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TRAINING DEVELOPMENT

The filming for two logistics training videos, *Disaster Logistics for Leaders* and *Disaster Logistics for the Professional Logistician*, has been completed.

The first video, *Disaster Logistics for Leaders*, is intended for the decision-makers and elected officials who will make the decisions to develop a more robust logistics capability in their jurisdiction. This video features interviews with leaders in the field of emergency management speaking about the types of decisions communities and officials face.

The second video, *Disaster Logistics for the Professional Logistician*, is intended for the private sector supply chain managers and logisticians who manage logistics daily. The purpose of this video is to demonstrate to our private sector partners how they can support disaster logistics operations at their local EOC.

With filming complete, the videos now move into the post-production phase. As the raw footage is edited we will be asking members of the Training Development Focus group, as well as the Private Sector Integration Plan planning team, to review the appropriate video. Upon completion, both videos will be available for viewing at www.EmergencyLogistics.org.

In addition to the two videos, the Program is also producing four web-based training courses along with complementary just-in-time training videos. The four courses include *LOG 101: The Disaster Logistician*, *LOG 200: The Logistics Center*, *LOG 201: Receiving and Distribution*, and *LOG 202: Commodity Point of Distribution*. The course titled *LOG 101: The Disaster Logistician*, has been specifically designed to provide the basics of disaster logistics to individuals who are new to the field. The remaining three courses have been based on plans and guides developed by the Regional Logistics Program.

Pilot tests for the completed courses will be scheduled for mid-August.

The Regional Logistics Program would like to thank Nassau County's Office of Emergency Management and the Applied Science Foundation for Homeland Security for serving as the "set" for both of these videos.

If you are interested in being a part of our Training Development Focus Group, please contact Nancy Harris at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org or by phone at (646) 215-6563.

ALERT

The Area Logistics Emergency Response Team (ALERT) program will soon begin accepting applications for membership.

The goal of the program is to create a cadre of trained logisticians who can support local EOCs during catastrophic incidents. A side benefit of this program will be an increase in the number of trained logisticians at the local level throughout the Region, expanding a jurisdictions' logistics capability.

As part of the recruitment process the Regional Logistics Program has developed implementation guidance designed to provide a local jurisdiction with the direction needed to field and request ALERT personnel.

Jurisdictions interested in learning more about ALERT can contact Nancy Harris at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org or by phone at (646) 215-6563.

The [Regional Logistics Program](http://www.RegionalLogisticsProgram.org) 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 a bimonthly publication; look for the next issue in September 2012.

Information Sharing at www.emergencylogistics.org

The Program has recently published a number of plans and guides. These documents are all available for download on www.EmergencyLogistics.org. Users can find strategies and tools to assist in their preparedness planning efforts. The Program welcomes any feedback on the usability of these plans and guides.

Concept of Operations (CONOPS)

Intermodal Infrastructure Reports: Site Assessment and Evaluation

Site assessments of approximately 50 locations across the Region, to be used to support receiving and distribution center (RDC) and commodity point of distribution (C-POD) operations, have been completed. The Program is now reviewing first drafts of the *Site Assessment and Evaluation Study*. The findings of the study will help quantify the capacity of RDCs and C-PODs to provide logistics support to the Region following a catastrophic incident. For additional information, please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

Movement Controller Project

The Program is now planning on using the existing assessments of rail, air, land and maritime infrastructure to create a recommendation on how to develop a computer application tool that enables logistics personnel to optimize the flow of critical resources into the NY-NJ-CT-PA Project Site following a catastrophic incident. For more information on the Movement Controller Project, please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

Plans & Guides Customization

The Program has completed and published a number of plans and guides. Our next step is to assist interested jurisdictions in customizing these plans and guides to suit their needs and implement these documents in their jurisdictions. The following documents are available for customization:

- Commodity Point of Distribution Plan and Field Operations Guide
- Logistics Center Plan
- Receiving and Distribution Center Plan and Field Operations Guide
- Regional Asset Database Project Common Data Points
- Volunteer and Donations Management Plan and Field Guidance

You can find a copy of all the plans and guides at www.EmergencyLogistics.org/our-plans-guides/. If you are interested in having any of these documents customized to fit your jurisdiction's needs, please contact Pearl Cheng at pcheng@regionalcatplanning.org.

Regional Resource Management Solution (RRMS/RIMS)

The **RRMS Assessment Paper** was sent to the planning team for final review and will soon undergo formatting for final publication. The paper is scheduled to be published in September 2012. For more information on the RRMS Assessment paper, please contact Detgen Greeff at dgreeff@regionalcatplanning.org.

Pre-Scripted Mission Request (PSMR) Project

Copies of the final version of approximately 50 capability-based pre-scripted mission requests, developed for use during a disaster, can be found on the VJPO. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

Congratulations!

This month we say goodbye to our Program Manager, Kiran Dhanji, who is moving on to become the Plans and Policy Unit Supervisor with the Texas Division of Emergency Management. Kiran helped draft the investment justification that first created the Regional Logistics Program over four years ago, and led the effort to build the team we have today. Please join us in thanking her for her vision, hard work, and dedication to the goal of establishing a universal standard in disaster logistics. We wish her continued success in her new role.

For the latest information on our Program events, please visit our Calendar of Events at <https://emergencylogistics.org/updates/calendar-of-events/>

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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.