

SPECIAL
POINTS OF IN-
TEREST:

- June 1st is the beginning of Maryland's Hurricane Season
- Registration is now available for the 2010 Maryland Emergency Management Conference!
- Visit MEMA's online training calendar for free training opportunities

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Maryland Receives Presidential Declaration

This winter season, the State of Maryland experienced unprecedented snowfall state-wide. Winter weather began as early as November when a nor'easter impacted the coastal communities on the lower eastern shore and southern Maryland.

In December, Maryland had a major snow fall with record-breaking snow seen in some parts of the state. This storm resulted in Maryland receiving a Presidential Declaration to assist local jurisdictions and state government with recovery.

The state received the signed declaration on February 19, 2010. This Major Disaster Declaration for snow is for reimbursement under Category B, Emergency Protective Measures. There are 12 local jurisdictions that are included in the Declaration.



Photo submitted by
Eileen Stein,
MEMA Administrative Aide

To provide better assistance to local and state applicants, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has established a satellite office on site at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). 14 FEMA personnel are working with MEMA's Public Assistance staff to assist applicants with processing requests for reimbursement of eligible storm-related expenses.

For more information on the recovery process, please visit MEMA's website, www.mema.state.md.us.

The Town of Ocean City launches Emergency Advisory Radio Station

To improve communication and enhance the safety of those living, working and visiting in Ocean City, the Town of Ocean City has installed an AM emergency advisory radio station. The frequency of the station is **1670 KHz on the AM dial** and is received throughout the Ocean City area. Every AM radio will be able to receive this frequency.

The primary use of this station is to inform the public of emergency conditions in the area and how to

respond to them. An emergency could consist of severe weather or any other condition that could affect the well being of the public in the Ocean City area.

This non-commercial radio station is monitored by the Town of Ocean City, and in non-emergency situations, the station broadcasts community information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Messages that play on a 15- to 20-minute cycle include emergency preparedness information.

Having a non-commercial FCC license does not allow any commercial broadcasting. The portable alert AM radio station was acquired by the Town with a Homeland Security grant.

Be sure to keep your radio dial tuned to 1670 AM for WQKF 629 Ocean City, MD for additional emergency preparedness information or emergency advisories.

Submitted by Bob Dimaio, Ocean City Radio Maintenance Division Supervisor

Haiti Repatriation



Following the devastating earthquake in Haiti, Maryland stood prepared to assist individuals repatriating from Haiti should that need arise.

On January 17th, the Office of Emergency Operations at the Department of Human Resources (DHR) was notified through the Office of Refugee Resettlement that Secretary of State Hilary Clinton would be arriving at Andrews Air Force Base accompanied by 23 American repatriates from Haiti.

Rainier C. Harvey, Sr., Chief of the DHR Division of Administrative Operations set into motion the State's Repatriation plan which reached across agency lines. Agencies that assisted in the coordination and delivery of the repatriation response included Maryland Emergency Management Agency, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Maryland Department of Transportation and Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems. The American Red Cross also partnered in the response.

DHR secured appropriate facilities for lodging and processing of the repatriates days prior to their arrival. Through the cooperation of the state partnering agencies and the federal government the repatriation mission was successful.

Submitted by Pam Spring, Director, DHR Office of Emergency Operations

Photos provided by the U.S. Air Force

Mine "Blow-Out" in Western MD

On March 14th residents in the town of Lonaconing, MD (Allegany County) along Douglas Avenue noticed a very large stream of water rapidly flowing down and across Douglas Avenue around their homes and property. There is no pre-existing waterway there, and the water flowing was causing damage to State and County roads.

Local public safety personnel responded and determined that there had been an internal collapse in an abandoned deep mine causing the large quantities of rainwater and



melting snow to back-up within large mining voids in the mountainside. Eventually, the water pressure inside the voids caused a blowout in the mountain and large quantities of water and debris began flowing into the town. The water not only entered homes and flowed across personal property, but the pressure moved a guard-

rail and caused erosion in the roadway sufficient enough to close it.

Allegany County stood up a mobile command post from March 14th-16th to support the coordinated response of numerous local and state agencies. Due to the unpredictable nature of the incident, swiftwater and collapse teams were placed on stand by.

This was the most extensive mine "blowout" on record in this area. Within the first 24-hr period it was estimated that approx 3 million gallons of water had flowed into the town. Allegany County declared a local state of emergency on March 14th.

Submitted by Western MD Regional Administrator, Erica Mowbray



Harford County Receives International Accreditation



MEMA Executive Director, Richard Muth, offers remarks during a ceremony recognizing Harford County for their accreditation

In October, the Harford County Emergency Operations Center attained the highest accreditation possible as an accredited center of excellence (ACE) for the use of its fire, police and medical protocols. The Harford County EOC is only the second center in the world to achieve all three levels of accreditation, and the first in the United States.

The National Academies of Emergency Dispatch (NAED) ACE program requires a detailed self-study based on the academy's 20 points. The self-study covers everything from the center's description to procedures outlining a quality improvement plan, continuing dispatch education and compliance with life-saving emergency dispatch protocols developed.

The Academy's Board of Accreditation reviewed the Harford County EOC application, the center's documentation and conducted an onsite visit for verification purposes. "We are delighted to be recognized for the professionalism of our staff and our commitment to excellence in Fire, Police and Medical dispatch", stated Ernie Crist, Manager of the Harford County

Division of Operations. "Harford County has some of the finest dispatchers and emergency operations personnel in the state and this award is a tribute to their outstanding work and performance."

The county uses InterAct Public Safety Systems software. The Harford County Division of Emergency Operations is responsible for the emergency dispatch of all police, fire and EMS related calls for Harford County and serves a population of nearly 245,000 people covering more than 450 square miles.

Information was submitted by Harford County Division of Emergency Operations

MEMA's New Employees

MEMA would like to introduce the following new employees.

Rainer Dombrowsky, All Hazards Planner

Rainer is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, with a BS in Geography. He served for seven years with the US Air Force and an additional 26 with the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

Rainer worked for 31 years with NOAA's National Weather Service, 15 years in field operations as a technician and radar operator, forecaster and warning preparedness meteorologist. The following 16 years were spent at national headquarters working with various Federal agencies on issues related to meteorological services, requirements and policy. His final four years were spent with NOAA Office of Homeland Security establishing a NOAA presence in the Department of Homeland Security's National Operations Center.

Prior to arriving at MEMA, he spent two years working with the United Nations World Meteorological Organization (WMO) addressing issues related to meteorological instruments and methods of observation. In addition, he supported the WMO's Disaster Risk Reduction Program and through Early Warning System design addressed customer needs in the areas of observation, detection, monitoring, prediction and early warning of a wide variety of weather, climate and water related hazards

Kate Hession, NCR Exercise & Training

Kate earned her BA degree from Merrimack College in 1993. She comes to MEMA with an extensive background with the internet and has worked with several start-up firms providing both technical and customer support. She also worked as a self employed Management Consultant, providing a wide range of services including staff and customer product training as well as cyber incident management.

In addition to her professional experience, Kate has worked with children with special needs and with the Maine Legislature developing and passing legislation entitled "An Act to Protect the Health of Infants". She continues to work with families in other states to pass similar legislation.

Blake Carroll, Grants Management Systems Support

Blake hales from Greenville, NC and moved to Maryland in 2004. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance from Towson University in 2008. Prior to coming to MEMA, Blake taught music and private lessons for five years as well as performed semi-professionally and professionally for the past seven years. Current, he is working at MEMA in the Grants Department as a Grant Data Coordinator as well as the Agency's "Resident Guru" for the new Grants Management System. Blake also performs in his spare time and daydreams about Eastern North Carolina Style Barbeque.

John Reginaldi, NCR Regional Administrator

John is the Regional Administrator for the National Capital Region. His background encompasses extensive physical security, safety, and investigation, with 30 years of experience in public safety. He also has experience in Emergency Planning, Response and Recovery and COOP planning.

John is a retired Baltimore County Police Detective, Immediate Past President of the Maryland Crime Prevention Association and a member of the American Society for Industrial Security. He has conducted over 2,000 comprehensive security and safety vulnerability assessments throughout the U.S. He served as an adjunct instructor for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Community Policing Institute. He has also worked within the private security industry and the intelligence community at the National Security Agency and Defense Intelligence Agency.

Amanda Calhoun, Public Assistance Administrative Assistant

Amanda has joined the Public Assistance Staff at MEMA and is assisting the Federal Emergency Management Agency, MEMA, and local jurisdictions with the current Presidential Disaster Declaration and several pending Declarations.

Prior to MEMA, Amanda was employed at Evapco Inc. in Taneytown, MD, where she assembled air conditioning units. She was also employed as medical secretary for two physician's practices, and as a Customer Service Manager for Old Navy.

Amanda is married and has a 19 month old daughter, Devinn. She and her family reside in Manchester, MD.

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Please submit suggestions and comments to Erin Holloway, eholloway@mema.state.md.us

MEMA News

The following employees received years of service recognition at the Annual Employee's Appreciation Gathering:

5 Years

Nathan Durman
Valeri Green

10 Years

Norman Gifford

20 Years

Henry Black

30 Years

Sharon Morazzani

Every year, the staff at MEMA are given the opportunity to nominate a fellow colleague to receive the MEMA Employee of the Year award. This year's recipient is Ruth Mascari,

Ruth was recognized for her devotion of time and dedication to the agency and the citizens of Maryland. Her efforts to build relationships with partner agencies and educate others on the significance of MEMA is priceless. Ruth has dedicated her life to service for the citizens of Maryland, and MEMA is very fortunate to have her working for the Agency's betterment .

MEMA sends best wishes to:

Beth Stone on her retirement after 24 years of dedicated service to state government.

Daniel "Skip" Mahan on his retirement. Skip served his country and the state for more than 40 years.

Mel Blizzard on his new position as Director of Security Operations Support with Constellation Energy.

Campus Events Athletics Jobs

Frederick Community College recognizes
Emergency Management Professional Education Month • April 1-30

New course offered this summer & fall:
 ID 225 **Disaster, Crisis & Emergency Management**

For more information ~
 call 240.629.7804 or email kforrest@frederick.edu

Register Today!

2010 Maryland
Emergency Management
Conference
June 1st through June 4th

*Clarion Resort
Ocean City, Maryland*



The 2010 Maryland Emergency Management Conference

“Emergency Management
is Not a Game of Chance”

June 1st through June 4th



Conference Registration Packet



The Maryland Emergency Management Association and
The Maryland Emergency Management Agency present
Maryland Emergency Management Conference
June 1 thru June 4, 2010

Join us at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel
Oceanfront and 101st Street in Ocean City

<http://www.clarionoc.com/>

1-800-638-2100

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

Fax Number _____

E-mail _____

Please check boxes next to days you plan to attend Tuesday (Reception)

Wednesday Thursday Friday Wednesday Night Dinner

My contact information may be shared with conference participants and vendors.

Registration Information

Conference Registration is free for all personnel employed by a Local County Emergency Management Agency or City of Annapolis, City of Baltimore or Ocean City Emergency Management Agency in Maryland. This includes the Wednesday night themed dinner. Maryland Emergency Management Agency will pay for lodging for one person per Local EMA (as defined above) .

For all other attendees conference registration is \$35.00 per day (Wednesday–Friday), fee includes breakfasts, breaks, and lunches.

Wednesday night themed dinner – Cost \$45 –please see attached flyer

Please send registrations and checks by May 7, 2010 to:

Maryland Emergency Management Association
Attn: David Fitzgerald
C/O Worcester County Department of Emergency Services
1 West Market Street, ROOM 1002
Snow Hill MD 21863

TUESDAY JUNE 1st 2010

- **Golf Outing 10:00 a.m.—Eagles Landing Golf Club**
\$75.00 per person (checks should be payable to the Maryland Emergency Management Association and mailed to Maryland Emergency Management Association, 1 W. Market St., Room 1002, Snow Hill, MD 21863 Attn: Golf Tournament —no later than May 21st, 2010) - there will be no exceptions Questions contact Buzzy Bayles at 410-723-6646
- **Pepco Holdings and Delmarva Power evening reception 6:00 p.m. Join us for light fare and drinks !**
- **See the wonderful selection of silent auction items and bid on your favorites**

WEDNESDAY JUNE 2nd 2010

- **Social Networking and Emergency Management—What’s a Twitter?**
- **Additional Topics to include : Logistics and Resource Management, Mitigation Planning, EM Career Options, Exercise Design/HSEEP and Local Best Practices**
- **Enjoy a Vegas themed dinner sponsored by DRC at 6 PM and the annual bonfire on the beach!**

THURSDAY JUNE 3rd 2010

- **“Keynote Topic—Crisis Communications and Leadership”**
- **Additional Topics to include: Strategic Planning, EMAP Accreditation, Gathering Support from your elected officials, ICS Tabletop Exercise and Local Best Practices**
- **Motorola Communications evening reception 7:00p.m. Join us for light fare and drinks!**

FRIDAY JUNE 4th 2010

- **Foot’s Forecast: The new weatherman in town**
- **Note: The hotel has offered the room rate for \$105 for Friday night only if you wish to attend the practice for the Air Show.**

Registering my EMA Staff

1. Fill out the registration on the front page of this flyer for each person attending.
2. Maryland Emergency Management Agency will book and pay for the hotel for ONE person per each Maryland Local Emergency Management Agency (as defined on prior page)- Please assign one person from your jurisdiction by contacting Marijo Warnick at 410-517-5120 by 5/7/2010.
3. YOU must book hotel rooms (rate is \$105 per night plus taxes) for each additional individual from your EMA at 1-800-638-2100. The cutoff date for booking rooms is May 7, 2010. Please mention that you are attending the Maryland Emergency Management Conference.
4. **REMEMBER** Conference Registration is gratis for staff currently employed by a Maryland Local Emergency Management Agency (as defined on the prior page).
5. **There will be NO EXCEPTIONS for any of the cutoff dates.**

Day 1: Wednesday June 2nd				
Registration and Breakfast	7:00 am - 8:00 am			
Opening Remarks	8:00 am - 8:45 am	R. Muth, K. McMenamin, Mayor Rick Meehan, Worcester Co Commisioner Louise Gulyas		
Plenary Session	8:45 am - 10:00 am	Dr. Joe Trahan--Social Networking and Emergency Management--What's a Twitter?		
Break	10:00 am - 10:30am			
Plenary Session	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Western Region Best Practice: Garrett Co DSS: Partnering for ESF6 Success- A Sheltering Exercise	National Capital Best Practice: Montgomery Co--NCR tools & relationship building	Southern Best Practice: Calvert Co--Workplace violence training for schools/gov't
Lunch	12:00 - 1:30 pm			
Plenary Sessions	1:30 pm - 2:15 pm	FL EMA Logistics Chief Chuck Hagan--Logistics and Resource Management, including emergency management outsourcing		
Break	2:15 pm - 2:30 pm			
Breakout Sessions	2:30 pm - 3:15 pm	Carver Struve--Mitigation Planning	EM Career Options	MEMA E&T Branch--Exercise Design/HSEEP--beyond the basics
Break	3:15 pm - 3:30 pm			
Breakout Sessions	3:30 pm - 4:15 pm	Carver Struve--Mitigation Planning	EM Career Options	MEMA E&T Branch--Exercise Design/HSEEP--beyond the basics
Director's Meeting	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Director Muth meeting with local Directors		
Conference Theme Dinner/Bonfire	5:30 PM			

Agenda Topics and times are subject to change.

Day 2: Thursday June 3rd				
Registration and Breakfast	7:00 am - 8:15 am			
Administrative Announcements	8:15 am - 8:30 am			
Keynote	8:30 am - 10:00 am	Rebecca Feaster: Crisis Communications and Leadership		
Break	10:00 am -10:15 am			
Plenary Session	10:15 am - 12:00	Central Region Best Practice: Baltimore Co: Dundalk & Owings Mills Watermain Breaks/CPOD	Lower Shore Region Best Practice: Wicomico Co CERT	Upper Shore Region Best Practice:Caroline Co--Debris Mgmt Certification Process
Lunch	12:00 - 1:00 pm			
Breakout Sessions	1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Strategic Planning	EMAP Accreditation Process	ICS Tabletop Exercise
Break	1:45 pm - 2:00 pm			
Breakout Sessions	2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Strategic Planning	Bob Maloney-- Gathering Support from your elected officials	ICS Tabletop Exercise
Break	2:45 pm - 3:00 pm			
Breakout Sessions	3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	EMAP Accreditation Process	Bob Maloney-- Gathering Support from your elected officials	ICS Tabletop Exercise
Maryland Emergency Management Association Meeting	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm			
Day 3: Friday, June 4th				
Registration and Breakfast	7:00 am - 8:00 am			
Administrative Announcements	8:00 am - 8:15 am			
Plenary Session	8:15 am - 9:15 am	Rich Foot & Pasadena Matt--Foot's Forecast: The new weatherman in town		
Break	9:15 am - 9:30 am			
MEMA Updates	9:30 am - 10:30 am	2009-2010 Winter Storms: Lessons learned from across Maryland		
Plenary Session	10:30 am - 11:15 am	MEMA Updates		
Closing Comments	11:15 am - 11:30	Richard Muth, Kristin McMenamin		

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6th Silent Auction – June 2010

The Silent Auction gives you the chance to bid on a number of specially selected items. If your bid stands up until bids close at 4:30 p.m. on Wed. June 2, 2010 you will purchase the item at the price you bid.

Visit the tables to see the Silent Auction items and enter your bid into the bid forms available. Please be aware that as with any auction, by placing a bid you are entering into a binding contract obligating you to purchase the item should you have the winning bid.

The Maryland Emergency Management Association does not have Credit Card Capabilities. Therefore, all Silent Auction bids must be paid by cash or by check. All checks are to be made payable to The Maryland Emergency Management Association. However, there are ATM's available in the hotel as well as throughout Ocean City

**MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION
2010 DONATION FORM - BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Donors

Name: _____

Organizations Name (if applicable):

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____



**Describe the Item(s) to be Donated
Value**

Approx. Retail

Examples of items:

- Gift Baskets
- Craft Items
- Collectors Items
- Savings Bonds
- Sports Memorabilia
- Books
- Wine

- Pictures (Artwork)
- Ticket(s) Sport Events
- Gift Certificates
- Hobby items
- Die-cast Vehicles
- Kids Stuff
- Specialty Food Items



**ANNOUNCING THE ANNUAL MARYLAND EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING.....**

DATE..... Tuesday, June 1st 2010

TIME.....Tee Off at 1000hrs /Or/ 10:00AM (Your Time?)

PLACE.... EAGLES LANDING GOLF CLUB, WEST OCEAN CITY

**PRICE..... \$ 75.00 PER PERSON (CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE
ASSOCIATION must be received NO Later than Friday May 21st)
THERE CAN BE NO EXCEPTIONS THIS YEAR.....**

**THIS IS BEST BALL SCRAMBLE, SO NO ONE PERSON WILL BE
EMBARRASSED TOO MUCH.**

There will be a prize for the low scoring team.

**WE HAVE RESERVED TEE TIMES FOR 5 TEAMS. FIRST COME FIRST
SERVED. THERE IS NO RAIN DATE. IF THERE'S A CANCELTION
MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED OR YOUR DONATION TO THE
SCHOLARSHIP FUND WILL BE APPRECIATED...**

**PLEASE MAIL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MARYLAND EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, ATTN: GOLF TOURNAMENT, 1 W.
MARKET ST., ROOM 1002, SNOW HILL, MD. 21863**

**ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO "BUZZY
BAYLES" AT 410-723-6646..... SORRY – NO GOLF PASSES CAN BE
USED FOR THE EVENT – CASH ONLY; WHICH IS APPLIED TO THE
ASSOCIATIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**



Announces the
Vegas Feast
sponsored by DRC
Wednesday 6/2/2010
\$45.00 per person

Includes

Garden Salad
Roast Top Sirloin - Carved
Virginia Glazed Ham - Carved
Grilled Teriyaki Chicken
Orange Roughy Almondine
Medley of Vegetables
Corn on the Cob
Ranch Style Fries
Rolls and Butter
Menu subject to change

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Will be attending the Vegas Feast at the 2010 MEMA Conference in Ocean City MD.

My check for _____ is enclosed. _____ people will be attending.

Names of attendees: _____

SEND PAYMENT NO LATER THAN MAY 7th, 2010(NO EXCEPTIONS) TO:

Maryland Emergency Management Association
Attn: David Fitzgerald
Worcester County Department of Emergency Services
1 West Market Street, ROOM 1002
Snow Hill MD 21863

This dinner is not included in your registration fee.
**Payment is not required from Maryland Local EMA Staff as defined
on registration form.**