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## Communications

### FEMA- New FEMA Guide Helps Build Private-Public Partnerships

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency, The [Building Private-Public Partnerships](#) guide provides recommendations and best practices to establish and maintain these partnerships. The guide helps public and private sector emergency managers at all levels collaborate to increase community resilience. While the examples and insight provided focus on local community efforts, the guidance provided can be used at any level. When public and private sectors work together, they can make a huge difference in the disaster recovery. Their combined efforts can contribute to the following:

- Shorter periods of disruption following a disaster.
- More efficient delivery of lifesaving and life-sustaining services.
- More resilient community lifelines, critical infrastructure and supply chains.
- Improved health and safety.
- Inclusion and equity in community resilience and disaster response efforts.

For more information, please use the following [link](#).



# EVHC READY

The Eastern Region's Pulse On Healthcare Emergency Preparedness

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## Emergency Operations Planning

**Emergency generator shut-off.** Over the past few months we have been getting reports of surveyors siting facilities that do not have an emergency generator shut-off away from the generator. We spoke to Rusty Chase who is the Virginia State Fire Marshall, he advises his office no longer conducts life safety inspections for Virginia Department of Health/CMS. They still cover the more rural communities where they are the “Authority Having Jurisdiction.” I have included verbiage from the NFPA standard he provided as well as a link to more information. [Source NFPA 110: Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems](#), NFPA 110 All Level 1 and Level 2 installations shall have a remote manual stop station of a type similar to a break-glass station located outside the room housing the prime mover, where so installed, or located elsewhere on the premises where the prime mover is located outside the building. Appendix A-3-5.5.6 For Level 1 and Level 2 systems located outdoors, the manual shutdown should be located external to the weatherproof enclosure and should be appropriately identified.

NFPA 110 All installations shall have a remote manual stop station of a type to prevent inadvertent or unintentional operation located outside the room housing the prime mover, where so installed, or elsewhere on the premises where the prime mover is located outside the building. 5.6.5.6.1 The remote manual stop station shall be labeled. Appendix A.5.6.5.6 For systems located outdoors, the manual shutdown should be located external to the weatherproof enclosure and should be appropriately identified.

A break glass station is interpreted to be a switch that requires two actions to reduce the chance of accidental and unauthorized operation. B. Remote location means that it shall be located remote from the generator, so it is protected from the impact of adverse generator conditions. The owner and designer determine the location. For example: 1. For generators located within a building, the remote stop station must be located in a different room than the generator and be separated by a wall and door. 2. For generators located outside, the remote stop station must be located anywhere outside of the generator enclosure. C. The code does not limit the quantity of remote stop stations to one. Multiple remote stop stations may be provided, but at least one must satisfy the minimum requirements of the code. D. If there are multiple generators, the designer may consider one remote stop station that affects all generators simultaneously. For more information follow the [link](#)



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## Resources for Inclusion of people with disabilities in emergency response plans.

July 26, 2021 marks the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in everyday activities. There are approximately 61 million people who live with some type of disability that affects their mobility, cognition, vision, hearing, or ability to independently function. We have provided links to several sites with resources to help with emergency planning, technical assistance, and other information about ADA compliance. ADA National Network [link](#) Department of Justice ADA guide [link](#) CDC resources [link](#) FEMA's Office of Disability Integration and Coordination [link](#)

## Preparedness

### Weather Awareness

The heavy rains over the past few weeks have created areas of flooding, some in our normal areas and some in new areas. With the rains from now Tropical Depression Fred moving through West Virginia, parts of Northern Virginia, and Richmond it is possible that we will see those waters move through our rivers and streams later. We also have Tropical Storm Grace and Tropical Storm Henri hanging around. While neither are predicted to move our way, it is always important to keep an eye on storm development this time of year. Many local stations have weather, the weather center and hurricane center also have apps to help you monitor weather. Toms Guide gives you a list of the top weather apps available for both apple and android. [link](#)

## Training and Exercise

### 2021 Virginia Behavioral Health Summit

VHHA invites you to join use virtually for invaluable knowledge exchange, informed dialogue, and active collaboration focused on integrating behavioral health into the health care landscape at every touchpoint – including individuals, families, communities, industry professionals, policy makers, and beyond. Registration is free and open to everyone:

Register now: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VaBHSummit>

Currently working on a speaker for the September Lunch and Learn, if you have someone you would like to hear from please let me know!



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## 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>

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## Waffle House Index:

If you missed the great information provided by Larry Sigler, the Director of Food Safety with Waffle House Inc. Follow the link to hear his presentation:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/6854927650084138248>

## Cyber Security

### AAMC- The growing threat of ransomware attacks on hospitals

Source: Association of American Medical Colleges, "Legal, communications, procurement — we all need to partner on a shared playbook in case of an attack," he says. "Hospitals have an incident management process for active shooters, floods, and pandemics. Ransomware isn't any less special." Kufahl says he thinks health care leaders are open to such robust efforts.

Five years ago, IT leaders had trouble convincing CEOs of the crucial need to invest in cybersecurity, he says. "Today, executive literacy around cybersecurity is palpably different. There's been an extraordinary uptick in support," adds Kufahl. "That gives me a lot of hope." For more information, please use the following [link](#).



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## **Indiana hospital reroutes ambulances during ransomware attack**

Source: government technology (gt). A hospital in Indianapolis, Ind., was forced to send its ambulances to another hospital after an attempted ransomware attack on August 5, 2021. For more information please follow the [link](#)

## **CISA releases new cyber training guide**

Source: Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). The CISA released a cybersecurity workforce training guide to assist future and current cybersecurity and information technology professionals. To help those who want to pursue a career in information technology and cybersecurity. [link](#)

## **CISA launches a new Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative**

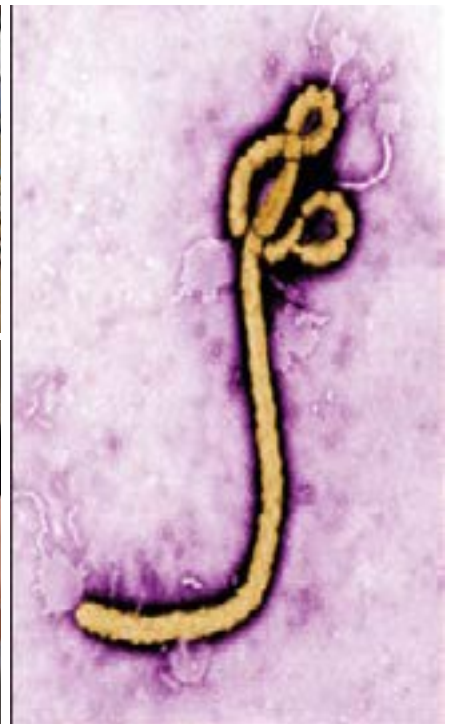
Source: Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). CISA announced the standup of the Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative (JCDC), a new agency effort to lead the development of cyber defense operations plans, and execute those plans in coordination with partners from the federal interagency, private sector, and state, local, tribal, territorial (SLTT) government stakeholders to drive down risk before an incident and to unify defense actions should an incident occur.



# MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR AND EXPLOSIVE (CBRNE) EVENTS

PER-211

DHS/FEMA-funded course



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## PER-211

What if a catastrophic event occurs? Will you be ready? Will you need a special level of protection? Is decontamination necessary? Do you have the right medications? This course answers these questions and **more as you learn how to distinguish between different agents of concern that could be used in an incident.** A combination of facilitated discussions, small-group exercises, human patient simulator hands-on scenarios, **and traditional classroom discussions are used to present the topics. The multi-discipline make-up of the participants helps to strengthen information sharing, communications, and medical surge capabilities.**

### Topics

- Environmental Factors and Appropriate Self-Protection Measures for First Responders and the Public
- Planning For Potential CBRNE Incident
- Recognizing and Identifying CBRNE Agents **and Their Physiological Effects on the Human Body**
- Basic Decontamination Considerations
- Appropriate Triage Methods
- The shifting response paradigm for Complex Violent Incidents

### Prerequisites

#### FEMA / SID Number

Students must register and bring a copy of their **SID number to class. Register online: [cdp.dhs.gov/femasid](http://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid)**

### Recommendations

Basic EMS Concepts for CBRNE Events (AWR-111-W) and WMD/Terrorism Awareness for Emergency Responders (AWR-160-W)

### Course Length Venue

2 Days (16 hours) Eastern Virginia Medical School

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### Class Size

Minimum 30 Participants

### CE Credits

This course is approved and accredited for **continuing education hours from:**

ENA- Emergency Nurses Association

AAFP - America Academy of Family Physicians

Texas Department of Health - EMS

\*This continuing education activity was approved by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), an accredited approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

### Participants

- Fire Services
- Law Enforcement (LE)
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Hospital Personnel, Physicians, and Nurses
- Public Health Services
- Emergency Management Organizations
- City, County, State, Federal Medical
- Private Industry
- Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
- Dispatchers



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**WHEN:**

September 15-16, 8am to 5pm

**WHERE:**

Waitzer Hall, Room 131 on the campus of  
Eastern Virginia Medical School

**REGISTER HERE:**

<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=PER211&S=1086>

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