



NCEM Hosts FEMA Region IV Logistics Conference.

On July 21 and 22, NCEM's Logistics Section hosted a conference on regional commodity sharing. The conference brought together seven state's emergency management officials, representatives from FEMA Region IV and the US Army Corps of Engineers. The conference focused on development of procedures for sharing of disaster food, water and other supplies among neighboring States. A regional approach for management of disaster supplies offers significant advantages to the States and FEMA Region IV. Advantages include:



- 1- Ability of individual states to stock fewer commodities knowing that neighboring State's supplies would be available.
- 2- Avoidance of commodities losses due to shelf life expiration though turn-over existing stocks to disaster states.
- 3- Replenishment with fresh stocks and flexibility in handling of supply chain delays.

The topics discussed included use of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request procedures, development of a website for State's to post and view existing inventories, replacement/reimbursement mechanisms, transportation and deployment considerations, FEMA policies, and development of a MOA. The states that participated were Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. For more information, contact Glenn Wisbey at (919) 715-8577 or Gwisbey@ncem.org.

ARC discusses NCEM's CRESP.

American Red Cross (ARC) Chapters throughout the State have conducted a series of conference calls to discuss North Carolina Emergency Management's (NCEM) Coastal Region Evacuation and Sheltering Plan (CRESP.) These calls provide an opportunity for the Chapters to discuss mass care roles and capacity. ARC's 2008 NC Training Institute at Fort Fisher in May was a huge success. More than 300 volunteers and paid staff attended disaster leadership training, supervisory training, health and safety training and had an opportunity to do some networking and team building. In Greensboro, the ARC has a disaster supply warehouse and relief operation headquarters from which the pre-landfall operations will be managed. Thousands of cots, blankets, feeding supplies and some heater meals are stored in the warehouse. Shortfalls in local chapters have been identified; volunteers, supplies, vehicles and equipment are ready to be sent to them when needed. The new structure of the Red Cross is supporting local chapters on a regional basis within each state. Joan Parente has been appointed as NC State Disaster Officer and point of contact for NCEM and Non-Governmental Organizations in planning for and in response to disasters in NC. Parente replaces the retired Pete Montague. If you have any questions about the new Red Cross structure or Red Cross readiness, call Joan Parente at (919) 231-1602.

NC Emergency Management Certification Classes.

Cape Fear Community College – Burgaw Center will host NC Emergency Management Certification Classes in the following courses: Fundamentals of Management, MERRTT and EOC Management & Operations. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call CFCC-Burgaw Center at (910) 259-4966.

Modular Emergency Response	September 24-25	8am – 5pm	Sloop Point Volunteer Fire Dept.
Radiological Transportation (MERRTT)	September 26	8am – Noon	19470 Hwy 17N Hampstead, NC

EOC Management & Operations	TBA	TBA	TBA
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Funding Opportunity: FEMA's Unified Non-Disaster Mitigation Grant Programs.

For the first time, local jurisdictions can take advantage of a newly-consolidated FEMA program to apply for projects that can protect "at risk" life and property. FEMA has announced that its four non-disaster mitigation grant programs are now unified under a common guidance, with a common deadline.

The newly-issued Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program now encompasses the "all hazards" based Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program, and the flood insurance-based Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC), and Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) programs. Potential eligible activities include, but are not limited to, acquisition, elevation, retrofit, and storm water management projects. Eligible applicants include State-level agencies (including State institutions), Federal recognized Indian Tribal governments participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) (including State-recognized Indian Tribes and authorized Indian Tribal organizations) Public or Tribal colleges or universities (for PDM only) and local jurisdictions that are participating in the NFIP. NCEM's Hazard Mitigation Section is currently conducting site visits and providing technical assistance to local jurisdictions to help identify viable projects and develop applications. Completed applications will be due no later than **Friday November 7, 2008**.



Source: New York Times

Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to review the FEMA program guidance

<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3309> and contact Hazard Mitigation Section Chief Chris Crew at 919-715-8000 x277 or jcrew@ncem.org.

Meeting Notification: Military – Civilian Task Force For Emergency Response (MCTFER).

The MCTFER will meet on August 7, 2008 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Hilda's Cooking and Catering Services located at 2586 Onslow Drive in Jacksonville, NC. The purpose of MCTFER is to coordinate all regional (military and civilian) emergency response assets in the event of a disaster. MCTFER, established in 1998, brings together local, state, and federal emergency services for a unified, coordinated response to major incidents. The MCTFER meets regularly on the second Thursday of every month. For more information, contact Onslow County EM Director Mark Goodman at (910) 347-4270 or Mark_goodman@onslowcountync.gov.

NCEM Sponsors Fundamentals of Management Course.

NC Emergency Management will sponsor a Fundamentals of Management Course hosted by Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. The course is scheduled for September 8-12, 2008 from 8am to 5pm. Class location will be Caldwell County Emergency Medical Services in Lenoir, NC. Food and lodging will be reimbursed at State per diem rates. The hotel is Comfort Inn located on 970 NE Blowing Rock Blvd, Lenoir, NC 28645. Their phone number is (828) 754-2090. Interested students need to register via the NCEM Training and Exercise Calendar:

<http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/Index2.cfm?a=000003,000010,000027,000220>

For more information call the Western Branch Office at (828) 466-5555.

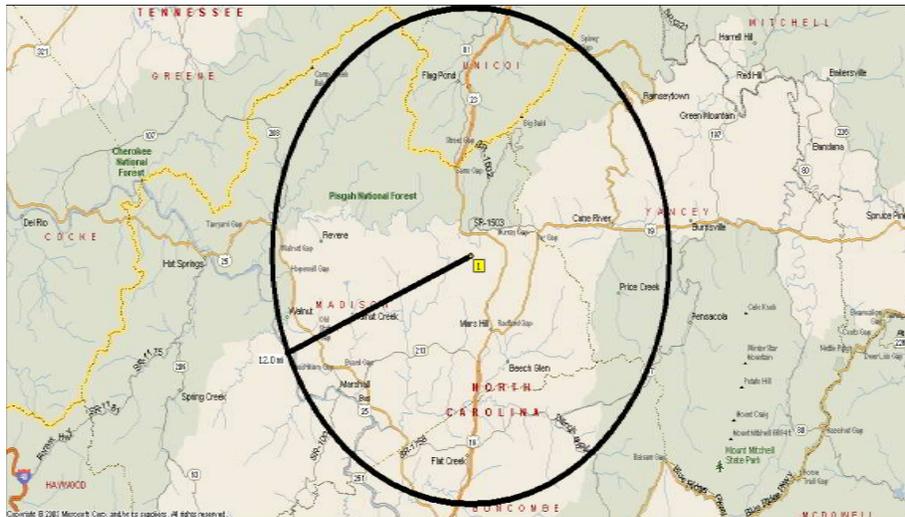
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VIPER Site Activations.

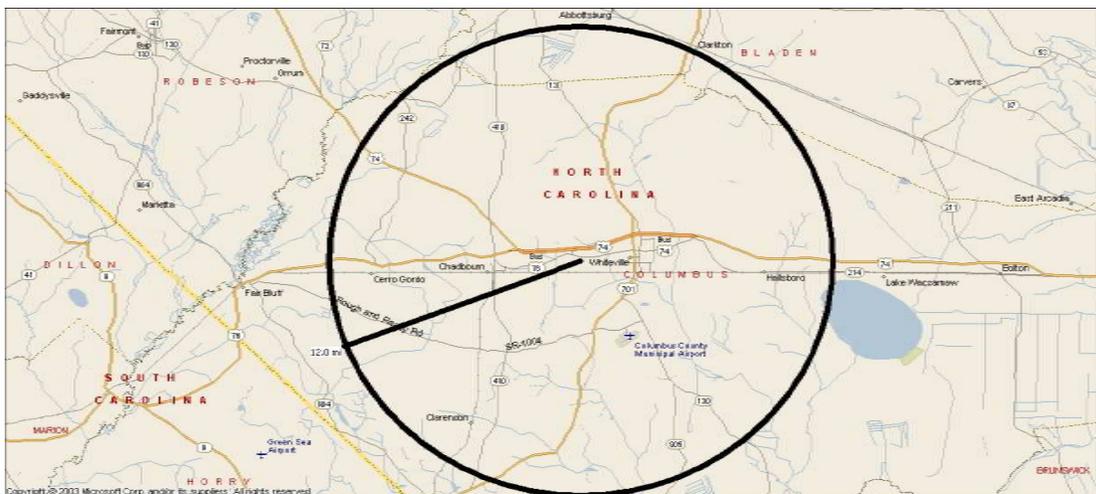
Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) is a way for first responders and public safety officials to communicate with one another on a single radio system. When in place, interoperable communications will benefit all public safety agencies when dealing with daily emergency calls and large scale disasters. For more information on VIPER, contact Captain Alan Melvin, NC State Highway Patrol at (919) 662-4440 or amelvin@ncshp.org

The following VIPER sites have been established and are now operational:

<u>Location (City/County)</u>	<u>Date Activated</u>	<u>VIPER Site Made Possible Through</u>
Big Knob / Madison County	July 10, 2008	Partnership with Madison County

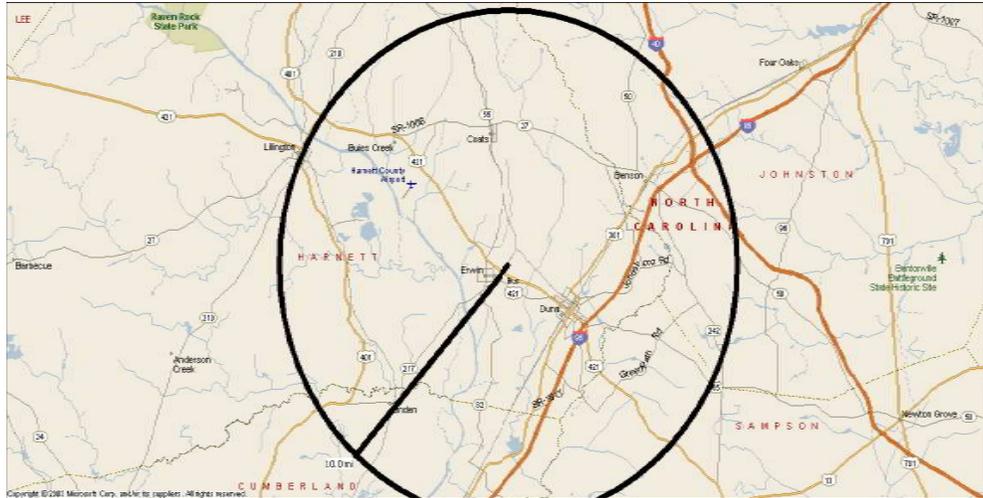


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Whiteville / Columbus County	July 24, 2008	Partnership with Columbus County and Time Warner Cable

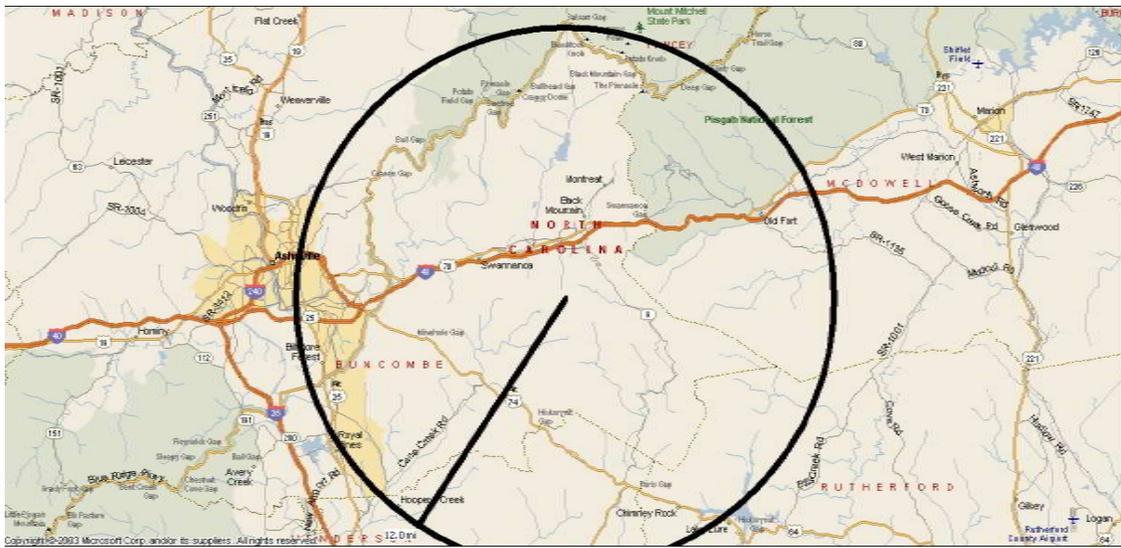


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Erwin / Harnett County	July 16, 2008	Partnership with Progress Energy



<u>Location (City/County)</u>	<u>Date Activated</u>	<u>VIPER Site Made Possible Through</u>
High Windy / Buncombe County	July 15, 2008	Partnership with the City of Asheville, BellSouth and the Blue Ridge Assembly.



Note: maps are not exact and are to be used as general reference.

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-Special Mentioning-

Tony Spencer Leaves Hyde County EM for Carteret County.

On July 25, 2008 was Tony Spencer's last day with Hyde County Emergency Management. Effective August 4, Tony will join Carteret County. Tony can be reached at tspencer@carteretcountygov.org.

Randy Price Is In Burke County.

Randy Price has joined Burke County Emergency Management as their new Emergency Management Coordinator. Randy can be reach at (828)-321-4479 or Rprice@bceoc.org.

Karyn Yaussy Is The New EM Coordinator In Catawba County.

Karyn Yaussy is the new Emergency Management Coordinator in Catawba County. Karyn will be working with Director of Emergency Services David Weldon. Karyn can be reached at (828)-465-8989 or Kyaussy@catawbacountync.gov.

Greg Shuping Has A New Email Address.

Greg Shuping, Haywood County Coordinator, has a new email address. It is Gshuping@haywoodnc.net.

Zack Wayne Joins NCEM's Homeland Security Section.

Zack Wayne joins NC Emergency Management's Homeland Security Section as a Homeland Security Operations Planner. Zack holds a B.A. in Political Science/Geography from UNC-Wilmington and a Master of Public Administration degree from Appalachian State University. He comes to NCEM from Beck Disaster Recovery where he assisted government agencies in the development of emergency plans and exercise preparation. Zack will be responsible for coordinating Federal Infrastructure Protection Program grant planning activities for North Carolina. Zack can be reached at (919) 715-8000, ext 308 or Zwayne@ncem.org.

Alan Roberts Joins NCEM's Training and Exercise Section.

Alan Roberts joins NC Emergency Management's Training and Exercise Section as the new Exercise Officer. Alan will be working with the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP). Alan will also be available to support NCEM coordinators and SERT partners with their exercise planning needs. Alan is a retired Battalion Chief from the City of Durham Fire Department. Alan can be reached at (919) 715-9268 or Aroberts@ncem.org.

Christine Brennan Joins NCEM's Homeland Security Section.

Christine Brennan joins NC Emergency Management's Homeland Security section as a Planning intern. Christine holds a B.A. in Psychology and French from Lehigh University, and will complete her Master of Public Administration degree from East Carolina University this fall. She has also earned a Graduate Certificate in Security Studies from East Carolina University. During her time with the Homeland Security Branch she has been involved in planning for the FY 2008 and 2009 Homeland Security Grant Programs, the annual DHS monitoring visit and the Annual Capabilities Assessment Program.

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