day-to-day challenges and triumphs of working in public service.

Below are the prerequisites for intern positions now available at the Region II office.

- Work Schedule: Part Time/Flexible
- Time Limit: 3-6 Months
- Salary: Unpaid/College Credit

Individual and Community Preparedness
The Community Preparedness Intern will work under the supervision of the Community Preparedness Officer and/or the Integration Branch Chief, the intern will provide research, planning, and development of a series of preparedness programs. This graduate or undergraduate level internship will provide the student with an opportunity to gain experience in the Federal Government, Emergency Management, Community Development, and Partnership Coordination. The Community Preparedness Intern will also support the Community Preparedness Officer to plan, initiate, coordinate and execute the development of a Higher Education Preparedness Network, which will meet the needs of Region II states New Jersey and New York to build and support successful preparedness efforts.

Continuity of Operations
The Intern will support the Continuity Manager to help coordinate and manage the continuity of operations program for Federal, State level (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands) and tribal, local governments within Region II states. The intern will help the Continuity Specialists build continuity programming between FEMA and the Continuity of Operations Working Groups (CWG) and will help organize, manage and facilitate training and exercise events, write policy papers, evaluate programs, develop plans, conduct outreach, instruct classes help identify gaps or weaknesses in pandemic and cyber security planning policies procedures and attend meetings.

Requirements
(1) Interns MUST be enrolled in a Graduate School or Undergraduate School in their Junior/Senior year.
(2) Previous work or ongoing study at bachelor's level in public health, liberal arts, business, public administration, communications, training, economics, emergency management or public relations.
(3) Interns must be United States Citizens only (green card holders or those with student visas/work permits are not allowed).
(4) Accepted Interns must complete a background investigation and suitability of employment prior to start date (this process can take 4-6 weeks or longer).

If interested please contact:

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Region II Individual and Community Preparedness
Then and Now

FEMA Region II National Preparedness Division staff Eric Goldman, Debbie Costa and Idamis De-Jesus-Silva (Caribbean Area Division) join first year Youth Preparedness Council member Nicole Muñoz-Casalduc (PR) and second year youth Preparedness Council Member Aahna Ghosh (NJ) for FEMA's Annual National Youth Preparedness Council Summit in Washington D.C.

Region II Community Preparedness Officer held a HSEEP / Exercise Design Course at 26 Federal Plaza. with students from 10 agencies, including the Army Corps of Engineers, Scotch Plains OEM, the Smithsonian, and the United Nations.

Exercise Design Course

The New Jersey Courts and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region II will be conducting training for emergency exercise design and evaluation (a combination of FEMA Courses I-120 and L-146). The course is a 4 day program which focuses on the design phase of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

Course details:
Emergency managers, emergency services personnel, and other individuals who are part of the emergency preparedness and response or continuity of operations need to be able to use the fundamentals of exercise simulation and design as an integrated system of resources and capabilities. Skills learned during this program will enable jurisdictions to conduct NIMS required exercises.

The course will develop emergency response and continuity exercise skills in the following areas:

- Exercise programs
- Exercise design steps
- Exercise evaluation
- Designing a functional exercise
- Exercise process
- Tabletop, functional and full scale exercises
- Exercise enhancements

The course will conclude with students conducting and evaluating actual tabletop and functional exercises in a group/team environment.

August 28-31, 2017 Daily: 0900-1530
At American Red Cross, Greater NY 520 W. 49th St. NY, NY

October 30-November 3, 2017 Daily: 0900-1530
Burlington County Fire Academy, 53 Academy Dr., Westampton, NJ

November 7-10, 2017 Daily: 0900-1530
Holy Name Medical Center, 718 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, NJ

Registration:

Dates	Partner Agency	How to Register
August 28-31, 2017	American Red Cross	https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2hseepaug2017/event/registration.html
October 30-November 3, 2017	NJ Courts	Email Charles Coleman, Charles.colemand@njcourts.gov
November 7-November 10, 2017	Holy Name Medical Center Institute for Simulation Learning	https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2hseepnov17/event/registration.html

FEMA Region II Preparedness Webinar: Preparedness Planning for Senior Citizen Communities

Description: The senior citizen population faces several unique challenges, coupled with the fact that many are often dependent upon others for basic necessities and psychosocial support. This dependency often increases their vulnerability to the impacts of major disasters, when not only are the seniors themselves impacted, but these critical services are also disrupted. Currently, 46.2 million people in the United States are 65 years old or older, with that number expected to increase each year. This population demographic made up 13.3% of the population in the 2011 Census. The ability to recover from an emergency tomorrow often depends on planning and preparation done today. This webinar will provide to older individuals and their caregivers, as well as to the local agencies who serve them, tools and information to assist them in assessing their needs and vulnerabilities so they can be better prepared to cope with emergencies.

Speakers: Ms. Kathleen Otte is the Regional Administrator for HHS Regions I and II for the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL). In this capacity, she represents the Administration and the Assistant Secretary on Aging on all matters related to the implementation of the Older Americans Act (OAA) and other aging related issues within the 8 states and 2 territories she oversees. Prior to joining AoA, Kathleen served as the Director of the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services for the State of New Hampshire. Kathleen and the New Hampshire team designed and implemented a caregiver support program that received national distinction by winning the Regional Innovation Award from The Council of State Governments and developed the nation's first statewide 'Structured Decision Making' process for Adult Protective Services.
Kathleen has over 30 years' experience in the field of aging, having served or volunteered in various human service delivery programs. In 2014, Kathleen received the Spirit of Jane Addams Award for Outstanding Performance in Social Justice from Be the Evidence, International for her work with Elder Justice Initiatives.

Rhonda Schwartz is an Aging Services Program Specialist within the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Community Living. Rhonda is assigned to the Regional Office located in Boston, MA, where she works with federal, state and tribal organizations in the region, with particular attention to oversight of the Older Americans Act state and tribal grant programs. Prior to joining ACL in July 2016, Rhonda spent more than seven years managing Older Americans Act and other ACL programs at the Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs. Rhonda previously practiced law for sixteen years, specializing in commercial real estate transactions, before pursuing a Masters Degree in Social Work, focusing on older adults.

Date / Time: September 26 2017, 12:00 – 1:00pm EDT
Registration Link: https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r2seniorwebinar/event/registration.html

Daniel Craig and Daniel Kaniewski Nominated for Leadership Positions at FEMA

Last week, President Trump announced his intent to nominate Daniel Craig and nominated Daniel Kaniewski, both outstanding individuals, for leadership roles at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. If confirmed, Daniel Craig would serve as the Deputy Administrator of FEMA and Daniel Kaniewski would serve as the Deputy Administrator for Protection and National Preparedness.

Mr. Craig is a Senior Vice President at the disaster preparedness and recovery and insurance consulting firm, Adjusters International, Inc. He has also served as the CEO and president of Tidal Basin Holdings, a company he founded. There, he oversaw operational companies working in the emergency management planning, disaster recovery, and mitigation industry. Mr. Craig has also previously held positions at FEMA, serving as both the Director of Recovery and the FEMA Regional Director for the New England area. He recently served as Chairman of the Board for the Disaster Recovery Coalition of America and an assistant adjunct professor of homeland security and emergency management at the University of Maryland University College.

Dr. Kaniewski is Vice President for Global Resilience at AIR Worldwide, a catastrophe risk modeling and consulting services firm. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Center for Cyber & Homeland Security, where he contributes thought leadership on homeland security and emergency management topics. Prior to these positions, he served as the Mission Area Director for Resilience and Emergency Preparedness/Response at the Homeland Security Studies and Analysis Institute (HSSAI).

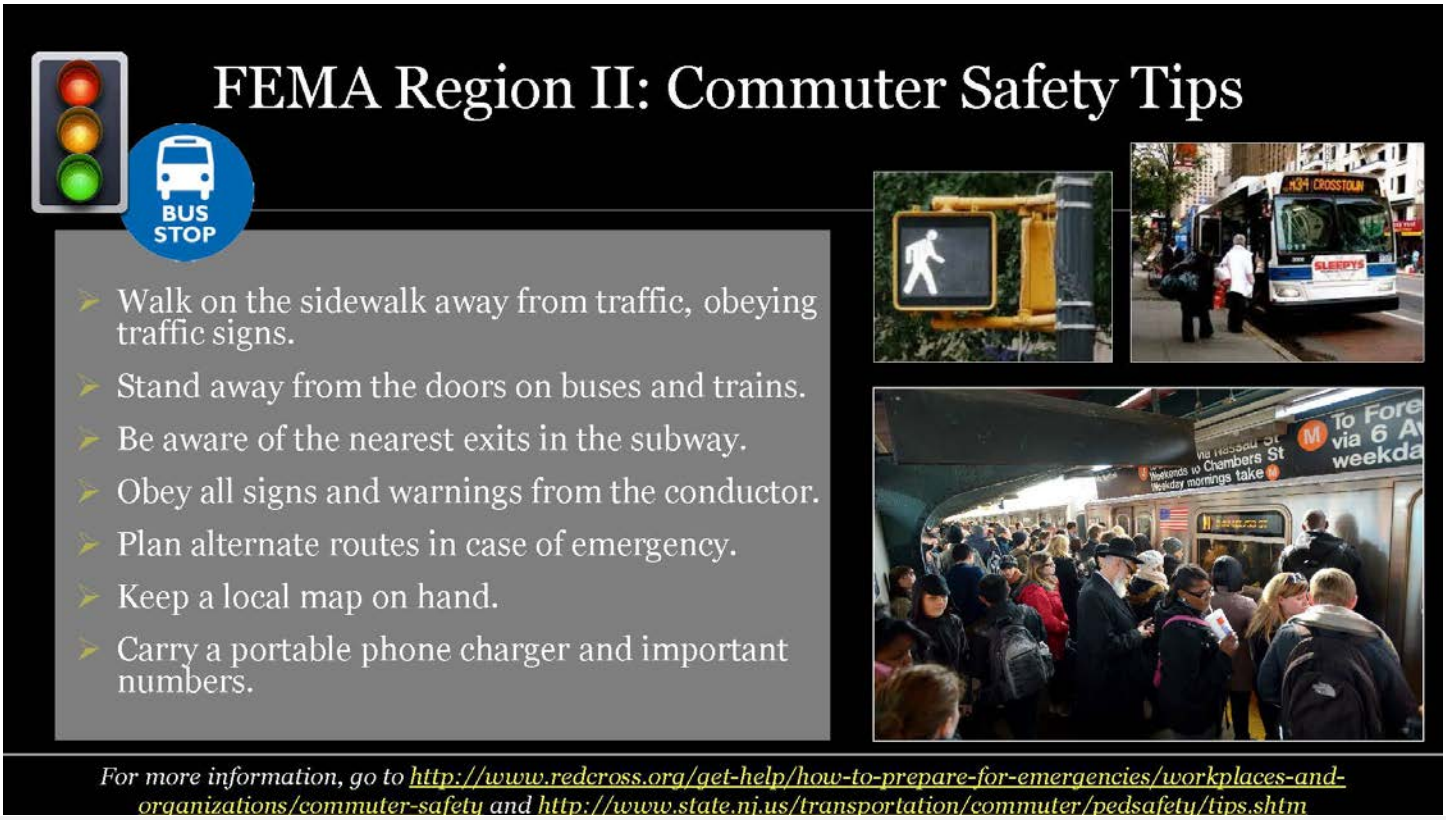
FEMA Tribal Outreach and Consultation Period on FEMA Tribal Consultation Policy

FEMA will initiate a 90-day outreach and consultation period from **June 1 to August 29, 2017**, to seek input from federally recognized Indian tribal governments on the update of the agency's Tribal Consultation Policy. The FEMA Tribal Consultation Policy, first issued in 2014, acknowledges the agency's nation-to-nation relationship with tribal governments. The policy also guides how FEMA engages tribal governments in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration on policy and actions that have tribal implications.

This consultation period aims to update the policy to reflect current authorities and best practices, as well as follow FEMA's new policy document format requirements. FEMA seeks input and feedback from tribal leaders, or their designees, during the consultation period to help inform the development of an updated policy.

Visit FEMA's Tribal Affairs web page for more information on the tribal consultation period for this policy.

EMERGENCY PREPARDNESS TIPS



For more information, go to http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/workplaces-and-organizations/commuter-safety ***and*** http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/pedsafety/tips.shtm

Important Deadlines

Apply for the 2018 National Emergency Management Executive Academy

FEMA's EMI is now accepting application packages for the 2018 National Emergency Management Executive Academy. Ideally, candidates will have experience as senior executives of major emergency management organizations, served on major commissions and task forces, or be responsible for decisions that have a significant effect on homeland security and emergency management policies.

Applications will be accepted through **August 15, 2017**. There are a limited number of seats and enrollment is competitive. For more information on the Executive Academy and the application and selection process, visit www.training.fema.gov/EMPP/executive.asp.

Comments Needed for Draft Policy on Floodplain Development

FEMA prepared a draft policy for FEMA staff and communities participating in the NFIP to update guidance for participating communities on satisfying National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) floodplain development permit requirements, and to address questions about floodplain permitting of development activities occurring in the FEMA designated Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). Through this policy, a community can ensure compliance with NFIP and local floodplain management regulations, while potentially reducing the administrative burden associated with permitting certain types of low-to-no impact development in the floodplain.

This guidance does not intend to address other permits associated with building codes, or other federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial permits, and only applies to floodplain development permitting requirements to enroll in, and maintain eligibility for, the NFIP. The draft policy is available for review on FEMA's website at: https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/131010, and the public is invited to provide comment and input via FEMA-Floodplain-Management-Division@fema.dhs.gov until **August 23, 2017**.

EDUCATIONAL / TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

FEMA EMI Training Opportunity Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series- Earthquake

September 19, 20 & 21 2017, Virtual Exercise – Multiple Locations

Exercise Description:

This Virtual Tabletop Exercises (VTTX) will focus on an earthquake occurring in your community, using historical events and Hazus simulations.

The VTTX involves key personnel discussing simulated scenarios in an informal setting, and can be used to assess plans, policies, training, and procedures. This VTTX differs from other tabletop exercises in that it will be conducted using Video-Teleconference (VTC) technology (not a web-based program), and is intended to provide an opportunity for responders across the Nation to simultaneously participate in a hazard-specific facilitated discussion. Lead facilitation for the exercise will be coordinated by EMI, with local facilitation provided by the participating agency.

Read more in Training Opportunity 1314.

National Emergency Management Executive Academy Training Opportunity

Course Description: The National Emergency Management Executive Academy is a component of the Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP).

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) created the National Emergency Management Executive Academy to produce a compreh and cutting-edge curriculum that provides the setting for senior emergency management executives to come together to explore and confront contemporary and emerging 21st century challenges. The program hones strategic leadership and critical thinking for senior executives involved with multi-jurisdictional, national, and international homeland security and emergency management policy development and decision making responsibilities.

The program is a competency-based graduate-level executive education experience. That requires working collaboratively on projects and participating in activities with a capstone team to address some of the wicked problems in the emergency management field. Suggestions for a specific emergency management challenge to be addressed by an executive cohort as an Executive Academy capstone project may be submitted to https://training.fema.gov/empp/executive.aspx.

NEMEA 2017 Schedule

E0686, Executive EM Leaders Core Competencies III 4 days
Facilitating Community Risk Ownership, Civics/Governance Considerations, Political Skills, Influence Skills

Dates: September 18 – 21, 2017
Location: Emmitsburg, MD

Delivering High Impact Presentations

All FEMA full-time, temporary full-time, and CORE employees in the Washington, D.C. area, are invited to attend a two-day, skill building training session, Creating and Delivering High Impact Presentations. Participants will learn techniques for developing effective presentations applicable to any setting within FEMA.

Dates: Aug. 2-3, 20, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET

Registration is required. All classes will be held in the Office of the Chief Component Human Capital Officer (OCCHCO) Training Suite, 500 C Street, 7 SW. For more information, please email: edu@fema.dhs.gov or visit the OCCHCO training page

All-Hazards Position Specific Train-the-Trainer Classes Course Vacancy Announcement:

Please be advised that openings remain in upcoming All-Hazards Position Specific train-the-trainer (TtT) classes for the 2nd Semester of FY 2017. The classes for which openings remain are below:

E-949 – Communication Unit Leader TtT	Aug. 14-16, 2017
E-974 – Finance/Administration Section Chief TtT	Sept. 11-13, 2017
E-953 – Public Information Officer TtT	Sept. 25-29, 2017

Read more in Training Bulletin1318.

Small Business Development Center at Kean University: Cybersecurity classes

Every day the media reports new cybersecurity attacks on large, well-known companies. What is not reported are the growing number of small businesses that are being targeted. It's a common misconception that hackers primarily target organizations and business. The reality is the risky behavior of individuals, whether intentional or not, is what often leads to security breaches.

Keep your business safe from cyber threats. We offer two free interactive courses and a downloadable cybersecurity workbook.

Go to https://www.sbdckean.com/training/cybersecurity-readiness/ for online courses

OTHER NEWS

Cyber Do's and Don'ts for Summer Travel

Summer is in full swing, and millions of Americans are planning their summer getaways. These days, we can't imagine traveling without mobile devices to help us navigate new cities, find local restaurants and shopping centers, and share photos with our friends and family back home. But the more we rely on our mobile devices, the more we expose ourselves to cyber threats as we travel.

As you're prepping for your summer vacation or family trip, remember to protect yourself online when you're on-the-go. Travelers are prime targets for cyber criminals, so don't let your trip be ruined by cyber crime. As you travel this summer, the Stop.Think.Connect.TM Campaign encourages you to keep in mind these cyber do's and don'ts:

Do:

- **Back up your information:** make backup copies of your contacts, photos, videos, and other mobile device data on another device or cloud service in case your device is stolen, lost, or compromised in some way.
- **Lock down your login**. Enabling strong authentication – such as multi-factor authentication that uses a one-time code texted to a mobile device to confirm your identity – on your sensitive online accounts will give you an extra layer of protection from hackers.
- **Be wary of travel deals**. Look out for deals that look too good to be true, coupons offered on social media, and smartphone app scams. If you aren't sure a deal is real, check to see if you're using a trusted website or call the company directly to verify.

Do NOT:

- **Leave your device unlocked**. It only takes a couple seconds for a thief to steal your device. Locking your device with a strong PIN, password, or fingerprint ID will help keep your data safe.
- **Share your location**. Many apps and devices use geotagging and location sharing to broadcast your location publicly. Make sure that these settings are off to prevent criminals from knowing where you are. Also, check your privacy settings on social media sites.
- **Trust public Wi-Fi**. Many vacation spots and other public places offer free Wi-Fi networks, which are usually not very secure and can allow cyber criminals access to your Internet-enabled devices. Be careful when connecting to free Wi-Fi, and don't do any online banking or shopping while on a public network.

For more information, see the Cybersecurity While Travelling Tip Card

Preparedness for People with Disabilities and Others with Access and Functional Needs

The 27th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act is Wednesday, July 26. Individuals and caregivers for people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs are encouraged to evaluate their necessities in the event of an emergency and create an emergency plan unique to them.

Some easy ways to create an emergency plan tailored for specific needs:

- Collect information – Create a paper copy of the contact information including phone, email, and social media information for your family, friends, caregivers, neighbors and other important people or service providers.
- Share your emergency plans – Tell your employer and trusted people in your support networks where you keep your emergency supplies, what you need, and how to contact you if the power goes out.
- Practice Your Plan – Dedicate time to practice your emergency plan with your support network, just as you would with a fire drill.

EMI Flood Virtual TTX

September 18 – 21, 2017
E0686, Executive EM Leaders Core Competencies III 4 days
Facilitating Community Risk Ownership, Civics/Governance Considerations, Political Skills, Influence Skills
Location: Emmitsburg, MD

EMI Training Opportunity Virtual TTX Series

September 5, 6 & 7, 2017
V-0001 - Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) – **Chlorine Release** Virtual Exercise – Multiple Locations

September 19, 20 & 21 2017
V-0001 - Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) – **Earthquake** Virtual Exercise – Multiple Locations.

For more information contact **Douglas M. Kahn**, douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov

EMI Training E-Forums

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) will host e-forms entitled: "One Link, One Bridge, Many Voices." In August, EMI is offering e-forms every Wednesday. E-Forums are one-hour, moderated webinar discussions that provide an opportunity for EMI and the emergency management community to discuss matters of interest on national preparedness training. The forums showcase community partners and peers, sharing their experiences in panel format, which offers opportunities to provide technical assistance in training management by facilitating peer-to-peer sharing of best practices.

August
August 2, 2017 at 3-4pm Eastern Time
National Exercise Program: Tales from States Who Participated

August 9, 2017 at 3-4pm Eastern Time
The Emergency Management Professional Program: Bringing the Whole Community Together

August 16, 2017 at 2-4pm Eastern Time
Public Information Officers: Training Builds Capability We are Proud of

August 23, 2017 at 3-4pm Eastern Time
Improving Local Recovery: Training as a Success Maker

August 30, 2017 at 3-4pm Eastern Time
State Training Officer and State Administrative Agent TPOC: Working Together Achieves Better Outcomes

Participants can sign into the July webinar via Adobe Connect or dial in via conference call at 800-320-4330, PIN 107622#. Participation does not require pre-registration.

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Weekly EMI E-Forums: Wednesdays in August

EMI e-Forums are 1-hour, moderated, webinar discussion forums that provide an opportunity for EMI and the emergency management community to discuss matters of interest on national preparedness training. EMI e-Forums facilitate a discussion of whole community-presented best practices. The panel members are whole community, with topics relevant to whole community. These exchanges of ideas are free of charge and available to anyone who wishes to participate.

This Week's Must Reads

Greater Impact: How Disasters Affect People of Low Socioeconomic Status

Disaster Information Management Research Center.
This 20-page study focuses on how people in poverty, with low incomes, and of low socioeconomic status experience disasters. It explores the differences in risk perception and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. Although it provides some information on international disaster events, it is primarily focused on disasters that have affected communities within the United States. Research suggests that people of differing socioeconomic statuses may prepare for a disaster differently.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning Prevention

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

When power outages occur after severe weather (such as severe storms, hurricanes or tornadoes), using alternative sources of power can cause carbon monoxide (CO) to build up in a home and poison the people and animals inside. Every year, at least 430 people die in the U. S. from accidental CO poisoning. Approximately 50,000 people in the U.S. visit the emergency department each year due to accidental CO poisoning. There are steps you can take to help protect yourself and your household from CO poisoning.