



Around The Region In Homeland Security January 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

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Just In Time Training Videos

Each New Year brings renewed resolutions to seek out growth opportunities both personally and professionally. Conveniently the Disaster Resistant Communities Group makes it easy with educational resources that benefit us at home, at work, and within our communities.

The Just In Time on-line library containing a myriad of free videos in the categories of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Within each category are a wide variety of topics, for example:

- **Mitigation:** Community, Insurance, Residential
- **Preparedness:** Business/Workplace, Evacuation, Man-Made Hazards
- **Response:** Crisis Mapping Operations, Public Health Operations, Volunteer Management Operations
- **Recovery:** Community, Debris Management Operations, Disaster Recovery Center Operations

Make a note to swing by regularly for the Disaster Training Video of the Day. Recent featured videos

include “How to Make and Emergency Supply Kit,” and “Anthrax Awareness.”

To access the entire library, visit the Disaster Resistant Communities Group [website](#) or follow them Twitter [@ChrisDisaster](#).

New and Improved

Welcome to the new FirstResponder.gov!



First Responders Group (FRG) is proud to debut a newly refreshed FirstResponder.gov, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate (S&T). On the new site, you’ll notice a crisp look and feel with content

organized by first responder discipline (see the new icons on the homepage). Blog posts, articles, and FRG publications—including case studies, lessons learned, and technical reports—are now much easier to find thanks to an enhanced search tool. Additional resources can be found in the footer at the bottom of the homepage. And signing into or up for First Responder Communities of Practice is simple with prominent new buttons.

There's much more to see, including Technology Profiles, which detail S&T's research and development efforts; you can find these profiles by discipline, keyword, and city and state. Thanks for visiting the new site, and spread the word! Contact FRG with questions or suggestions at first.responder@dhs.gov, on Twitter at [@dhsscitech](https://twitter.com/dhsscitech), and on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/firstrespondersgroup>.

For more information about FRG, visit: <http://www.dhs.gov/st-frg>. To learn about S&T's other research and development efforts, visit: <http://www.dhs.gov/st-organization>

Disaster Apps Compiled

You've likely heard the advertisement touting that "there's an app for that," but it can be overwhelming to figure out the breadth of what is available and where all of those great applications, or apps, can be located any given time.

To the rescue is the Transformative Innovation for Development and Emergency Support (TIDES) Project, which has [compiled a list](#) of nearly two dozen disaster related apps. TIDES is coordinated by the Center for Technology and National Security Policy at the National Defense University, part of the Department of Defense.



Additionally, the Center for Technology and National Security Policy is planning a Disaster Apps Challenge. The driver behind the Challenge is to help identify the best available disaster apps, with opportunities for developers to collaborate to improve their apps. The Center has just begun the planning process and is soliciting participants to help design the competition or provide feedback throughout the process.

For more information about the scope of the challenge, see the article [Disasters? There is an app for that](#) or visit the [TIDES website](#).

Upcoming Events

February 5 – 8 and 12 – 15, 2014
[Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program: Basic Course](#)

Emergency Management Institute Webinar

February 25 – 26, 2014
[ICS-400: Advanced ICS – Command & General Staff – Complex Incidents](#)

Pierce County EOC, Tacoma, WA

May 20 – 22, 2014
[National Homeland Security Conference](#)
Philadelphia, PA

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