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Duo of Support Websites for First Responders

The nature of the work first responders do has a significant impact on their physical, mental, and emotional health. There is a growing body of resources available to help those who need it, including these two new sites.

A common theme in debriefings is “I’m tired of dealing with death and injuries every day,” and while that is an integral part of the job, many departments and individuals do not use the tools available to help defuse the stress. The [Traffic Incident Management \(TIM\) Network](#) developed the “[Annex: Supporting Responders to Effectively Deal with Atypical Stressful Events](#)” (PDF, 555 Kb) to help support fire, EMS, and law enforcement personnel in managing traumatic events they experience on the job, specifically traffic incidents.

Boston Fire Department released a [short 7-minute video on their department’s battle with firefighter cancer](#) and what firefighters can do to reduce their risk. The video states 67 percent of Boston firefighters will face a cancer diagnosis – a statistic far above the average for American citizens and one that can’t be that different from other firefighters around the country. The organizational culture and lifestyle changes discussed in this video can save your life and those of the men and women you work with.

(Sources: [TIM](#) and [FirefighterCloseCalls.com](#))

Cyber Investigative Training for Law Enforcement

State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies are increasingly being asked to respond to and investigate various types of cyber crimes. Investigating things like hackers, ransomware attacks, computer intrusions, or internet fraud is something they may not have ever been trained for.

[New cyber training from federal agencies address this gap with no-cost specialized training](#). The FBI’s new Cyber Investigator Certification Program (CICP) teaches law enforcement personnel how to secure digital artifacts in today’s crime scene. Access is exclusively through vetted membership to [Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal \(LEEP\)](#), formerly Law Enforcement Online (LEO). The FBI also offers Cyber Shield Alliance, which provides resources for law enforcement partners on cyber security issues, again through LEEP.

The [National Initiative for Cybersecurity Careers and Studies training catalog](#) provides a variety of training options based on location, proficiency, and more. The U.S. Secret Service offers the [National Computer Forensics Institute](#), offering cybersecurity courses at their training facility in Alabama at no cost to attendees or their agencies.

(Source: [Justice Information Sharing](#))

FEMA Requests Feedback on NIMS Refresh

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is currently soliciting public feedback for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) refresh. The National Engagement Period will conclude at 5:00 pm EDT on Monday, May 9th, 2016. National engagement provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the draft of the refreshed NIMS so that it reflects the collective expertise and experience of the whole community.

NIMS provides a consistent approach and vocabulary to enable the whole community to work together seamlessly and manage all threats and hazards. NIMS applies to all incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity. The NIMS refresh draft:

- Reestablishes concepts and principles of the original 2004 and updated 2008 version;
- Integrates lessons learned from exercises and real world incidents and policy updates;
- Reflects progress in resource typing and mutual aid and builds a foundation for the development of a national qualification system;
- Provides guidance on a common structure and activation levels for operations and coordination centers, including Emergency Operations Centers (EOC), through new Center Management System (CMS) guidance, and
- Enhances guidance on information management processes to improve data collection plans, social media integration and the use of geographic information systems (GIS).

The refresh also clarifies that NIMS is more than just the Incident Command System (ICS) and that it applies to all stakeholders with roles in incident management across all five mission areas (Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery).

FEMA is also hosting a series of 60-minute engagement webinars beginning next week to highlight key proposed changes to NIMS and answer participant questions about submitting feedback. All webinars are open to the whole community.

To review the draft of the refreshed NIMS and for additional webinar information, visit: <https://www.fema.gov/national-incident-management-system/national-engagement>. To provide comments on the draft, complete the feedback form and submit it to FEMA-NIMS@fema.dhs.gov.

(Source: [FEMA](#))

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