



MEMA REPORTS

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Successful 2017 Boston Marathon Operations

MEMA again hosted the Public Safety Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) for the running of the Boston Marathon. On Monday April 17th, over 220 individuals representing more than 75 local, regional, state, federal, private and volunteer agencies and organizations staffed the MACC for the duration of the event. The MACC successfully connected local, state and federal emergency operations centers and command posts to provide and maintain situational awareness and a common operating picture, facilitate multi-jurisdictional decision making, and ensure effective communication and coordination between the Boston



Athletic Center and public safety personnel across the eight host cities and towns. Thank you to our public safety partners for many months & countless hours of planning for the 2017 Boston Marathon.

New England Expected to Meet Summer Power Demand

New England is expected to have the resources needed to meet consumer demand for electricity this summer, according to ISO New England Inc., the operator of the region's bulk power system and wholesale electricity markets. Tight supply margins could develop if forecasted peak system conditions occur. If this happens, ISO New England will take steps to manage New England's electricity supply and demand in real time and maintain power system reliability.

This summer, under normal weather conditions of about 90°F, electricity demand is forecasted to peak at 26,482 megawatts (MW). Extreme summer weather, such as an extended heat wave of about 94°F, could push demand up to 28,865 MW. New England has access to a variety of resources

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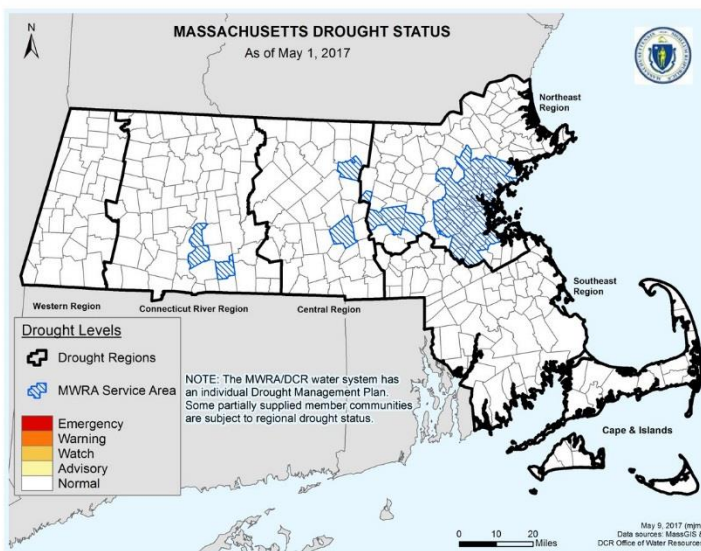
to meet the summer's demand for power: generators that produce electricity, such as natural gas, nuclear, oil, coal, hydro, biomass, and wind; demand-response resources that can be activated to reduce their energy use; and power imported into New England from New York and Canada. This summer, New England has approximately 29,400 MW of total capacity available. For further details, go to <http://www.iso-ne.com/about/news-media/press-releases>.

Shelter Trailers Stocked in MEMA Region 2

On March 8th, several Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) from the southeast portion of the state (MEMA region 2) worked together to load five shelter trailers for the Southeastern Homeland Security Council. Each trailer is outfitted for 50 shelter clients and includes cots, blankets, hygiene kits, animal crates and supplies, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and other shelter equipment. The trailers will be strategically located around Region 2 and are available to assist any community in shelter operations.



Drought Conditions Across Commonwealth Return to Normal



With above normal precipitation at the end of March, all of April and the beginning of this month, all indices across the Commonwealth have recovered fully. As a result, on May 11th, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) announced Normal Condition levels for all regions of the Commonwealth. The announcement is the result of recommendations by the Commonwealth's [Drought Management Task Force](#) which is comprised of state, federal and local officials and is led jointly by EEA and MEMA.

“While we are pleased that drought conditions have ended for now, residents are encouraged to make indoor and outdoor water conservation a way of life to help preserve this essential resource.” said Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Director Kurt Schwartz.

As the Commonwealth transition's into the growing and watering season, the state reminds residents to think carefully about what they plant, encourages good landscape practices, recommends watering plants only early in the morning or late in the evening to minimize evaporation. Furthermore, the state asks the public to be mindful of the amount of water they are using, residents are asked to reduce indoor water use, address leaks as soon as possible, and for larger buildings and businesses to conduct water audits to identify areas of leaks and potential water conservation. All these steps will greatly help reduce water use to ensure essential needs such as drinking water and fire protection are being met, habitats have enough water to recover, and to sustain our water supplies and have enough for the environment. For additional details, go to <http://www.mass.gov/eea/pr-2017/drought-conditions-across-the-state-return-to-normal.html> or <http://www.mass.gov/eea/drought/>.

MEMA Training Update

Upcoming trainings with open seats:

Date	Class	Location
5/19-5/20	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program Manager (G427)	Saugus
6/14-6/15	ICS-400: Advanced ICS	Middleborough
6/26-6/27	ICS-400: Advanced ICS	Melrose

To view a full calendar and register for classes, see MEMA's [Training Registration System calendar](#).

During the months of March and April, MEMA's Training and Exercise Unit hosted 732 students in 27 course offerings:

Class	Location
NIMS-700 / ICS-100 (NIMS-700/ICS-100)	Boston
Bomb Threat Management Planning Course (MGT-451)	Maynard
Wide Area Search (PER213)	Reading
Crisis Leadership & Decision Making	Framingham
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer (G428)	Saugus
Field Force Extrication Tactics (FFE)	Framingham
Site Protection and Document Screening techniques (QWR-325)	Hopkinton
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ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Rehoboth
Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing (IRTB) & Prevention of and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents (PRSB) (AWR-130/1)	Brewster
Hazardous Materials Response-Awareness Level (HAZ01)	Wrentham
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Hazardous Materials Response-Awareness Level (HAZ01)	Agawam
Sports and Special Events Incident Management (MGT-404)	Worcester
ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Boylston
ICS-400: Advanced ICS (ICS-400)	Boston
Procurement under FEMA Awards (L-1)	Natick
ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Melrose
Procurement under FEMA Awards (L-1)	Bridgewater
ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Canton
Emergency Operations Center Management and Operations (G775)	Stoughton
Senior Officials Workshop For All-Hazards Preparedness	Brockton
Procurement under FEMA Awards (L-1)	Agawam
ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)	Westfield
Procurement under FEMA Awards (L-1)	Worcester
ICS 200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents (ICS-200)	New Braintree
Basic Sheltering Concepts (Shelter-100)	Southbridge

To date in 2017, 883 students have taken MEMA supported classes. For additional MEMA Training opportunities go to: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/resources/training/>.

Featured MEMA Webpage: Emergencies & Disasters

In an effort to highlight MEMA's resources that are available to the public safety community, we feature a MEMA webpage each month. This month we are highlighting the [Emergencies & Disasters](#) webpage.

MEMA's website provides information on different types of natural and man-made threats and hazards including: Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Winter Storms, Floods, Extreme Heat and Cold, Power Outages and more. These webpages provide information about the threats and hazards, as well as safety tips for before, during, and after the emergency. MEMA's public safety partners are encouraged to share this emergency preparedness information with their stakeholders and residents to help improve emergency preparedness across the Commonwealth. Visit the Emergencies & Disasters webpage at <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/emergencies/> for more information.



MEMA Field Deployment Highlights

During the months of March and April, MEMA deployed field assets and personnel to support the following events across the Commonwealth:

- March 4: MEMA supported UMass Amherst, Amherst PD and the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) during the Blarney Blowout event with the use of the Mobile Communications Support Trailer (MCST) and 80 cache radios. These assets were utilized to support communications interoperability among the 19 police agencies involved in the event.
- March 17-20: MEMA provided 30 cache radios to support the Holyoke Fire Department during the city's St. Patrick's Day parade.
- April 22-23: MEMA supported Stockbridge during its Mercy Sunday event. One of MEMA's Mobile Emergency Operations Centers was utilized as a unified command post by Stockbridge PD, Stockbridge FD, Stockbridge EMD and elected officials, Massachusetts State Police, Berkshire County Sheriff's Department, County Ambulance and EMS, Berkshire Regional CERT, and Fairview Hospital. MEMA also provided 40 cache radios to support communications interoperability.
- April 11-18: MEMA supported Lexington FD during their Patriot's Day parade with 14 cache radios.
- April 17: MEMA supported Brookline during the Boston Marathon. One of MEMA's Mobile Emergency Operations Centers was utilized as a unified command post during the Boston Marathon and it provided security camera video, tracking and MSP helicopter downlink capability.
- April 17: MEMA supported the MA National Guard with 90 cache radios during the Boston Marathon. The National Guard CST (civil support team) provided additional public safety support to local, state and federal agencies along the marathon route.
- April 17: MEMA supported the 26 Medical Stations along the Boston Marathon route with 84 cache radios to support Marathon medical communications.

- April 29: MEMA supported Northampton during the UMass Amherst Cannabis Reform Coalition rally at the 3 County Fairgrounds. One of MEMA's Mobile Emergency Operations Centers was utilized as an incident command post. The incident command team was comprised of Northampton PD and FD, MA State Police, Amherst and Easthampton. Forty cache radios were provided with an event channel to support interoperable communications among public safety uniformed and undercover officers, fire, EMS and event security.
- April 28-30: MEMA provided the Western Shelter Tent and HVAC system to the Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) for their humanitarian response exercise at Harold Parker State Forest in Andover. The Western Shelter Tent was utilized as a field command post during the exercise.

2017 FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Award Application Period Now Open

The application period for the 2017 FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Awards is now open. The awards highlight innovative local practices and achievements by honoring individuals, organizations, and jurisdictions that have made outstanding contributions toward strengthening their community to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate a disaster in various categories. To be considered for this year's awards, all submissions must be received by May 30, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. EDT, and must feature program activities taking place between January 1, 2016, and May 30, 2017. Applications are accessed online and should be submitted to fema-icp-awards@fema.dhs.gov. More information about the awards is available at www.ready.gov/preparedness-awards.

Latest Federal Disaster Assistance Totals for the 2015 Blizzard

The Disaster and Snow Assistance process for local communities, state agencies, and eligible private non-profits for the January 26-28, 2015 Blizzard continues to advance. As of April 26th, 2017, 1,133 Project Worksheets (PWs) have been obligated by FEMA, totaling more than \$79.6M in federal aid reimbursements to local communities, state agencies, and eligible private non-profits (75% of the \$105.1M eligible project costs).

MEMA'S Mission Statement

MEMA is the state agency charged with ensuring the state is prepared to withstand, respond to, and recover from all types of emergencies and disasters, including natural hazards, accidents, deliberate attacks, and technological and infrastructure failures. MEMA is committed to an all hazards approach to emergency management. By building and sustaining effective partnerships with federal, state and local government agencies, and with the private sector - - individuals, families, non-profits, and businesses - - MEMA ensures the Commonwealth's ability to rapidly recover from large and small disasters by assessing and mitigating threats and hazards, enhancing preparedness, coordinating response operations, and strengthening our capacity to rebuild and recover.

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