



Preparedness News and Information

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NATIONAL NEWS

[Shoring Up the Nation's Ports](#)

US News and World Report, January 12, 2004

The nation's ports are working to comply with a federal law that mandates the development of extensive port security plans to be implemented by July 1.

[Impact of Mad Cow Case Ripples through Agencies](#)

Congress Daily/GovExec, January 5, 2004

The case of mad cow disease discovered in Washington State may have an impact on a number of legislative, regulatory, and political issues.

➤ [With Diseased Animals, Disposal Isn't Simple](#), *New York Times*, Jan 6

[Reliving 9/11, With Fire as Teacher](#)

New York Times, January 6, 2004

Research is being conducted at that National Institute of Standards and Technology that could lead to fire safety recommendations for high-rises around the country.

[Focusing on Anti-Terrorism](#)

Washington Post, January 7, 2004

Retired General Reimer is the director of the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism, which focuses research efforts on preparing the nation's first responders.

[Are You Prepared for Disaster?](#)

Wall Street Journal/Desert News, January 8, 2004

Safety experts are hoping that the latest elevation in threat level will encourage citizens to prepare for potential disasters.

STATE AND LOCAL ACTIVITIES

[Greater Awareness of Smallpox Threat Advocated](#)

Star-Telegram, January 4, 2004

The risk of a bioterrorist attack using smallpox has raised concerns as to whether the current vaccination program is sufficient to meet the threat.

[Japan Takes Lesson in Preparedness from County](#)

The Argus, January 4, 2004

A representative from Alameda County's Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters was invited to consult on the development of a crisis management system in Japan.

[Generating Station to Hold Monthly Test of Emergency Siren System](#)

The Mercury, January 3, 2004

On the first Monday of each month, Exelon Nuclear tests its emergency warning systems as part of its comprehensive emergency preparedness program.

[Report: NY Must Keep Focus on Anti-Terror](#)

Newsday, January 8, 2004

A New York Senate report finds that the state must do more to improve homeland security, especially as it relates to cybersecurity, agro threats, hospitals, and international borders.

➤ [Pataki Calls for Stronger Laws to Fight Crime and Terrorism](#), *NY Times*, Jan 7

Preparing for Power Outages

Auburn Journal, January 4, 2004

Pacific Gas & Electric Company has release a number of tips for residents to prepare for potential power outages during winter storms.

Preparedness Topic of Meeting

Voices, January 3, 2004

Danbury Hospital sponsored a town meeting entitled Disaster Preparedness for Seniors to discuss fire safety, evacuation plans, and the importance of having a disaster plan.

City to Offer Disaster Classes

San Mateo County Times, January 6, 2004

The City of San Mateo will offer free emergency preparedness classes for citizens through the Office of Emergency Services.

- [Program Teaches Residents Disaster Preparedness](#), *Sun Herald*, Jan 9

Expo Helps Citizens to Prepare for Disasters

Lansing State Journal, January 6, 2004

The Sterling Heights, Michigan Office of Emergency Management sponsored a homeland security expo for citizens to help them prepare for emergencies.

County Panel OKs Emergency Satellite System

Daily Herald, January 7, 2004

DuPage County has approved funding for a satellite-based communications system to improve communication among emergency officials during a disaster.

State Well-Prepared to Respond to a Deadly Public Health Crisis

The Oregonian, January 7, 2004

As a result of federal bioterrorism and emergency preparedness funding, Oregon is better prepared to respond to a public health crisis.

RELATED INFORMATION

RECENT REPORTS

- [Recurring Pitfalls in Hospital Preparedness and Response](#), *Journal of Homeland Security*, January 2004
- [Seven Alarm Fire Boardwalk Stores: Wildwood, New Jersey](#) (Technical Report Series – USFA-TR-137), January 2004

SPOTLIGHT WEBSITE

- [Mass Trauma Preparedness and Response](#), CDC

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