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Communications

Southwest Times- Va. a top state for emergency readiness

Source: Southwest Times, the report — Ready or Not 2021: Protecting the Public's Health from Diseases, Disasters, and Bioterrorism — includes Virginia among 20 states in the highest performing tier based on an assessment of key emergency preparedness indicators. This is Virginia's second year in the top tier.

The Commonwealth also was ranked among the top states in overall emergency preparedness rating in the 2020 National Health Security Preparedness Index report from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Colorado School of Public Health. The 2021 report identifies Virginia as the "most prepared" among states determined to be "more vulnerable" in public health emergency situations. For more information, please use the following [link](#).

Flat Head Beacon- Local Hospitals Hold Active Shooter Preparedness

Exercise

Source: Flat Head Beacon Productions, All local first responders were informed of the exercise, and all communications throughout the drill were clearly defined as exercises. Such drills are required by the Foundation for Healthcare and Medical Readiness to train and prepare the healthcare and medical workforce in real-world situations.

Elmore said the "operational-based functional exercises are complex events that require detailed planning," and they are "evidence that local hospitals, public health and emergency management are committed to preparedness and resilience." For more information, please use the following [link](#).



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Emergency Operations Planning

EHS Daily Advisor - Ask the Expert: What's the Story with Emergency Lights?

Source: Environment Health and Safety Daily Advisor, OSHA at 29 CFR 1910.37(b)(1) requires that “each exit route be adequately lighted so that an employee with normal vision can see along the exit route” as well as that “each exit sign must be illuminated to a surface value of at least five foot-candles (54 lux) by a reliable light source and be distinctive in color.” (Quick side note: If you’re wondering what in the world a foot-candle is, you can find more on that and other OSHA lighting requirements here.) OSHA also allows “self-luminous or electroluminescent signs that have a minimum luminance surface value of at least .06 foot-lambert’s (0.21 cd/m²)”. Bear in mind that because the General Duty Clause of the OSH Act (Section 5(a)(1) of the OSH ACT) requires a safe workplace, a lack of sufficient lighting could create a safety hazard that must be addressed by the employer. For more information, please use the following [link](#).

Preparedness

July Map of the month

Source: Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, When Hurricane Season begins on June 1 each year, Hampton Roads residents start to turn their attention toward the weather in the Atlantic Ocean where tropical systems are born. Dozens of storms have impacted Hampton Roads over the years and the region is always a potential target. [link](#)

Nursing Home Residents Evacuated During Heat Wave

Source: Nursing Home Abuse Center, A New Jersey nursing home temporarily relocated in July, 2019 after a malfunctioning air conditioning system put residents’ lives in danger. Failure to take swift action can be considered nursing home abuse or neglect. [link](#)

Several nursing home residents died due to lack of air conditioning

We have previously shared this information, but felt it was important to share again. Our residents do not handle heat as well as younger people may. Please take a minute to review what happened in Florida after Hurricane Irma took out the power to a local nursing home. [link](#) [link](#)



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Training and Exercise

Up coming training

- Exercise and Training workgroup meeting: Wednesday, August 18th at 9:00 – if you are interested in participating in the workgroup please email Mary at mmorton@vaems.org
- Lunch and Learn: Lunch and Learn with Larry Sigler, Director of Food Safety, Waffle House. August 12th.
- ICS 400 August 18-19 at TEMS Contact 757-963-0632

Hospital Emergency Response Team Training

Chesapeake Regional Healthcare will be hosting an indirect offering of the FEMA Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT) course on August 19 & 20 at our Lifestyle Center, located at 800 Battlefield Blvd. N, Chesapeake, VA 23320, which is located right beside the main hospital. This means that the course is the same course you would receive if you went to a FEMA campus, but is taught by FEMA approved instructors at an off-site location. The course will teach all elements of HERT operations and students will receive FEMA course completion certificates, as well as education credit for use with continuing education. See attached flyer for registration information. Please share with your teams and invite them to participate. We would love to have as many people come that would like to join us for this class. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

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Two TEEX classes are available in our area:

Medical Preparedness & Response for Bombing Incidents

The **Tidewater EMS Council** and **Hampton Roads MMRS** are pleased to host Texas A&M Engineering Extension (TEEX) Service in coordination with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to deliver the Medical Preparedness & Response for Bombing Incidents (MGT-348 see flyer attached).

This course is intended for members of emergency response as well as other city and county services that become part of a community response to a bombing incident.

Prerequisites – FEMA/SID Number

Course Length – Two days (8:00 – 5:00)

Class Size – Minimum of 30 participants

WHEN: August 16-17, 2021

WHERE: DELTA HOTELS, 725 Woodlake Dr. Chesapeake, VA 23320



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“For registration to attend the August 16-17, 2021 Medical Preparedness and Response for Bombing Incidents MGT-348 course hosted by Tidewater EMS Council to be held at the Chesapeake Delta by Marriott, **please utilize the TEEEX student portal (see the link below). Creating a username and password will eliminate the need to fill out registration paperwork in class and will be the same site you will log in to after successful completion of the class to view and print your certificate.**

Chesapeake VA MGT-348 course delivery

<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT348&S=596>

If you have any questions or problems accessing this site please contact our customer service associate Natalie Lopez Natali.Lopez@teex.tamu.edu or student worker Katie Ray Katie.ray@teex.tamu.edu

Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events.

Brought to you by Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters, Eastern Virginia Medical School, and EVHC. This is a DHS/FEMA funded course presented by TEEEX staff.

When: September 15 – 16, 8:00 to 5:00

Where: Waitzer Hall, Room 131, Eastern Va. Medical School Campus

Registration: [registration link](#)

Please utilize the TEEEX student portal (see the link below). Creating a username and password will eliminate the need to fill out registration paperwork in class and will be the same site you will log in to after successful completion of the class to view and print your certificate.

For more information, visit TEEEX website at: <https://teex.org>

Contact: Walter Soto Phone: 757-668-6903 email: walter.soto@chkd.org



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Cyber Security

FSU- Florida State University receives award for top cybersecurity efforts

Source: Florida State University, The units were identified based on the collaborative efforts of the Information

Security and Privacy Office and the FSU Emergency Management (EM) department. “We view the collaborative approach we have established for working with university units, the support of FSU

leadership, and our partnership with FSU Emergency Management as critical success factors — required to ensure necessary capabilities are in place,” said Joseph Brigham, program director in the Information Security and Privacy Office. For more information, please use the following [link](#)

	Disaster Recovery Disaster recovery is the method of recovering data in order to resume business operations in the aftermath of a disaster.		Risk Assessment A risk assessment identifies events or risks that could negatively impact a unit and the greater university.
	COOP Continuity of operations plans document how units will continue to perform essential operations during a disruption.		Vulnerability Scanning Vulnerability scanning regularly inspects systems and software on the FSU network for security holes.