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Hot Topics

The Federal Emergency Management Agency Invites Whole Community to Participate in National Level Exercise

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is hosting its 2018 National Level Exercise (NLE) April 30–May 11, 2018. The 2018 NLE, based on a mid-Atlantic hurricane scenario, represents one key step towards implementing FEMA’s recently released strategic plan. The NLE will test lessons learned from the historic 2017 hurricane season. The NLE is an opportunity for individuals to join with FEMA to prepare for the 2018 hurricane season.



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#Prep Talk: Being Financially Prepared for Disasters



FEMA’s latest Prep Talk focuses on the importance of individuals and communities being financially prepared to overcome obstacles following a disaster. John Hope Bryant, founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Operation HOPE, Inc., the nonprofit provider of financial dignity education and economic empowerment programs, says some neighborhoods are in financial crisis even before a disaster strikes. The problem is their credit score. In the video link below, Bryant discusses how individuals can improve their score. Watch it now!

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Urgent Care Centers: An Untapped Resource in Emergency Management

There are more than 8,000 urgent care centers in the United States. These clinics often serve as an alternative place to receive healthcare when individuals are unable to get to a hospital. Urgent care centers are an untapped resource because they offer a variety of services to local communities in convenient locations. A new fact sheet from the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) shows that there are opportunities to get these clinics involved in disaster responses.

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Why Crisis Management Teams Need Practice Through Tabletop Exercises



Practice may not make perfect, but in a crisis, practice may make the outcome a little better for those affected. A crisis management team can only truly be ready for a crisis when it has evaluated its preparedness through crisis simulation tabletop exercises.

Tabletop exercises allow your team to clarify lines of communication, messaging, actions, and organizational issues by responding to a fictional incident. Since time is not a critical factor, the participants get the opportunity to clarify roles and

responsibilities and establish best practice throughout the exercise.

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Building a Resilient Community

Emergency preparedness can get you through the first few days following a disaster. But how can your community bounce back over the long term? *Community Resilience* expands the traditional preparedness approach by encouraging actions that build preparedness, while also promoting strong community systems and addressing the many factors that contribute to health. The RAND Corporation has developed a toolkit it hopes will help communities prepare for and bounce back quickly after a disaster.

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Are We Doing Enough to Protect the Healthcare Supply Chain?

The healthcare supply chain refers to the resources needed to deliver health goods and services to consumers. The healthcare supply chain is huge and diverse, and managing that system is complex. In recent months, we learned that our healthcare supply chain is vulnerable to natural disasters. So, are we doing enough to protect that supply chain? In the article link below, Sarah Baker of Healthcare Ready tries to answer that question.



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