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Save the date!

2012 Disaster Logistics Workshop

May 8, 2012 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

NJ OHSP – 50 Market Street, Newark, NJ

A catastrophe or disaster can strain today's disaster logistics systems to the breaking point. The lack of a coordinated, consistent logistics strategy is a critical weakness in our nation's ability to respond to and recover from disasters. The Universal Logistics Standard (ULS) provides a strategic framework for managing disaster logistics that is designed for emergency managers at all levels of government. Join us at the **Disaster Logistics Workshop** to discuss the Universal Logistics Standard and receive copies of a new series of plans and guides that provide mission-critical tools and information to the entire disaster response community. Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 9 a.m., and the workshop will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please register online at <http://emergencylogistics.eventbrite.com>. Space is limited, and current planning partners will be given priority.

Concept of Operations (CONOPS)

Intermodal Infrastructure Reports: Site Assessment and Evaluation

The Program is moving forward with the Site Assessment and Evaluation study. The study is designed to identify and assess sites across the Region that could be used to support receiving and distribution (RDC) and commodity point of distribution (C-POD) operations. The findings of the study will help participating jurisdiction quantify the capacity of their selected RDC and C-POD sites. Site assessments are expected to start in late April/early May. For additional information, please contact Jim Penta.

Information Sharing at www.emergencylogistics.org

The Program's official website (www.EmergencyLogistics.org) provides a platform to share information and expertise relating to disaster logistics issues around the country. We are currently developing an on-line **Trucking/Pallet Calculator** that can be used to support logistics planning. Using standard inputs, the emergency manager can estimate the number of incoming pallets based on the amount of commodities requested (such as bottled water, meals ready to eat (MREs), baby formula, and ice) and/or the types and quantity of trucks needed to transport the requested commodities. This tool can be used during all phases of incident management.

Completed Plans & Guides

The Program has recently completed and published the following plans and guides:

- ◆ Strategic CONOPS Plan
- ◆ Capstone Document
- ◆ Public-Private Sector Integration Document
- ◆ Credentialing Document
- ◆ Regional Asset Database Project (RADP) Assessment Paper
 - ◆ Common Data Points for seven major resource categories
- ◆ Volunteer and Donations Management (VDM) Plan

Electronic copies of these documents are available at www.EmergencyLogistics.org/our-plans-guides/. Hard copies of these and all other Program documents will be made available during the **Disaster Logistics Workshop on May 8th**.

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.

For more information on the Program and disaster logistics, please visit us at www.EmergencyLogistics.org.

The Regional Logistics Program Newsletter is now published bi-monthly; look for the next issue in May 2012. We will continue to keep our planning partners up-to-date in the interim months through email notifications and website updates.

Training Development

The first phase of Training Development is now complete. Ten outlines for a total of eight hours of instruction have been developed and are available at www.EmergencyLogistics.org/Training. Courses may be delivered just-in-time or in the preparedness phase and cover a variety of topics. Due to funding constraints, course outlines may be modified and all of those recommended may not be developed. If you are interested in joining the Training Development Focus Group, recommending priority courses for development, and helping develop future training and exercises, please contact Nancy Harris as soon as possible at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org or 646-215-6563.

Area Logistics Emergency Response Team (ALERT)

Are you interested in becoming a trained member of the ALERT? Would you like to learn more? Please contact Nancy Harris, Logistics Planner, at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org.

Plan & Guide Finalization

Work on a number of Program initiatives is drawing to a close. All plans, guides, and written tools for following initiatives will be completed in April, and hard copies of all supporting plans, field guides, toolkits, and assessment papers will be distributed during the **Disaster Logistics Workshop on May 8th**.

Commodity Point of Distribution (C-POD)

The *C-POD Plan* and *Field Operations Guide (FOG)* are being finalized. The updated versions of the plan and FOG will be presented to the planning team at the next planning team meeting on **April 18th at 1400**.

Logistics Center (LC)

The Logistics Center planning team met on Wednesday, March 21st to review the draft of the formatted *LC Plan*. Members of the team found the formatted document to be user-friendly and noted that recent experiences have shown the need for this type of information. The information provided will make it easier for counties to pre-package the different types of LC.

Staging Area/Receiving and Distribution Center

A final draft of the *Receiving and Distribution Center Field Operations Guide (RDC FOG)* was reviewed by the RDC planning team on February 23rd and is now being formatted for final publication. Efforts are now focused on completing the *RDC Plan*, designed for use by EOC personnel who are tasked with activating, supporting, and coordinating a receiving and distribution center. The next RDC planning team meeting will be held on **April 3rd at 1400** to review the final drafts of the RDC FOG and Plan.

Volunteer and Donation Management (VDM)

With the VDM suite of documents in the final stages of formatting, many members of the VDM planning team have turned their attention to developing the *Regional Volunteer Preparedness Plan*, led by Oscar Gubernati at the Regional Integration Center.

Pre-Scripted Mission Request (PSMR) Project

The PSMR planning team held its final meeting on Tuesday, March 20th to close out the PSMR project. The team discussed the final versions of the approximately 50 capability-based pre-scripted mission requests that were developed for use during a disaster. Copies of the PSMRs can be found on the VJPO.

Regional Resource Management Solution (RRMS/RIMS)

The Regional Logistics Program is revisiting its assessment of interoperability and resource management capabilities within the Region and will expand its focus to include the Region's capabilities for tracking and deploying resources in the field. Alexander Marks will be in touch with RIMS planning team members to discuss their interests and the next steps suggested for this initiative. The next RRMS planning team meeting will be held on **April 26th at 1000**.

Regional Logistics Internships

The Program is reviewing applications for the Summer 2012 Internship Program. The deadline for applications is April 16th. For more information, to refer a candidate, or to submit a resume for consideration please contact Nancy Harris or visit <https://emergencylogistics.org/about/internship/>.

In the News

Kiran Dhanji, the Regional Logistics Program Manager, recently authored an article, *"Building Doctrine: Global Standards for Disaster Logistics"* for the March 2012 issue of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Bulletin. The article emphasizes the importance of fostering a broader discussion focused on nationwide and global adoption of a universal standard for disaster logistics. By opening a national and global discussion on benchmarks and standards for disaster logistics, emergency management will continue to improve and evolve as the robust, responsive, and comprehensive field we all know it to be. To find out more about the ULS, visit us at <https://emergencylogistics.org/our-plans-guides/capstone/>.

April 2012 Planning Team Meetings

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3 RDC PTM15 1400-1500	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18 C-POD PTM14 1400-1500	19	20
23	24	25	26 RRMS PTM11 1000-1100 CONOPS PTM12 (Private Sector) 1100-1200	27
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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.
- ✧ *Please note:* planning team participation is open to all.