



## Around The Region In Homeland Security September 2014

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

- National Protection Framework
- Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills
- National Preparedness Month
- Upcoming Events

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### National Protection Framework: Whole Community Preparedness

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) [National Protection Framework](#) was designed to help educate communities about the routine security-related measures that can be taken in protecting against terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other hazards.

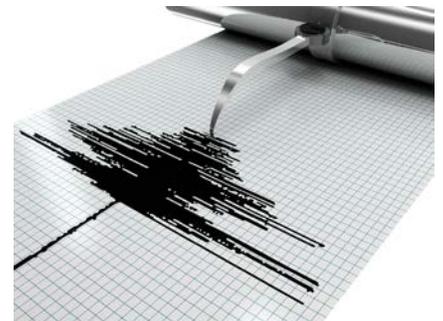
The document, which was released in July, is one of five documents within the National Planning Frameworks. Each document covers a specific preparedness area – prevention, protection, mitigation, response, recovery. The National Protection Framework is specifically tied to steady-state or enhanced steady-state activities for all kinds of hazards, as well as security and threat deterrence.

The Protection Framework further describes the roles and responsibilities, core capabilities, and coordinating structures that enable the protection of individuals, communities, and the nation. Download the PDF at <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/97350>.

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### Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills: More than Stop, Drop and Cover

On October 16, 2014 at 10:16 a.m., Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills will be held at homes, businesses, schools, churches



and government institutions around the globe. In 2013, over 24.9 million people registered as participants worldwide, and over 17 million people have registered for the 2014 drill as of September 2.

The drills are an opportunity to learn how to prepare yourself and your community for what to do during or in the aftermath of an earthquake. Participants will practice “Drop, Cover and Hold On,” and be given guidance to update emergency supplies and plans, and secure spaces to prevent injury or damage.

Recent earthquakes such as those in northern California remind us that we need to be prepared at any time – at home, school, work or even on vacation. Visit <http://www.shakeout.org/> to learn more about ShakeOut drills on a State or regional basis, and to register for the event.

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## National Preparedness Month: Planning to Keep Families Safe

"Our national preparedness is the shared responsibility of all levels of government, the private and nonprofit sectors, and individual citizens. Everyone can contribute to safeguarding the nation from harm." – Presidential Policy Directive 8 / PPD-8: National Preparedness



September is [National Preparedness Month](#). This year's theme is "Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare." Numerous resources are available to help communities and individuals prepare, to the degree possible, for an emergency situation.

Below is a sampling of resources grouped by the month's four major themes:

### How to... Reconnect with Family After a Disaster

- [Make a Plan](#)
- [Commuter Emergency Plan PDF](#)

Know **How To** plan for specific needs before a Disaster

- [Preparedness Planning for your Business](#)
- [Basic Emergency Supply List PDF](#)

### How to... Build an Emergency Kit

- [Build a Disaster Supply Kit](#)

### How to... Practice for an emergency

- [Emergency Alerts](#)
- [Evacuating Yourself and Your Family](#)

Take action by participating in [America's PrepareAthon!](#) And share your preparedness on Twitter using the hashtag #NatlPrep.

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## Upcoming Events

September 22, 2014

[2014 Fall Washington Emergency Public Information Network \(WEPIN\) Workshop: Social Media in Disasters](#)

Spokane, WA

November 14-19, 2014

[International Association of Emergency Managers \(IAEM\) 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference and EMEX](#)

San Antonio, TX

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