## ****Share Your Real Life Emergency Communications Stories****

As part of its efforts to share the progress made by the nation’s emergency response community in enhancing interoperable communications, the DHS Office of Emergency Communications is developing a series of [case studies](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjkzNjIxMyZlbWFpbGlkPWxhdXJlbi5laW5la2VyQGFzc29jaWF0ZXMuZmVtYS5kaHMuZ292JnVzZXJpZD1sYXVyZW4uZWluZWtlckBhc3NvY2lhdGVzLmZlbWEuZGhzLmdvdiZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&107&&&http://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USDHS/2012/08/16/file_attachments/150291/Case%2BStudy_Hurricane%2BIrene_Final-2012.pdf), using real-world examples, on how training and planning have made a difference in responding to natural disasters and other emergencies. This is a great opportunity for Citizen Corps Councils to share their stories of how training on and preparing proper communications channels and protocols helped address emergency events. If you have a real-world example that you would like to share for use in a case study, please contact OEC External Affairs at: [OECExternalAffairs@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:OECExternalAffairs@hq.dhs.gov).

Speaking of sharing your stories, the discussion forums on the [National Preparedness Coalition Website](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjkzNjIxMyZlbWFpbGlkPWxhdXJlbi5laW5la2VyQGFzc29jaWF0ZXMuZmVtYS5kaHMuZ292JnVzZXJpZD1sYXVyZW4uZWluZWtlckBhc3NvY2lhdGVzLmZlbWEuZGhzLmdvdiZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&108&&&http://community.fema.gov/connect.ti/READYNPM) are perfect venues for collaboration! Thousands of individuals and organizations have already signed up for this FREE online portal. With National Preparedness Month only two weeks away, now is a great time to begin exploring the many resources and interesting features of the Coalition. [Pledge to Prepare](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTIwODIxLjk5MzMxOTEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNjkzNjIxMyZlbWFpbGlkPWxhdXJlbi5laW5la2VyQGFzc29jaWF0ZXMuZmVtYS5kaHMuZ292JnVzZXJpZD1sYXVyZW4uZWluZWtlckBhc3NvY2lhdGVzLmZlbWEuZGhzLmdvdiZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&108&&&http://community.fema.gov/connect.ti/READYNPM) today!