



# MEMA REPORTS

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## **Upcoming Hurricane Preparedness Webinars**

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service, is pleased to announce two offerings of a Hurricane Preparedness Webinar to assist emergency management and public safety partners in preparing for the 2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season.

This 90 minute interactive presentation will focus on National Weather Service and National Hurricane Center decision support products and services and discuss state and federal hurricane planning and preparedness efforts. The target audience for this webinar includes local, state and federal emergency management and public safety officials across the Commonwealth. The agenda and registration information has been emailed to the target audience. For questions, please contact MEMA's Training and Exercise Unit. This webinar will be offered twice:

Monday, July 17, 2017 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Thursday, July 27, 2017 10:00am – 11:30am

## **Hurricane Preparedness Week: July 16-22**

Governor Baker has declared the week of July 16<sup>th</sup> to be Hurricane Preparedness Week.

While the Atlantic Hurricane Season began June 1st, most tropical storm systems that have impacted New England have struck during the months of August and September. The Governor's proclamation underscores the importance of Massachusetts residents preparing before a hurricane or tropical storm approaches. During Hurricane Preparedness Week and throughout the summer, MEMA will promote hurricane preparedness through

press releases, on our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts, on the [MEMA website](#) and on digital billboards across the state. We ask you to join us in encouraging residents and businesses of Massachusetts to prepare for hurricanes and tropical storms by determining if they live or work in a [hurricane evacuation zone](#), making [family emergency plans](#), building an [emergency kit](#), and staying [informed](#).



## **MEMA Supports Successful Sail Boston Event**

The City of Boston hosted the 2017 Sail Boston event from June 17-22, 2017 which brought visiting ships from around the world to Boston for events and public viewing. MEMA provided a liaison to the Joint Operations Center (JOC) for resource support and information sharing purposes, supported Boston's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) staff in filling Logistics, Operations, and Planning Section roles within the JOC, and had a seat in the Unified Command. The JOC included representatives from numerous local, state, and federal agencies who worked to coordinate the public safety operations during the event.

## **EMPG Grants Available**

MEMA has posted its FFY 2017 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on its website:

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/resources/grants/empg/>

The EMPG provides funds to assist local and tribal governments with emergency management departments in preparing for all hazards and to obtain the resources required to support FEMA's National Preparedness Mission Areas and Core Capabilities. Municipalities and Federally-recognized Tribes with local emergency management departments are eligible to apply, and directions on how to apply, the application deadline, and when grant application briefings will be held may be found within the NOFO.

If you have questions regarding the EMPG, please contact your respective MEMA Regional office.

## **MEMA Training Update**

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

During the month of June, MEMA's Training and Exercise Unit hosted 210 students in 9 course offerings:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Location</b>
Basic Sheltering Concepts (Shelter-100)	Framingham
Sports and Special Event Risk Management (AWR-167)	Newton
Sport and Special Event Evacuation Training and Exercise (MGT-412)	Newton
ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)	Reading
ICS 400: Advanced ICS (ICS-400)	Melrose
ICS 400: Advanced ICS (ICS-400)	Middleborough
Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (L-0146)	Easton
Emergency Operations Center Management and Operations (G775)	Fitchburg
ICS 400: Advanced ICS (ICS-400)	Worcester

To date in 2017, 1,352 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: State Emergency Response Commission**

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 [State Emergency Response Commission \(SERC\) webpage](#).

MEMA is the lead agency for coordination of the Massachusetts SERC. Broadly, the mission of the SERC (and Massachusetts Emergency Planning Committees) is to implement the Emergency Planning

and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and mitigate the effects of a release or spill of hazardous materials. The SERC webpage includes information on TIER II Reporting for facilities that use or store hazardous chemicals in their workplaces, information about, and a list of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and Regional Emergency Planning Committees (REPCs), as well as information (meetings, membership, bylaws, etc.) about the SERC.

For more information, visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/resources/serc/>

### **MEMA Field Deployment Highlights**

During the month of June, MEMA deployed field assets and personnel to support the following events across the Commonwealth:

- June 24: MEMA supported Southbridge Fire, Police and Emergency Management for a parade and festival. One of MEMA's Mobile Emergency Operations Centers (MEOC) served as a Unified Command Post and dispatch location to support public safety for the event.
- June 25: MEMA supported Cohasset Police, Fire and EMS at the Cohasset Triathlon by providing a Mobile Field Tent (MFT) to keep public safety staff out of the elements near the finish line. The MFT served to compliment the METROLEC CP that provided command post support for the event.
- June 26-July 7: MEMA supported the Seniors USGA Pro Golf Open with MEOC-1 at the request of Peabody Fire Department. The MEOC served as a command post for Peabody Fire, Emergency Management, and other local, state, and federal agencies. On a daily basis, the event saw crowds between 15,000 and 25,000 people and included numerous celebrities and other high-profile dignitaries which was broadcast by Fox TV.

### **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 June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 1,129 Project Worksheets (PWs) have been obligated by FEMA, totaling more than \$81.3M in federal aid reimbursements to local communities, state agencies, and eligible private non-profits (75% of the \$107.4M 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.

### **Follow MEMA For Important Emergency Information**

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