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Recent Events, Cautions, Outlooks, and Notifications

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Welcome to the RECON

The RECON is a collective effort by the staff of Marion County Emergency Management. The design is to reach out and inform our partners in the public and private sectors along with citizens, academia, and public safety. The RECON is published on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The goal is to inform you of events at the local, national, and international levels to create a sense of situational awareness.

If you have any questions regarding the RECON please contact Coordinator Marques Pflum at mpflum@indy.gov or 317-327-1478.





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Weekly Weather Forecast

(Forecast provided by the [National Weather Service](#))

- Wednesday
 - High 36°/Low 32°
 - Cloudy
 - 50% chance of precipitation
- Thursday
 - High 39°/33°
 - Cloudy
 - 50% chance of rain
- Friday
 - High 40°/Low 34°
 - Mostly cloudy
- Saturday
 - High 46°/Low 43°
 - Mostly cloudy
 - 20% chance of rain
- Sunday
 - High 52°/Low 33°
 - Cloudy
 - 50% chance of showers
- Monday
 - High 39°/Low 28°
 - Mostly cloudy
 - Slight chance of rain and snow
- Tuesday
 - High 36°
 - Mostly cloudy
 - 20% chance of snow showers





Events

- Indiana Pacers vs. Philadelphia Sixers
 - Saturday, January 23, 2010
 - 1900 hours
 - Conseco Fieldhouse
- Indianapolis Colts vs. New York Jets
 - Sunday January 24, 2010
 - 1500
 - Lucas Oil Stadium





Feature

- [Pandemic H1N1 Spreads Despite Claims Threat Fabricated](#)

- Washington, D.C.—Homeland Security Today--As outbreaks of H1N1 pandemic influenza continue to erupt in parts of the world and the possibility that a third wave later this winter or next could involve a potentially more virulent strain, the World Health Organization (WHO) and global public health authorities are having to fend off “absurd” charges that the pandemic was manufactured for the economic benefit of the pharmaceutical industry. Some European officials, led by Dr. Wolfgang Wodarg, a German physician and politician who chairs the Council of Europe's health committee, have alleged that pharmaceutical companies deliberately conspired with scientists with financial interests in the businesses to exaggerate concerns about the pandemic in order to scare governments into buying unnecessary stockpiles of vaccines – vaccines every public health official *HSToday.us* interviewed said were responsible for thwarting what could have been a far more serious pandemic had the vaccines not been available. **(For the rest of article click on the above hyperlink)**



Training

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUESTIONS/REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES: Unless otherwise indicated, contact Chris Walker of the Indianapolis – Marion County Emergency Management Division at 317-327-7502 or cmwalker@indy.gov

▪ **WebEOC Class**

- January 22
- MECA Building, EOC (Basement floor)
- Email Bryan Lindbeck (blindbec@indy.gov)

▪ **Awareness and Response to Biological Events Train the Trainer**

- February 16
- Location TBD

▪ **Indiana First Responder Training Calendar**

- Most classes require a Public Safety Identification (PSID), however, the classes still can be taken online and a PSID will be issued with the diploma if the responder does not happen to have one already. **(To access the site follow the above hyperlink)**

▪ **IDHS Training Calendar**

- This site provides information on all courses offered by IDHS. **(To access the site follow the above hyperlink)**





Local & State News

■ [Franklin Twp. board OKs firefighter merger](#)

- Indianapolis, IN—Indianapolis Star--Consolidation of the Franklin Township Fire Department and the Indianapolis Fire Department is one step closer after the township voted to approve it. After the Township Board's 7-0 vote Tuesday, the measure now goes to the City-County Council's Public Safety Committee. If approved there, it moves to the full council. Once approved, the merger could take effect July 1, said Township Board member Joe McCullough. The agreement preserves all firefighters' jobs and ensures pay increases for most of them when they merge into IFD, he said. **(For the rest of article click on the above hyperlink)**

■ [Emergency dispatch center opens its doors](#)

- Noblesville, IN—Indianapolis Star-- Hamilton County's new emergency dispatch center opened Tuesday. The center eventually will house both Hamilton County and Noblesville dispatchers, and it's about three times the size of the old dispatch area, said Sheriff Doug Carter. It can accommodate up 24 dispatchers, instead of nine in the old facility. **(For the rest of article click on the above hyperlink)**





National News

■ [Virginia Gunman Kills 8 and Shoots at the Police](#)

- New York, N.Y.—New York Times--A gunman shot and killed eight people before firing on law enforcement officers and hitting a police helicopter on Tuesday in a thickly wooded area of south-central Virginia, a state police official said. **(For the rest of article click on the above hyperlink)**

■ [FBI broke law for years in phone record searches](#)

- Washington, D.C.—Washington Post--The FBI illegally collected more than 2,000 U.S. telephone call records between 2002 and 2006 by invoking terrorism emergencies that did not exist or simply persuading phone companies to provide records, according to internal bureau memos and interviews. FBI officials issued approvals after the fact to justify their actions. **(For the rest of article click on the above hyperlink)**

■ [Ex-Convicts From U.S. Said to Join Yemen Radicals](#)

- Washington, D.C.—New York Times--Some American former convicts who converted to Islam in prison have moved to Yemen and a few may have joined extremist groups there, according to a new Senate report. **(For the rest of article click on the above hyperlink)**





International News

■ [Strong Aftershock Hits Near Haitian Capital](#)

- Port-Au-Prince, Haiti—New York Times--A strong aftershock struck near the Haitian capital on Wednesday morning, shaking buildings and setting off screams of terror from the thousands of residents who have been camped outside since last week's powerful earthquake. **(For the rest of article click on the above hyperlink)**

■ [South Korea Warns North on a First Nuclear Strike](#)

- Seoul, South Korea—New York Times--South Korea would launch a pre-emptive conventional strike against the North if there were clear indications of an impending nuclear attack, the South Korean defense minister said Wednesday in Seoul, even as both countries were holding talks about improvements at their jointly operated industrial park. **(For the rest of article click on the above hyperlink)**

■ [U.S. increases efforts to boost security in Yemen amid increasing terror threat](#)

- Washington, D.C.—Washington Post--Experienced fighters returning to Yemen from the Iraq war and radicalized U.S. citizens who have taken up residence in that country have broadened assessments of the threat posed by the al-Qaeda affiliate there, according to administration and congressional officials. **(For the rest of article click on the above hyperlink)**



Marion County Emergency Management Agency



The Emergency Management Division's mission is to prepare for, respond to, mitigate and coordinate recovery from catastrophic events, through plans, policies, and procedures to minimize the impact of those events upon the citizens of Indianapolis and Marion County to ensure the timely restoration of services and a return to normalcy.

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