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Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council Five in 5

The <u>Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council</u> (CICC) works to support state, local, and tribal law enforcement and homeland security agencies through information and criminal intelligence sharing. They offer a short weekly newsletter, "Five in 5," focusing on five topics for law enforcement partners each week.

Each issue provides a snapshot of current issues in law enforcement in order to provide an overview of trends, new technology, and hot topics. They also provide information on training and other activities that may be of assistance. For example, the <u>February 19th issue</u> focused on evidence-based policing research, mobile fingerprint devices, Maryland's mandatory disability training for officers, license plate reader technology, and an entertaining but enlightening article about poor criminal OPSEC and new technology.

Those interested can subscribe to <u>receive Five in 5 via email</u>. You can access back issues by searching "Five in 5" on the <u>Justice Information Sharing website</u>. CICC also hosts a variety of information to assist law enforcement entities and personnel in their duties, including fusion center guides, policy development, civil rights/liberties issues, and a range of other topics.

(Source: Justice Information Sharing)

National Planning System for the Whole Community

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released the <u>National Planning System</u> in February as an all-hazards planning resource for the whole community. The document supports the core capabilities identified in the <u>National Preparedness Goal</u> and uses the same unified approach and terminology.

The National Planning System contains the Planning Architecture, focusing on strategic, operational, and tactical levels off planning; and the Planning Process, highlighting the steps needed to develop a comprehensive plan, including support from applicable parties and bringing components together for the planning process.

The National Preparedness System helps provide structure to set communities up for success in their preparedness plans and disaster response and recovery. Every facet of the community – emergency planners, private sector, schools, individuals, and more

The InfoGram is distributed weekly to provide members of the Emergency Services Sector with information concerning the protection of their critical infrastructures.

- can benefit from this new FEMA guide.

(Source: FEMA)

Updated Natural Hazards Library Catalog Online

Started in 1976, the Natural Hazards Center out of the University of Colorado Boulder has served the emergency management community by collecting and sharing disaster research and information relating to social sciences and policy. They recently announced the launch of HazLib, the new access point of the online Natural Hazards Center Library catalog.

The newly refreshed and revamped site allows those researching natural hazards topics a customizable search, easy navigation, and fast access to their extensive collection. People can access some full-text copies online, connect quickly with library staff for research assistance, and have the ability to save, cite, and export search results.

This new resource will assist a wide range of people, from students and staff at universities to planners and emergency managers at all level of governments and the private sector. The collection is updated regularly and access is free. Other services, such as custom search requests, are available for a fee. Send any suggestions, questions, or comments to hazctr@colorado.edu.

(Source: Natural Hazards Center)

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For information specifically affecting the private sector critical infrastructure contact the National Infrastructure Coordinating Center by phone at 202-282-9201, or by email at nicc@dhs.gov.

NWS Resumes Project for Safer Air Travel

The National Weather Service (NWS) resumed their <u>Collaborative Aviation Weather Statement</u> (CAWS) (PDF, 145 Kb), an experimental program intending to provide faster air traffic control decisions for the core airport hubs based on weather-related data. It is a joint product by federal and airline meteorologists and personnel intended to support safe and efficient operations in the national airspace.

Weather is the biggest contributor to air traffic disruption, and recent history is littered with examples of flights affected by bad weather. Emergency managers in the core airports – 29 large hubs and Memphis – may find the interactive CAWS tool helpful in monitoring potential weather-related problems affecting the airports in their jurisdictions.

In addition, the NWS is <u>extending the comment period for the Experimental Collaborative Decision Making Convective Forecast Planning</u>, another weather-related tool to support air traffic control, at the request of the Federal Aviation Administration. Those interested can view this <u>experimental planning tool</u> and <u>submit comments</u> through the end of February 2017.

(Source: NWS)