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Summer has its unique national security threats including hurricanes, wildfires, and this year, the H1N1 flu. As homeland security professionals and researchers, you can count on the [Homeland Security Digital Library \(HSDL\)](#) to have the latest information you need to help keep our nation safe. This issue of the newsletter highlights wildfire information, email alerts, an update on the flu summit and more.

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### HSDL on the Go: Twitter, Blog or RSS



Need the latest homeland security information when you are on the go and short on time? HSDL offers three ways to access the information you need when you need it. As of June, the HSDL has been posting the latest homeland security information to Twitter. Follow us at <http://twitter.com/hslibrary>. [On the Homefront](#) our HSDL blog, takes the search out of search when it comes to finding the most current Homeland Security related materials. Our bloggers track down the latest reports and materials, quickly create an analysis, and post them to the blog. HSDL has also created a [custom blog search](#) that allows you to search across more than 80 of our favorite homeland safety and security blogs with one click. Enter your search criteria, click on "search blogs" and you will get results like this search we did for [hurricane season 2009](#). And then there is our RSS feed, which shows you just the new content added to our blog since you last checked the site or your feed. You can subscribe to our feed at <http://www.hSDL.org/hslog/?q=node/feed>. No matter where you are when you need safety and security information, HSDL makes sure you can access it and stay informed.

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### Featured Topic: Wildfires



Wildfires have become a yearly threat to many parts of the nation, and an informed response is essential to save lives and property. We have created a special [Wildfires Featured Topic](#) which contains some of the HSDL's most valuable information about this very real summer threat. Emergency managers, homeland security professionals and firefighters will find resources such as the [Fire Weather Page website from the National Weather Service](#), the [2009 Quadrennial Fire Review \(QFR\)](#), and a [wildfire terms glossary](#) especially

useful. Maps, plans, strategies and more have been selected for this collection of documents, websites, and databases to help address this threat. [Photo credit to NOAA]

### Pass It On

Please feel free to share this newsletter with other homeland security professionals. We invite all U.S. homeland security officials, members of the military and academics to utilize the HSDL for research, analysis, and policy and strategy development. New patrons may [register to request access](#).

### How To: Set Up Email Alerts



HSDL allows individual account holders to set up email alerts to notify you when new information of interest has been added to the site. To set up a new alert based on a search result, [search the HSDL](#) on a topic that interests you. Once the search results are returned, click the "Save search criteria as an email alert" link by clicking on the link at the top left of the page next to the envelope icon. Every Friday, we will compare your saved search criteria against the documents or resources we've added to the collection that week. If we find matches, we will email you a list of links. Visit [Help with HSDL Alerts](#) for more information about using this valuable feature.

### Manage Your Alerts

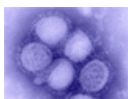
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### What is the CRS?



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) is a public policy research agency within the Library of Congress. The CRS works only with and for Congressional Members, their Committees, and their staff to do nonpartisan research, prepare reports and provide analysis for legislative action. Though their website is not available to the general public, many homeland security related CRS reports are available through the HSDL. CRS reports will be included in a search done in the General Collection. To find only CRS reports, select CRS Reports & Issue Briefs under General Collection in the search drop down, or go straight to the [full list of CRS Reports](#).

### H1N1 Flu Update



The H1N1 Influenza Preparedness Summit took place on July 9, 2009 at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. At the summit, Homeland Secretary Janet Napolitano discussed the [national security implications of pandemic flu](#). Visit the HSDL's [Featured Topic on Pandemic Flu](#) and [Flu.gov](#) to keep informed of the latest news regarding influenza. [Photo credit to CDC]