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Creating NEW Disaster Logisticians

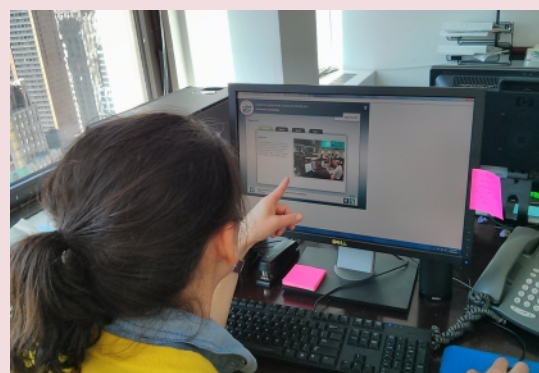
Getting the right resources to the right place when they are needed the most makes response and recovery that much more effective. Having personnel trained in logistics makes getting those resources to the right place at the right time a little easier. But where do these people come from?

In every department and agency in every municipality, county, and state there are personnel who want to help during a disaster but may not have the proper training to support logistics operations. Many of these people are already familiar with local procurement rules, contracts and vendors. The Regional Logistics Program's *Disaster Logistics Training* provides them with the knowledge and skills they need to be an asset in any EOC.

Disaster Logistics Training begins with the basic principles and elements of Disaster Logistics – helping participants better understand the role they can play, the operations they will support and the people they will meet. From there the training provides the specifics of resource management and demonstrates how the logistics desk can get bigger and faster in response to ever changing circumstances. Finally, the training provides guidance on how to support commodity distribution and staging area operations from an EOC.

All courses are available in a self-paced online format, an instructor-led format, and as just-in-time training.

- Access courses online at www.regionalcatplanning.org/regionaltraining.
- Just-in-time training can be viewed from the Regional Logistics Program website at <https://emergencylogistics.org/training/>.
- The instructor-led format allows information to be tailored to local needs, policies, and procedures. To get started training a team of Disaster Logisticians in your community contact Nancy Harris at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org or (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 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.

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

Localizing Plans and Guides

The Regional Logistics Program, with the help of partners and stakeholders throughout the Region, has developed a series of plans and guides intended to support the implementation of a Universal Logistics Standard.

Did you know that many of these plans and guides can be localized for your jurisdiction?

Localization allows the plans to better meet your jurisdiction's needs and comply with your local policies and procedures while providing a universal standard shared throughout the Region. The following documents are available for localization:

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

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 localized to your needs, please contact Nancy Harris at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org or (646) 215-6563.

Movement Controller

Final recommendations for the *Movement Controller* project were completed last month. Recommendations include a proposed architecture for a Movement Controller tool, including database and information requirements. The proposal used the results of the existing Program assessments of rail, air, land, and maritime infrastructure to create guidance on how to develop a computer application tool that enables logistics personnel to optimize the flow of critical resources into the Region following a catastrophic incident. For more information please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

Field Asset Tracking Assessment

The Program has now started the *Field Asset Tracking Assessment* project. The goal of this project is to develop a comprehensive analysis of the Region's field asset tracking capabilities, including recommendations for improving these capabilities for the purpose of providing emergency management logistics support after a catastrophe. The intention is to provide jurisdictions with the ability to locate, identify, and assign assets (consumables, equipment, or supplies) to an organization, location, or person following a catastrophic incident in real time. For additional information, please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

Regional Resource Management Solution (RRMS/RIMS)

The *EDXL-RM Research and Evaluation* project will be conducting a simulation using the Emergency Data Exchange Language-Resource Messaging (EDXL-RM) standard to pass resource request messages between regional incident management systems such as DLAN, E-TEAM, and Knowledge Center. An After Action Report will be prepared that will document the simulation, describe the findings, and propose recommendations for promoting regional interoperability. For additional information, please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

Community Outreach

If you have been to a recent municipal coordinators meeting in New Jersey or a Regional Emergency Planning Team meeting in Connecticut chances are you have heard about the Regional Logistics Program (RLP) and *Disaster Logistics Training*. If you haven't then you'll be hearing about us soon.

Representatives of the Regional Logistics Program are traveling throughout the Region sharing information on the latest work of the RLP and the **no-cost plans and trainings that are available to local jurisdictions**.

Does your jurisdiction have a meeting coming up in May or June? Do you just want to know about the no-cost plans and trainings? Contact Nancy Harris at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org or (646) 215-6563.

Information Sharing at www.emergencylogistics.org

All Program plans and guides are 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/>.

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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.