



[New Location for NCEM website \(www.ncem.org\).](http://www.ncem.org)

The NC Division of Emergency Management website has merged with the NC Department of Crime Control & Public Safety (CCPS) website. All information from the previous www.ncem.org site has been ported to the new site. The CCPS website is www.nccrimecontrol.org.

[Making The Most Of EMAC \(two article in series of four\).](#)

In an emergency, EMAC allows Governors to request resources from other states. If those states choose to provide help, they can do so. The EMAC process begins after the Governor of the affected state declares a state of emergency and the affected state asks for help from other member states. An EMAC Advance Team, or A-Team, works with the affected state to identify its needs, shares those needs with other states and determines resource availability and cost; the affected state completes requisition orders and finalizes costs, resources are sent to the affected state and the assisting state asks for and receives reimbursement. Throughout the process, various EMAC leadership teams interface and coordinate with state, regional, federal jurisdictions and other government entities.



EMAC COMPLIMENTS INTRASTATE AGREEMENTS

EMAC functions at its best when local and state responders know how the compact works and when intrastate agreements – agency to agency; agency to city; city to city and/or county; county to state, etc – are already in place *before disaster strikes*. In addition to the interstate agreement (state-to-state), an intrastate model mutual aid agreement is also available. Many local jurisdictions are adopting this model in the event of a disaster that requires help from another agency within state borders. National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in conjunction with first responder organizations created the framework for states to follow in developing their own plans. Established correctly, the intrastate agreements can be used by the state emergency management agency to send non-state employees out of state under EMAC. Having these interstate agreements in place (*pre-disaster*) speeds up the deployment process.

THE UNIQUE ADVANTAGE

EMAC is unique among mutual-aid compacts because it can deploy resources (*law enforcement, firefighting, public health, transportation and human services*) a state is willing to send to another state.

For details on the EMAC process, refer to the EMAC Web Site at www.emacweb.org.

For more information on the NC EMAC process, contact Carolyn Freitag at (919) 7159213 or Cfreitag@ncem.org.

This article is the second release in a series for four articles on EMAC. The information was provided by Beverly Bell, NEMA Senior Policy Analyst. The first article titled "The Emergency Management Assistance Compact – An Introduction" can be viewed in the March 2008 MEMO.

["Rehearsal of Concept" Drill Executed.](#)

On April 9th and 10th, 2008, NC Emergency Management was one of 43 government agencies to participate in the 2008 U.S. Army "Rehearsal of Concept" Drill. The drill was a hurricane preparedness exercise that allowed agencies to go through the steps of responding to a major hurricane affecting Eastern and Southern United States. 150-200 individuals from the 43 agencies participated in the drill. The drill tested current policies and procedures to ensure plans are sufficient enough for a proper response to a catastrophic hurricane. It was held at Fort Belvoir, VA. The event was hosted by U.S. Army North (5th Army). For more information, contact David Humphrey at (252) 287-6627 or Dhumphrey@ncem.org.

[Annual ESI WEB-EOC Users Conference](#)

WEB EOC by ESI held its annual conference for users in Boston, MA. Officials from NC Emergency Management, NC Department of Agriculture, Duke Energy, Progress Energy, Brunswick, Currituck, Onslow, Guilford, Surry, Orange and Wake Counties attended. At the Conference, WEB FUSION was released. WEB FUSION will allow users of WEB EOC to share data. The sharing of data can cross state lines. Currently, Virginia and South Carolina are working with North Carolina to implement this new feature. Other conference sessions included model building such as running 3-D exercises with WEBEOC and voice entry into WEBEOC for users without connectivity in the field. Mark Goodman, Chair of the ESI International User Advisory Board, received numerous compliments on the accomplishments and developments North

-more-



Carolina has made in its usage of WEB EOC. Other States and Harvard University are currently seeking to study and copy North Carolina advancements. For more information, contact Mark Goodman at (910) 347-4270 or Mark_Goodman@onslowcountync.gov.

2008 Hurricane Season Forecast

Dr. William Gray of Colorado State University has released his 2008 hurricane season forecast. Dr. Gray foresees a well above-average Atlantic basin tropical cyclone season in 2008. Dr. Gray predicts 15 name storms, 8 hurricanes, 4 of which will be intense hurricanes. Dr. Gray predicts there is a 45% chance of a major hurricane (category 3, 4, 5) making landfall on the U.S. East Coast. The 2008 Hurricane season runs June 1st to November 30th. To view the official report, visit <http://hurricane.atmos.colostate.edu/Forecasts/2008/april2008/apr2008.pdf>

Union County Uses Integrated Contingency Planning (ICP) for Steeplechase.

On April 26th, Union County used ICP and pre-event planning for the Queen's Cup Steeplechase. The Queens's Cup Steeplechase is a horse race for charity which draws 10,000 to 15,000 fans from all around. The Charlotte Steeplechase Association puts the events together. Over the past 11 years, over \$350,000 have been raised for regional charities. This year's donation will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The event was held at the 300-acre Brooklandwood, located in historic Mineral Springs, NC. For more information, contact Jeremy Jernigan at (704) 283-3753 or Jeremyjernigan@co.union.nc.us.

North Carolina Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

On April 22nd, North Carolina Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NCVOAD) held its quarterly meeting. The meeting was held at the Second Harvest Food Bank in Winston-Salem, N.C. At the meeting, NCVOAD trained on WEB-EOC. NC Emergency Management encourages a strengthen relationship with all of NCVOAD agencies. On average there are 30 agencies that are apart of NCVOAD. NCVOAD provides guidance and assistance to people who are affected by disasters. For more information, contact Dianne Waddell at (919) 559-3112 or ladydiann@hotmail.com. For more information on NCVOAD, visit <http://www.dem.dcc.state.nc.us/NcVOAD/index.htm>

NCDA&CS Wrapping Up Hay Relief Efforts

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) is wrapping up an effort to help drought-stricken livestock owners feed their animals through the winter. Last summer, with the potential for an animal welfare crisis as hay production suffered, Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler created a drought task force to set up an Incident Command structure and began developing ways to help owners of cattle, horses, sheep and goats meet their animals' winter feeding needs. In August 2007, the department activated its Hay Alert Web site and hotline to help livestock owners find hay for their animals. The Web site has received tens of thousands of visits and hotline operators have taken more than 5,100 calls from farmers, ranchers, truckers, hay sellers and others.

NCDA&CS partnered with N.C. Cooperative Extension on a series of workshops to inform farmers about using baled corn stover, soybean fodder and peanut foliage as livestock feed. As a result, farmers used thousands of bales of forage produced from these drought-damaged N.C. crops to extend the short hay supply. In early December 2007, NCDA&CS received approval from the Council of State to use up to \$3.5 million as a revolving credit line to purchase and transport hay to North Carolina, where it could be resold to farmers for the cost of the hay and transportation. NCDA&CS sold hay at its agricultural research stations in Waynesville, Laurel Springs, Salisbury, Oxford and Kinston and at the Piedmont Triad Farmers Market in Colfax. The Emergency Hay Program, as it was known, spent nearly \$532,000 to bring in 2,721 tons of hay from other U.S. states and Canada. In addition, NCDA&CS also operated two assistance programs that helped farmers with the cost of trucking hay to their farms. Those programs, Golden Hay Relief and Ag and Equine Partners, ended May 1. They were supported by a grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation, private contributions and state funds. The programs had paid out \$500,000 in cost-share assistance to livestock owners who sourced hay themselves and had it shipped to their farms. For more information contact Brain Long at (919) 733-4216 ext 242 or Brian.long@ncmail.net.

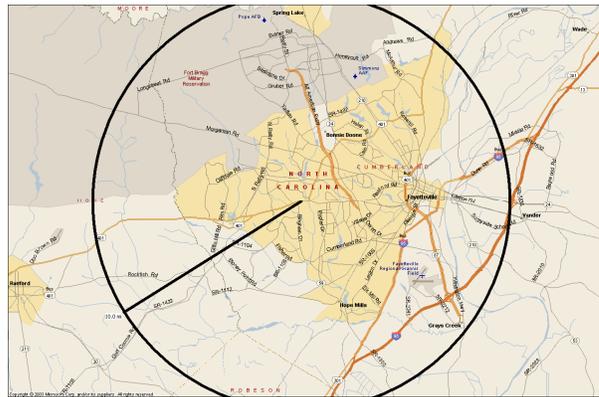
-more-

VIPER Site Activations

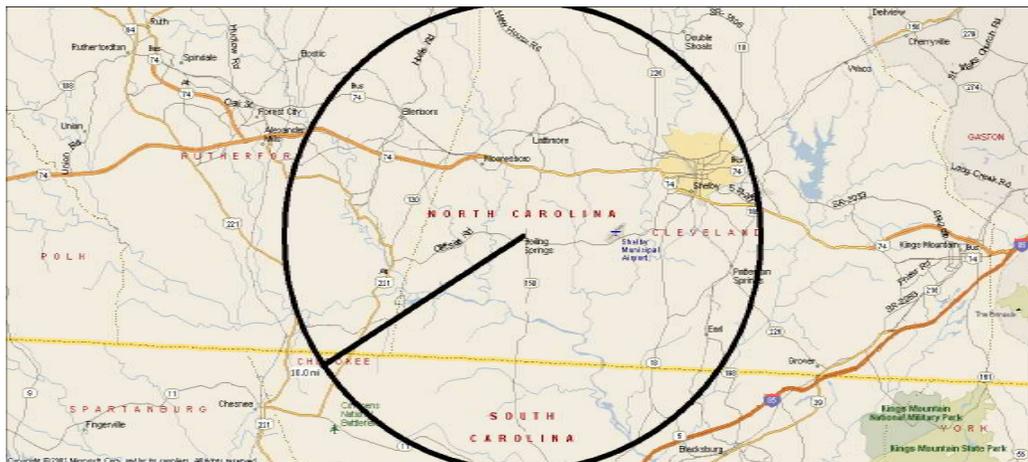
Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) is a way for first responders and public safety officials to communicate with one another on a single radio system. When in place, interoperable communications will benefit all public safety agencies when dealing with daily emergency calls 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>
Fayetteville / Cumberland	4/03/08	Partnership with Time Warner Cable.

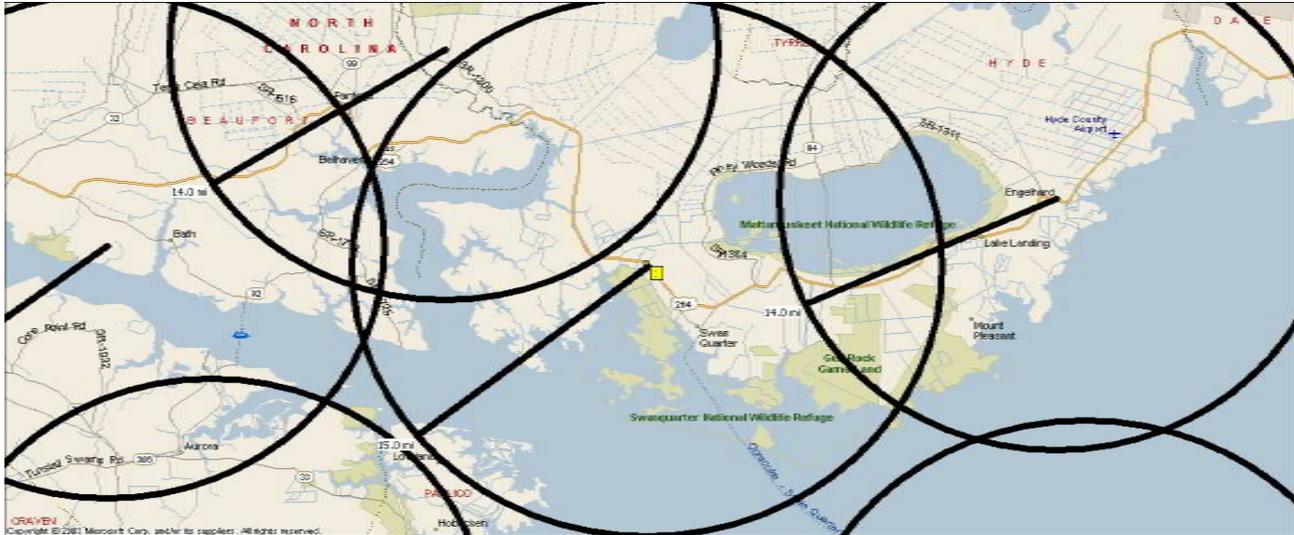


<u>Location (City/County)</u>	<u>Date Activated</u>	<u>VIPER Site Made Possible Through</u>
Boiling Springs / Cleveland	4/24/08	Cleveland County

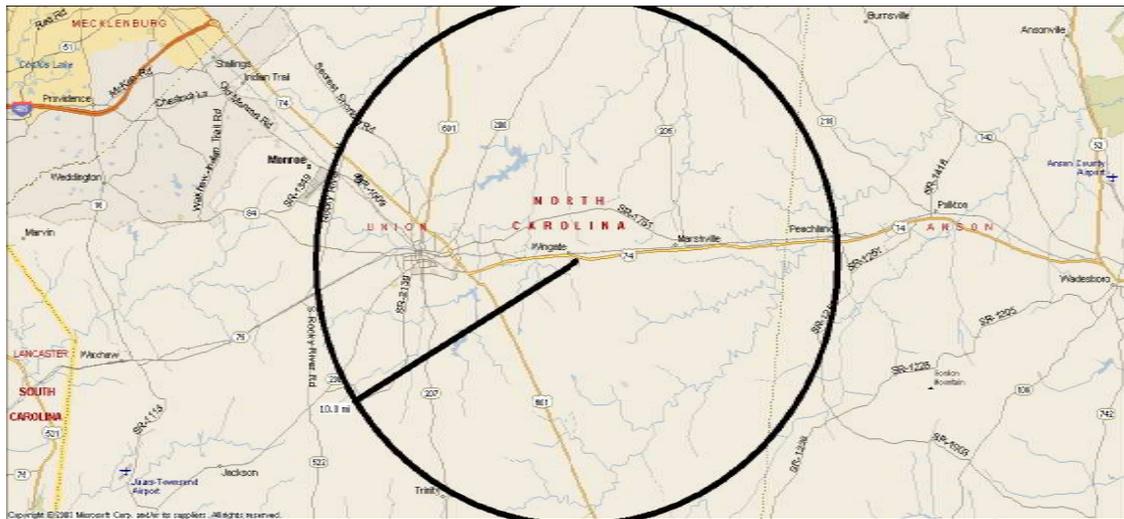


-more-

<u>Location (City/County)</u>	<u>Date Activated</u>	<u>VIPER Site Made Possible Through</u>
Rose Bay / Hyde	4/24/08	Hyde County



<u>Location (City/County)</u>	<u>Date Activated</u>	<u>VIPER Site Made Possible Through</u>
Wingate / Union	5/14/08	Union County



-more-

<u>Location (City/County)</u>	<u>Date Activated</u>	<u>VIPER Site Made Possible Through</u>
Buck Mountain / Montgomery County	5/14/08	N/A



-more-

Special Mentioning-

Robert Mann Receives His IAEM

NC Emergency Management's Human Services Assistant Program Manager Robert Mann has received his International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) certification. Robert may be reached at (919) 715-4077 or Rmann@ncem.org.

Kurtisha Wheelless joins NCEM in the Director's Office.

Kurtisha Wheelless has joined NC Emergency Management as the Administrative Assistant in Director Doug Hoell's office. Kurtisha is a native of Fort Bragg, NC. Kurtisha can be reached at (919) 733-3825 or Kwheelless@ncem.org.

Gail Raynor moves to GTM

Gail Raynor is the new Administrative Assistant in NCEM's Geospatial & Technology Management Section. Gail has been with NCEM for nine years. Gail can be reach at (919) 715-5711 ext. 100 or Graynor@ncem.org.

Paulette Erwin joins NCEM Recovery Section.

Paulette Erwin has joined NC Emergency Management's Recovery Section as an Administrative Assistant. Paulette comes to us with knowledge and experience from the Safran Law Office. Paulette has over 20 years of Administrative/Secretary experience. Paulette can be reached at (919) 715-8000, ext 307 or Perwin@ncem.org.

Pete Montague Retires!



Pete Montague of the American Red Cross (ARC) retired. Pete spent more than 25 years with ARC in various positions. Pete's most recent position was State Liaison Officer for North Carolina. Pete's office was located with NCEM in the Administration Building in Raleigh, NC.

###

CG