



Around The Region In Homeland Security January 2013

The Northwest Regional Technology Center (NWRTC) is a virtual resource center, operated by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), to support regional preparedness, resiliency, response, and recovery. The center enables homeland security solutions for emergency responder communities and federal, state, and local stakeholders in the Northwest. This monthly newsletter summarizes activities related to homeland security in the region, and this issue highlights

- All Hazards Emergency Preparedness Program for Schools
- Ready, Set, Go! Program
- Available Web Resources
- Upcoming Events

All Hazards Emergency Preparedness Program for Schools

The Pierce County Department of Emergency Management has offered, since 2007, an All-Hazards Emergency Preparedness Program for Schools. This program provides a proactive approach to emergency training and assists schools in providing a safe and secure place for children to learn and grow without fear. As noted by the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management Program manager Marci Scott, “This program prepares schools to be able to respond to all kinds of emergencies and disasters with and without the help of first responders. Past incidents have proven that this program is highly effective.”



Training modules include: accountability, active shooter table top exercise, basic improvised explosive

device, bullying, communications protocols, cyber bullying, evacuation/lockdown/shelter-in-place, fire suppression, search and rescue heavy lifting, survival mindset, threat assessment, and triage and treatment.

Through training and exercising, schools will develop relationships with the first responders in their area; have the opportunity to test and evaluate their school's emergency plans, policies, and procedures; gain knowledge on the roles and responsibilities of staff before, during, and after an incident; and lastly, identify gaps within their school's emergency plan by looking at corrective action reports and lessons learned from past incidents.

For more information, visit the [Pierce County Emergency Management website](#), or contact Marci Scott at (253) 798-2118 or mScott@co.pierce.wa.us.

Ready, Set, Go! Program

Launched nationally in March 2011, the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) manages the ‘Ready, Set, Go!’ (RSG!) Program to develop and improve the dialogue between fire departments and the residents they serve. The program helps fire departments teach individuals who live in high risk

wildfire areas (e.g., the wildland-urban interface) how to best prepare themselves and their properties against fire threats. The RSG! Program tenets help residents be Ready with preparedness understanding, be Set with situational awareness when fire threatens, and to Go, acting early when a fire starts.



Now in its second year nationally, the program has over 500 member departments and agencies representative of 46 states. It continues to work in complimentary and collaborative fashion with existing wildland fire and emergency

management public education efforts and amplifies their messages to individuals to better achieve the common goal of fire adapted communities.

The RSG! Program provides the implementation guidance; background knowledge; and presentation tools to assist fire departments in delivering the program message. For more information, contact Lucian Deaton at ldeaton@iafc.org.

Available Web Resources

Active Shooter Preparedness

DHS recently released a new website devoted to Active Shooter Preparedness. The site aims to provide training, products, and resources to a broad range of stakeholders on issues such as active shooter awareness, incident response, and workplace violence. Courses, materials and workshops are available to better prepare individuals to deal with an active shooter situation and to raise awareness of behaviors that represent pre-incident indicators and

characteristics of active shooters. The website can be found at <http://www.dhs.gov/activeshooter>.

CBRN Technical Assistance

The Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear Defense Information Analysis Center (CBRNIAC) offers free research assistance through their online inquiry service. The service, which is staffed by a team of engineers, scientists, and subject matter experts, fields questions about chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense as well as homeland security. Up to four free hours of research are available to the U.S. Department of Defense, state and local agencies, U.S. Government contractors, and other agencies that are within CBRNIAC's technical scope. A clearly outlined inquiry process and submittal form is found [on their website](#).

Upcoming Events

February 13, 2012

AWR-196 [Leaders Role in Vigilant Communities](#)
Salem, OR

February 19 – 21, 2013

ICS 300 – [Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents](#)
Spokane, WA

March 20, 2013

Seattle Urban Area Security Initiative (USAI):
Vulnerable Populations Disaster Planning Conference
Auburn, WA

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