



# Regional Logistics Program

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Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT)

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## TRAINING DEVELOPMENT

As the Program's core doctrine, plans, and guides near completion, the time has come to begin developing a logistics training curriculum. The Program's goal is to develop training that helps each jurisdiction in the Region better prepare to execute disaster logistics operations. The no-cost training will be developed throughout summer 2012 and will be available to jurisdictions within the Region in the fall.

The first step in the training development process was to convene a training development focus group representing the diversity of the Region, including participants from emergency management and related fields at the local, state, and federal levels. The focus group met on January 19th and provided feedback that will drive the training development process. Participants shared their experience and recommendations in three sessions focusing on emergency management principles, specific logistics competencies, and methods of training delivery. Many focus group members highlighted the importance of defining the core principles of logistics for training purposes. While many participants agreed that classroom teaching is most beneficial, they also acknowledged that small agencies with budget constraints would benefit from shorter, accessible computer-based training. A comprehensive needs assessment that outlines these discussions is posted on the Program's website.



*Regional partners discussing ideas for logistics training.*

**To contribute to the discussion and help direct our training development, please contact Nancy Harris at 646-215-6563 or [nharris@regionalcatplanning.org](mailto:nharris@regionalcatplanning.org) by February 3rd.**

## 2012 LOGISTICS PLANNING SUMMIT

After the success of the *LogCon Disaster Logistics Conference* in 2011, the Program team would like to invite our planning partners to a planning summit in early May 2012. The planning summit will provide an opportunity for continued collaboration and discussion in the field of emergency / disaster logistics. All participating jurisdictions and states will receive printed copies of all final logistics plans, field operations guides, and associated documents. The Program team will discuss how these plans and tools can help with day-to-day logistics preparedness and incident response, and how the universal logistics standard can benefit each stakeholder both within their jurisdiction and as part of the Region. Join us to discuss how to build jurisdictional capacity and capabilities so we can be stronger, faster, and better able to respond when disaster strikes. **We hope to hold the summit on May 1st or 2nd; please let us know as soon as possible if you have a conflict with these dates.**

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.

The Regional Logistics Program (Program) Newsletter is now published bi-monthly; look for the next issue in March 2012. We will continue to keep our planning partners up-to-date in the interim months through email notifications and website updates.

## Concept of Operations (CONOPS)

The Program's updated CONOPS document will be released to the planning team in early February. **The next planning team meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd at 1100** to discuss the updated CONOPS document and planning team comments and feedback.

### Capstone

The Capstone document created by the CONOPS planning team is now complete! An electronic copy is available on the Program's website at

<https://emergencylogistics.org/our-plans-guides/capstone/>. A limited number of hard copies are still available; please contact Jim Penta for more information.



### Intermodal Infrastructure Reports: Site Assessment and Evaluation

The Program is in the early stages of a site assessment and evaluation study designed to identify and assess sites across the Region that may be used to support receiving and distribution (RDC) and commodity point of distribution (C-POD) operations. The findings of the study will help each participating jurisdiction quantify the capacity of their RDCs and C-PODs to provide logistics support to the jurisdiction following a disaster. **Please contact Jim Penta by 1700 on February 3rd to receive these free site assessments.**

## Staging Area/Receiving and Distribution Center

The Program team continues to develop content for both the *RDC FOG* and the *RDC Plan*. We continue to welcome feedback from our stakeholders and any subject matter expert with an interest or advice in this specialized niche of emergency logistics. Please contact Alexander Marks to discuss opportunities to review the draft and to ensure that the documents meet your jurisdiction's needs.

## Information Sharing at [www.emergencylogistics.org](http://www.emergencylogistics.org)

The Program's official website provides a new platform to share information and expertise relating to disaster logistics issues around the country. We ask all our planning partners in the Region to consider hosting the Program website link on your website. For additional information on how to host the Program website, please visit us at <https://emergencylogistics.org/about/host>.

## Regional Resource Management Solution (RRMS)

The Program is re-energizing the RRMS initiative in 2012; **the first planning team meeting in the new year is scheduled for February 3rd at 1000**. The first step for the team will be to update Regional Interoperability and Resource Management (RIRM) assessment paper with new information on Regional interoperability initiatives, best-practices for implementing and ensuring the consistent use of EDXL-RM across the Region, and opportunities to bring new resource management capabilities to both the Region's incident management systems (IMs) and the field through mobile technologies.

We hope to continue to build a shared vision for interoperable resource management within our Region. Please contact Alexander Marks to join the team or provide input and direction.

## Credentialing

The Credentialing planning team has now transitioned to a Credentialing working group; the group's first session took place on January 24th. Members reported on the status of the latest credentialing initiatives within their jurisdiction and shared common challenges and best practices.

## Logistics Center (LC)

The *LC Plan* is being reviewed for final edits. **The planning team will next convene on February 29th at 1400** to review the final, formatted draft. To review a copy of the current draft or to discuss the document, please contact Nancy Harris.

## Area Logistics Emergency Response Teams (ALERT)

The ALERT concept paper is complete. Next steps for ALERT include the identification and training of ALERT members.

## Pre-Scripted Mission Request (PSMR) Project

The PSMR project continues as the PSMR drafts are edited for comprehension and clarity. Once editing is complete, the templates will be submitted to the planning team for a final review.

## Volunteer and Donation Management (VDM)

The suite of VDM documents are in the final stages of formatting and will be ready for printing within the next few weeks. Along with the printed documents, stakeholders will receive several electronic templates and sample documents that each jurisdiction and organization may customize to meet its needs.

## February 2012 Planning Team Meetings

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3 RRMS PTM10 1000-1100 Deadline for Site Assessment 1700
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22 CONOPS PTM11 1100-1200	23	24
27	28	29 LC PTM15 1400-1500		

## Commodity Point of Distribution (C-POD)

The *C-POD Plan* and *FOG* are undergoing final review and edits. The next planning team meeting will be held in early March, and the updated versions of the Plan and FOG will be presented to the planning team.

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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](mailto:RCPLogistics@RegionalCATPlanning.org).
- ✧ *Please note:* planning team participation is open to all.