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Training the Region

As of this publication the Regional Logistics Program (RLP) has conducted disaster logistics training in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Training has taken place in Rockland County (NY), DEMHS Region 5 (CT), the Town of Southbury (CT), and for the City of Paterson and the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey. Additional trainings are scheduled in the coming months for Somerset County and Mercer County in New Jersey.

Why are these counties and towns so interested in the RLP's Disaster Logistics Training Program? *Because it expands their capacity to conduct disaster logistics operations.* With additional people trained in the basics of the Universal Logistics Standard (ULS), there are more personnel ready and able to step in and assist in a disaster response.

The training program consists of web-based courses that focus on the basics of disaster logistics, the resource management process, and supporting staging and commodity distribution operations from an EOC. These courses can also be taught in the classroom where local policies and procedures are incorporated into the session.

Anyone can take these courses. Consider training procurement personnel from various departments and agencies or even your CERT members.

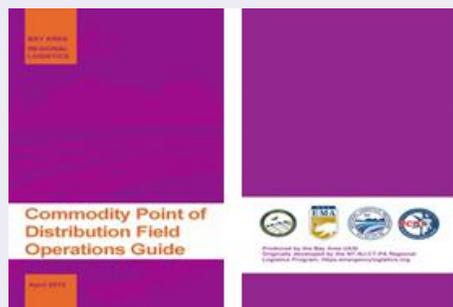
To learn more about the training program visit www.EmergencyLogistics.org/training/. To schedule classroom training in your jurisdiction contact Nancy Harris at (646) 215-6563 or at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org.



The Universal Logistics Standard Goes West

The **Universal Logistics Standard** (ULS) was developed as a foundation on which local, state, and federal stakeholders can build a comprehensive disaster logistics program. The ULS was initially designed for emergency managers in the NY-NJ-CT-PA Region but the standard may be applied to any and all jurisdictions throughout the country.

The Bay Area Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPPG) site has been working closely with the Regional Logistics Program (RLP) to establish the ULS as a standard for conducting disaster logistics operations. The Bay Area has adapted the *Commodity Point of Distribution (C-POD) Field Operations Guide (FOG)* and the *Receiving and Distribution Center (RDC) Field Operations Guide (FOG)*; in addition they have used the following EOC-based plans as templates during plan development: *Commodity Point of Distribution (C-POD) Plan*, *Receiving and Distribution Center (RDC) Plan* and *Logistics Center (LC) Plan*.



The Bay Area will also be using the RLP's Disaster Logistics Training Program as a standard for developing their Just-in-Time web based training.

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 quarterly 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 recent work within the program.

For more information on the Program and disaster logistics, please visit us at www.EmergencyLogistics.org.

Preparedness

The Regional Logistics Program is finishing work on a document that focuses on preparedness, the first phase of emergency management. The *Preparedness Document* gathers all the key, strategic preparedness guidance from each of the RLP's disaster logistics plans and presents it in one place. This allows an emergency manager to review, in one document, all the key preparedness guidance that supports building an effective disaster logistics capability.



For logisticians, plans must address the strategic objectives of resource management, movement control and distribution management, and provide tactical guidance on how to accomplish the mission of disaster logistics.

The guidance in this document focuses on creating plans and identifying, in advance, the types and quantities of facilities, staff, equipment, and supplies that will be needed to conduct disaster logistics operations.

Logisticians can use the guidance provided in this document to create new plans for their jurisdiction or to supplement and strengthen existing plans. The *Preparedness Document* will be available for download from the RLP website, www.EmergencyLogistics.org, in the month of August.

For additional information, please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

Field Asset Tracking Assessment

The RLP has begun work on the *Field Asset Tracking Assessment* project. The goal of this project is to develop a comprehensive analysis of the Region's field asset tracking capabilities, including recommendations for improving these capabilities for the purpose of providing emergency management logistics support after a catastrophe.

In June, the RLP met with representatives in the Region from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania to discuss and assess existing regional field asset tracking capabilities. The meetings included documenting key processes and components of existing systems and also rating and ranking the importance of system criteria such as: connectivity, compatibility, asset visibility, technology, training, and financial reconciliation. The discussions also included the challenges each jurisdiction experienced with asset tracking during Hurricane Sandy.

The data and information that was gathered during these meetings will be used to develop the overall analysis and final recommendations for the project. For additional information, please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

Localizing Plans and Guides

The Regional Logistics Program, with the help of partners and stakeholders throughout the Region, has developed a series of plans and guides intended to promote the implementation of a universal standard in disaster logistics.

Did you know that many of these plans and guides can be localized for your jurisdiction?

Localization allows the plans to better meet your jurisdiction's needs and comply with your local policies and procedures while providing a universal standard shared throughout the Region.

The following documents are available for localization:

- Logistics Center Plan
- Commodity Point of Distribution Plan and Field Operations Guide
- Receiving and Distribution Center Plan and Field Operations Guide
- Volunteer and Donations Management Plan and Field Guidance
- Regional Asset Database Project Common Data Points

You can find a copy of all the plans and guides at www.EmergencyLogistics.org/our-plans-guides/

If you are interested in having any of these documents customized to your needs, please contact Nancy Harris at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org or (646) 215-6563.

Information Sharing at www.emergencylogistics.org

All Program plans and guides are available for download at www.EmergencyLogistics.org. In addition, users can find strategies and tools to assist in their preparedness planning efforts.

For the latest information on our Program events, please visit our Calendar of Events at <https://emergencylogistics.org/updates/calendar-of-events/>.

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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.