Regional Logistics Program

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Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT)

Disaster Logistics Training

As the Region continues to recover from Superstorm Sandy, many jurisdictions will begin evaluating their plans and training to ensure they are prepared when the next storm strikes. To support these efforts, the Regional Logistics Program (RLP) is pleased to offer training designed to expand a jurisdiction's capacity for disaster logistics.

The RLP's disaster logistics training program consists of a modular series of four web-based courses that take no more than five hours to complete all together. Each web-based course is complemented by a Just-in-Time (JIT) video that runs between 12 and 15 minutes. All courses have been designed to provide users with the disaster logistics knowledge they need to step in and assist when they are needed most.

The introductory course, *LOG 101: The Disaster Logistician*, teaches the basic principles of logistics and the challenges of disaster logistics in particular. The remaining courses – *LOG 200: Logistics Center, LOG 201: Receiving and Distribution Center, and LOG 202: Commodity Point of Distribution* - are based on the plans developed by the Regional Logistics Program.
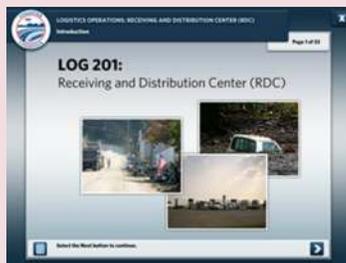
In addition to the web-based format, all courses are available as instructor led classroom trainings which allow information to be tailored to local needs, policies and procedures. Classroom instruction allows students to discuss the concepts presented in the plans and relate them to the specific processes found in their own jurisdiction. In addition, those students new to logistics will meet and learn with fellow future logisticians.
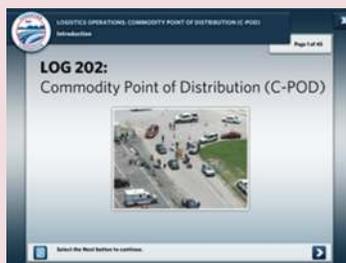
Disaster Logistics training is available through the Regional Logistics Program's website at https://emergencylogistics.org/training/ .

> **To schedule instructor-led training or for more information, please contact Nancy Harris at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org or by phone at 646-215-6563.**

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 quarterly 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 recent work within the program.

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

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The Regional Logistics Program Newsletter is a quarterly publication; look for the next issue in April 2013.

ALERT

The *Area Logistics Emergency Response Team (ALERT) Field Operations Guide (FOG)* and the *ALERT Implementation Guidance Document* are now available. The *ALERT FOG* outlines the mission, concept, and structure of ALERT as well as the responsibilities and job functions of ALERT members. The *ALERT Implementation Guidance Document* helps local jurisdictions introduce the ALERT program to their local EOC by providing a strategic overview of the ALERT concept.

Both of these documents are now available at www.EmergencyLogistics.org

ALERT is preparing to begin acceptance of applications for membership. Jurisdictions interested in learning more about ALERT and how they can be a part should contact Nancy Harris at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org or by phone at (646) 215-6563.

Pre-Scripted Mission Request (PSMR) Project

We have 50 draft PSMRs available on the VJPO for your review. If you have any questions please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

Localizing Plans & Guides

Now that the Program has completed and published a number of plans and guides the next step is to help interested jurisdictions localize them. Localization will allow the plans to better meet a jurisdiction's needs and comply with local policies and procedures.

The following documents are available for localization:

- Logistics Center Plan
- C-POD Plan and Field Operations Guide
- 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 your needs, please contact Nancy Harris at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org .

CONOPS

Movement Controller
Final recommendations for the *Movement Controller* project are being reviewed this month. A proposed architecture for the tool, including database and information requirements, is being developed. This project will use results of the existing program assessments of rail, air, land, and maritime infrastructure to create a recommendation for 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 please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

Intermodal Infrastructure Reports: Site Assessment and Evaluation
Site assessment reports for approximately 50 sites across the Region, to be used to support Receiving and Distribution Center (RDC) and Commodity Point of Distribution (C-POD) operations, have been completed. Reports have been distributed to all jurisdictions that participated in the study. For additional information, please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

Regional Resource Management Solution (RRMS/RIMS)

The *EDXL-RM Research and Evaluation* project is preparing to run a simulation using the Emergency Data Exchange Language-Resource Messaging (EDXL-RM) standard to pass resource request messages among regional incident management systems. The EDXL-RM standard provides a structure for sharing resource management data among agencies as resources are requested and deployed in emergencies. For additional information, please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org

Information Sharing at www.emergencylogistics.org

The Program has published a number of plans and guides. These documents are all available for download at www.EmergencyLogistics.org. In addition, users can find strategies and tools to assist in their preparedness planning efforts.

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

If you are interested in posting your planning or training events on the Program calendar, please contact Nancy Harris at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org.

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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.