



# Regional Logistics Program

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Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT)

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## Conference

The Regional Logistics Program is pleased to announce our speakers for LogCon 2011. Panelists from throughout the country will join us in Mahwah, New Jersey on May 9th and 10th to share their insights in the *Universal Approach to Disaster Logistics*. Staging experts from FEMA Regions I and X will sit on a panel with the New Jersey State Police OEM; representatives from the US Army Corps of Engineers will join emergency management experts from Harris County, Texas to discuss POD opening and operation; and the U.S. Army North and Coast Guard will present on "Planning with the Military: Setting Expectations." To learn more about LogCon please visit [www.LogCon2011.org](http://www.LogCon2011.org).

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 **LogCon 2011: Speakers - Day 1**

The Regional Logistics Program is pleased to announce our speakers for LogCon 2011.  
Please check back for updates, as we continue to confirm speakers.

Monday, May 9, 2011 - [Tuesday, May 10, 2011](#)

## Website

Development of the Regional Logistics Program Website has begun! You can assist the Program Team by **recommending links** and **news feeds** that provide information and updates for emergency managers and logisticians in our Region and beyond. We are also looking for **pictures** that help illustrate various aspects of disaster logistics. If you have any high resolution photos your jurisdiction is willing to share, please send them to Pearl Cheng or Detgen B. Greeff.

## Staging Area/Receiving and Distribution Center (RDC)

Earlier this month, a first draft of the Operations Section of the *Receiving and Distribution Center Field Operations Guide (RDC FOG)* was released to the planning team for review and comment. Logistics Planner Alexander Marks continues to discuss various aspects of the document with planning team members in an effort to gain feedback for the remaining sections of the FOG.

**At the next planning team meeting on Thursday, April 14th**, overall feedback on the Operations Section will be discussed and the full first draft of the FOG will be released to the planning team. In the interim, much work remains and any feedback from stakeholders across the Region and beyond is still welcome!

## Credentialing

**The next Credentialing planning team meeting will be held on April 7th at 1100.** At the meeting an executive briefing document and basic plan overview document will be presented and discussed.

The [Regional Logistics Program](#) is an initiative designed to link resources, expertise, and information by encouraging collaboration among regional, state, and local emergency management partners in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. The program kicked off in the summer of 2009 when logistics planning, resource management, information sharing, and training efforts began.

The goal of these monthly newsletters is to keep all stakeholders up-to-date on emerging and ongoing initiatives and to promote and encourage feedback from regional partners and nationwide emergency managers and planners. Each newsletter will provide information on the previous month's work within the program.

## Concept of Operations (CONOPS)

**The next CONOPS planning team meeting will be held on April 12th at 1100.** Topics to be discussed include public assistance, private sector integration, and waterway infrastructure capacity.

### Intermodal Infrastructure Reports: Waterway

The kickoff meeting for the Waterway Task Order was held on February 23rd. During the meeting, timelines and draft outlines for the project were reviewed. A list of 10 primary and 25 secondary waterway facilities was generated by the vendor and shared with the planning team for review and comment. These locations will be surveyed for their ability to transport freight after a catastrophic incident; the results will be documented and shared with each jurisdiction in the Region.

## Area Logistics Emergency Response Teams (ALERT)

Past experience has taught us that when catastrophe strikes, resource requests can multiply a hundredfold and quickly overwhelm local EOCs. The goal of the ALERT program is to create a cadre of logisticians who are trained to provide resource management assistance to the Logistics Section of any local EOC in the Region. ALERT members will be trained throughout our 30 counties and 4 states; deployment protocol will follow existing agreements including EMAC, IMAP, and the ICDDC.

The next step for the ALERT planning team is to identify a final list of trainings for the ALERT. **The next ALERT planning team meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 5th at 1400.**

## Regional Asset Database Project (RADP)

The *RADP Strategy Document* was finalized by Pearl Cheng this March and will now be reviewed by the Program Lead and Advisor. Pearl continues to coordinate with jurisdictions that have requested assistance through the RADP Survey, and is reaching out to the administrators of our Region's asset databases to gauge their interest in collaborating with MITRE. MITRE is offering to build an automatic "thesaurus" or "universal translator" tool that will automatically identify resources not yet typed in FEMA's NIMS Resource Typing Guidelines.

## Regional Resource Management Solution (RRMS)

This month, Regional Information Management Solution (RIMS) planning team members continued to identify new leads and determine next steps for the project. Key updates are as follows:

- Agencies across the Region began piloting interoperability platforms;
- Planning team members shared information on efforts to bring new interoperable capabilities to the emergency management domain at both the Federal and Regional levels;
- Questions on the UICDS and IPAWS-OPEN platforms have been raised and addressed; and
- Developments on both the RRMS and its sister program within the Regional Logistics Program – the RADP – continue to underscore the strong relationship between both efforts.

In April, members of the planning team will continue to formulate a collaborative path forward that is SMART: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-bound. **The next planning team is tentatively scheduled for April 21st;** we invite our stakeholders to continue participating in our discussions to ensure that our efforts truly reflect the needs and interests of the entire Region.

## Volunteers and Donations Management Annex (VDMA)

This March, the VDM planning team met to discuss final comments on the first full draft of the *EOC Guidance Document and Plan Template*. Both documents have been reviewed by the Program Lead, and will be available for RCPT review in May.

The next and final piece in the VDMA Suite is the *Appendix and Toolkit*. The Appendix and Toolkit provides the resources and templates needed to support the operational and tactical management of spontaneous volunteers and unsolicited donations. The Toolkit includes documents such as MOU templates and sample public messaging, which will be discussed at **the next planning team meeting on April 19th**. If your jurisdiction has templates or resources to share, please contact Nancy Harris. Jurisdictions are also welcome to participate in our discussion on the VJPO or join our next planning team meeting!

## National Academies Workshop: Earthquake Lessons

On March 1st, Logistics Planner Nancy Harris attended the National Academies Workshop "Using Lessons from Earthquakes in Haiti and Chile to Reduce Global Risk." VDMA planning team member Jose Holguin-Veras was among the panelists discussing the lessons learned. The role of pre-existing conditions in the impact, response, and recovery to these incidents was central to the discussion of how lessons from Haiti and Chile can be used to reduce disaster risk in the future.

Video and PowerPoints from the workshop can be found on the Disaster Roundtable website at: <http://dels.nas.edu/Past-Events/Roundtable-Workshop-Using-Lessons-from/AUTO-8-45-61-U>.

## Program Team



Thomas Rinaldi

Please join us in welcoming Thomas Rinaldi to the Regional Logistics Program Team! Tom is joining the Program as a consultant to work on the Pre-Scripted Mission Assignments (PSMA) Project. The goal of this project is to improve awareness on the importance of pre-scripting Action Request Forms (ARFs) and provide templates for the most relevant ARFs. Tom's background is in logistics and operations management, and his extensive experience at the New York State Office of Emergency Management will be a particularly valuable addition to our regional planning efforts. Tom can be reached at [trinaldi@regionalCATplanning.org](mailto:trinaldi@regionalCATplanning.org).

## Commodity Distribution Point (CDP)

During the last CDP planning team meeting, the first sections of the *CDP Plan* were discussed with a focus on the *Lead Agency CDP Operations Center* role and titling. This month, members of the planning team met offline to discuss this component and new wording is being developed to ensure that roles and responsibilities are clear.

**The next planning team meeting will take place on May 12th at 1400**, at which time the new operational strategies of the CDP Plan will be ready for review.

## April 2011 Planning Team Meetings

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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4	5 ALERT PTM10 1400-1500	6	7 CRED PTM8 1100-1200	8
11	12 CONOPS PTM9 1100-1200	13	14 RDC PTM10 1400-1500	15
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- ✧ The Virtual Joint Planning Office (VJPO) is an information management tool the Regional Logistics Program uses to house draft program documents; all documents mentioned in this newsletter are available on the VJPO.
- ✧ For access to the VJPO or for more information on joining a planning team, please email [RCPLogistics@RegionalCATPlanning.org](mailto:RCPLogistics@RegionalCATPlanning.org)
- ✧ *Please note:* planning team participation is open to all.