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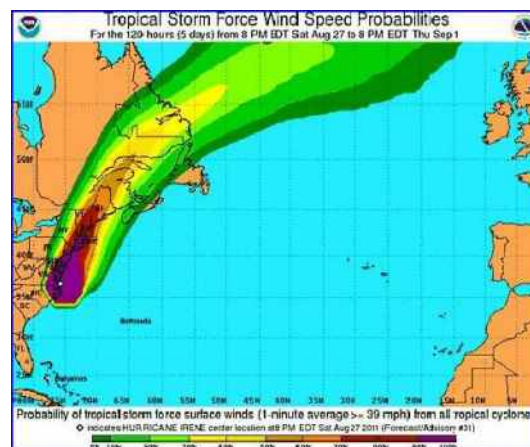
Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT)

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Regional Logistics Program Supports Response to Tropical Storm Irene

This month the Regional Integration Center responded to requests from our Regional partners to provide support preparing for and responding to Hurricane Irene. The Regional Logistics Program team supported the New York City Office of Emergency Management Logistics Unit, helping to acquire resources such as shelter supplies, generators, and a Level Three Incident Management Team (IMT). Team members also helped identify sites across the five boroughs to be used as potential staging areas / receiving and distribution centers (RDCs).

After Tropical Storm Irene made landfall, the Program team focused on resource demobilization, which involved coordinating the removal of supplies from the 91 shelters that were opened throughout New York City. The team worked directly on the scheduling and acquisition of labor, trucking, and packing materials needed to palletize and demobilize resources. Lessons learned are being incorporated into Program documents, with a focus on further refining sections of the Logistics Center (LC) documents.



Logistics Center (LC)

The plan applies principles from wildfire expanded dispatch to EOC logistics, with the goal of creating processes that enable effective management of a large influx of resource requests. The document provides guidance for local jurisdictions on how to set up and manage an LC.

Many planning team members activated state and local logistics centers and sections during the recent storms; their observations and lessons learned will be integrated into the LC Plan. The next LC planning team meeting will take place **November 2**.

Area Logistics Emergency Response Team (ALERT)

The ALERT planning team continues to work on the LC Plan and will reconvene after the first of the year to discuss the ALERT structure and training.

Training Development

The Program team continues to scope the requirements for creating the ALERT curriculum. Over the next several months, input from all planning team members will be solicited, helping ensure the Program delivers a comprehensive logistics training program that meets Regional needs.

The [Regional Logistics Program](#) 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 monthly 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 the previous month's work within the program.

Beginning in September, the Regional Logistics Newsletter will be published on a bi-monthly basis. The next issue will come out in November. We will continue to keep our planning partners up-to-date in the interim months through email notifications and updates from our website, www.emergencylogistics.org.

Information Sharing at www.EmergencyLogistics.org



Last month the Program launched its official website (www.EmergencyLogistics.org) which provides a new platform to share information and expertise relating to disaster logistics issues around the country. Please take a moment to visit our site and register to join the discussion!

The Program would also like to invite our planning partners to host our website link on their agency / organization websites. If you are interested in hosting our link, or for a user guide on site navigation, please contact Pearl Cheng or Detgen Greeff.

Commodity Point of Distribution (C-POD)

All planning team member feedback and comments on the draft *C-POD Plan* have been reviewed and incorporated. The Plan is being updated one final time before it is submitted to the Program Lead for review and approval.

On September 19th, the planning team met to review and discuss the final draft of the *C-POD Field Operations Guide*. The next planning team meeting will be held on **October 26th at 1400**.

Staging Area/Receiving and Distribution Center (RDC)

Tropical Storm Irene preparations and response demonstrated the potential value of the RDC project within our Region, while also providing many new issues for consideration and lessons learned that will add substantial value to our planning documents. The RDC Plan, designed for use by emergency managers in the EOC, is now under development. Both the *RDC Field Operations Guide (FOG)* and the *RDC Plan* will be reviewed during the next planning team meeting on **October 17th at 1400**. For more information on this initiative, please contact Alexander Marks.

Concept of Operations (CONOPS)

The Capstone and CONOPS documents are currently in the plan finalization process. Once this process is complete, the documents will be published and distributed.

Intermodal Infrastructure Reports: Waterway

This month the Program reviewed and made final edits to the latest draft of the *Waterway Infrastructure Report*. A meeting was held to discuss the status of the draft and move towards finalizing and printing the report. In late October or early November, final printed For Official Use Only (FOUO) copies will be submitted to the Program's point of contact (POC) in each jurisdiction.

Volunteer and Donations Management (VDM)

The VDM suite of documents is currently being formatted for final publication. The planning team meeting originally planned for late September has been postponed while our planning partners continue to help those impacted by Hurricanes Irene and Lee.

Regional Resource Management Solution (RRMS)

This month RIMS lead Alexander Marks continued to formulate next steps for regional interoperability with Virtual Regional Operations Center (VROC) lead Michael Schultz. At the next RRMS planning team meeting on **October 14th at 1000**, planning team members will discuss and build consensus on efforts.

Regional Asset Database Project (RADP)

The *RADP Strategy Document* has been reviewed and approved by Program management and will soon be published. Findings from the project will transition into the next phase of the resource request management effort, data exchange, and interoperability. RADP planning team members are encouraged to join the Regional Information Management Solution (RIMS) planning team.

Credentialing

The Credentialing Annex is currently being formatted for final publication. The planning team will reconvene on **October 6th at 1100** to receive the final document and discuss next steps for the team.

Pre-Scripted Mission Request (PSMR) Project

All of the new PSMR forms have been drafted and are currently being reviewed by the Program team. Once completed, all 25 new forms will be presented to the planning team before they are finalized and sent for formatting and publication. For more information on the PSMR project, contact Tom Rinaldi at trinaldi@regionalcatplanning.org.

October 2011 Planning Team Meetings

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6 CRED PTM9 1100-1200	7
10	11	12	13	14 RRMS PTM10 1000-1100
17 RDC PTM12 1400-1500	18	19	20	21
24	25	26 C-POD PTM13 1400-1500	27	28
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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.
- ✧ For more information on the Program and disaster logistics, please visit us at www.EmergencyLogistics.org.