



Around The Region In Homeland Security July 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

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Northwest Groups Recognized with IAEM Awards

Two Northwest groups were recognized at the recent International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Awards Competition for their significant contributions to the field of emergency management. The Seattle Office of Emergency Management collaborated with Target to create [“The Seattle Target Preparedness Event for National Preparedness Month,”](#) which won the 2013 IAEM-Global Partners in Preparedness Award. The Seattle Office of Emergency Management organized an event at which 100 families each received a \$100 Target gift card to use for purchasing emergency supplies. Seattle police officers then helped the families complete their emergency preparedness shopping.

The City of Seattle and King County Offices of Emergency Management won the Division 2 2013 IAEM-Global Public Awareness Awards for the creation of [“What to Do to Make It Through,”](#) a website designed to help families prepare for varied disaster scenarios. The website is the result of a multi-agency effort and was supported by an advisory

committee that included representatives from local emergency management offices in eight countries.

Washington Emergency Public Information Network

[Washington Emergency Public Information Network \(WEPIN\)](#) is now live online. WEPIN was formed to enhance statewide crisis communications, and is open to Public Information Officers (PIO) – both professional and volunteer – within the state of Washington. WEPIN also seeks to act as a resource for members to enhance their skills for building a strong emergency information system. The group hosts a variety of different trainings and events with topics including “Social Media for Natural Disaster Response” and “Discussion-based Exercise Design and Evaluation Course.” WEPIN was developed by emergency management PIOs from the state and counties around the Puget Sound, and will hold its first official elections in September. There is no cost to join the group and benefits include:

- Notification of trainings and workshops across the state
- Access to PIO tips, tools, and templates

- Access to media and fellow WEPIN member contact lists
- Inter-agency collaboration on special projects that address information coordination challenges

For information about WEPIN, and to request membership, visit <http://www.washingtonepin.org/>

Second Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Engagement

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is beginning the process of engagement for their Second Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR). The QHSR will help set the direction of DHS and the homeland security enterprise for the next four years.

Those interested in participating in the Second QHSR are encouraged to register for membership to the online [QHSR Community of Practice](#). There, members can share their thoughts as documents are posted for comments and discussions from the group.

Learn more about the Second QHSR by [viewing an interview with Alan Cohn](#), Assistant Secretary for Strategy, Planning and Analysis in the DHS Office of Policy. The First QHSR, published in February, 2010, can additionally downloaded from the [DHS website](#).

Planning Primer Benefits Law Enforcement Agencies

In early 2012, CNA's Safety and Security Division was awarded a grant from the U.S Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to provide a better planning primer to guide local law enforcement agencies in planning for and operating large-scale events. The CNA has recently release the

planing primer, which covers the three major phases of managing a large-scale security event: pre-event planning, operational management, and post-event operations. Additionally, the planning primer addressess 18 core operational areas most critical to successful security planning and operations. Moreover, the report provides 25 planning checklists that contain key steps for successful task completion, and 28 operational templates to better structure and guide law enforcement planners to execute large-scale security planning. These tools will serve as a blueprint for future departments in developoeing their operational security plan, and in carrying out law enforcement fuctions in high-profile events.

The document *Managing Large-Scale Security Events: A Planning Primer for Local Law Enforcement Agencies* can be downloaded from the [CNA website](#).

Upcoming Events

August 13 – 15, 2013
[Mitigation for Emergency Managers \(G-393\)](#)
 Camp Murray, WA

September 9 – 12, 2013
[NDEMA 2013 Annual Conference](#)
 Bismarck, ND

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