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LLIS.gov Launches a New Website!

On March 11, 2013, FEMA successfully completed system-wide enhancements to *LLIS.gov*, the national, online network of lessons learned, best practices and innovative ideas for the emergency management and homeland security communities. The *LLIS.gov* system provides a secure environment for homeland security and emergency management professionals to collaborate with one another.

The launch of the new website involved a wide-scale system migration to a new IT platform. The new system has the same “look and feel” as the legacy *LLIS.gov* system; however it offers a variety of enhancements to better meet member needs. Please see page 3 for more information on the new features.



LLIS.gov Help Desk

For additional assistance, please contact the Help Desk:

- (866) 476-4827
- help@llis.dhs.gov

For security purposes, all *LLIS.gov* users are required to complete a password re-set. If you haven't done so already, please follow these steps to re-set your password:

- Click on “forgot password” in the left navigation bar
- Enter your *LLIS* username or email address to receive an email with a one-time hyperlink that will allow you to reset your password.
- If your *LLIS* account is blocked, then you need to contact the Help Desk to have your account activated.

If you need assistance, please contact the Help Desk at help@llis.dhs.gov or by phone at (866) 476-4827 between 9:00am and 3:00pm ET. Please [click here](#) to learn more about how to begin using the new system.



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Current Event: Boston Marathon Explosions

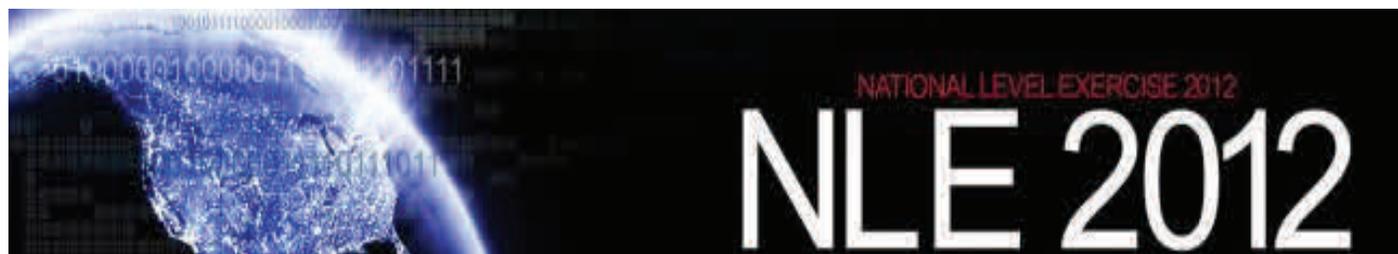


On Monday, April 15, 2013, at 2:50 pm ET two nearly simultaneous explosions occurred near the finish line of the Boston Marathon as runners were completing the race. According to authorities, the deadly explosions originated from two bombs fabricated from pressure cookers filled with low-grade explosives and shrapnel (nails, shards of metal, bolts, etc.). The two devices were placed approximately 550 feet apart.

According to the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), terrorist attacks on seven separate marathons in the past two decades have resulted in 14 deaths. Although events such as the 9/11 attacks show how deadly terrorist attacks can be, START's research found that "most terrorist attacks do not inflict a large number of casualties (injuries and fatalities)." In addition, the Global Terrorism Database (GTD) reports that the most common method of attacks used in the 207 terrorist attacks in the United States between 2001 to 2011 was the use of incendiary devices and explosives

The LLIS.gov team has developed a [Boston Marathon Explosions page](#) with a variety of documents, plans, and after action reports that can help emergency managers, law enforcement officials, and emergency responders and receivers prepare for, respond to, and recover from a terrorist attack. Further, these resources can help the whole community safely cope with and recover from a terrorism attack before as well as after law enforcement and other responders arrive on the scene.

National Level Exercise 2012 Quick Look Report



The Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Exercise Division (FEMA/NED) is pleased to announce the release of the National Level Exercise (NLE) [2012 Quick Look Report \(QLR\)](#). The QLR provides an overview of the NLE 2012 scenario, describes each component exercise, and outlines preliminary observations and areas of improvement based on evaluators' observations, documented play, collected data, and participant feedback.

NLE 2012 examined the Nation's ability to coordinate and implement prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery plans and capabilities. The 2012 exercise was focused cyber events and consisted of four distinct exercises held between March and June of 2012 and examined the national response plans and procedures including the National Cyber Incident Response Plan (NCIRP), the National Response Framework (NRF), and the NRF Cyber Incident Annex.

FEMA/NED encourages LLIS.gov members to share this report with fellow stakeholders that may benefit from this information. For any additional questions, please contact—NEP@fema.dhs.gov.



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Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program

This month, a revision of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) was released to the public. HSEEP provides a set of guiding principles for exercise programs, as well as a common approach to exercise program management, design and development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning.

The HSEEP program promotes objectives-driven, capabilities-based exercises, and aligns with the National Preparedness System. The revision of HSEEP reorganized the 2007 HSEEP into a consolidated document containing six chapters. This includes streamlined and updated templates and samples aligning to the relevant chapter. The new templates facilitate more focused exercises and provide a more comprehensive and helpful evaluation processes.



The 2013 HSEEP and revised templates are located on the HSEEP website at <https://hseep.dhs.gov>. The HSEEP 2013 Templates are now hosted publicly on [LLIS.gov](https://llis.gov)! To access the new 2013 templates, [click here](#).

LLIS.Gov Enhancements

The new *LLIS.gov* has the same “look and feel” as the legacy *LLIS.gov* system; however it offers a variety of enhancements to better meet member needs.

Key improvements include:

- **Publicly Available Documents**—Open source documents, content developed by the *LLIS.gov* research team, and non-sensitive documents submitted by *LLIS.gov* users and approved for public distribution by the author are available without logging in. *LLIS.gov* will continue to provide registered users with a secure space to share documents and collaborate on sensitive topics.
- **Subscriptions**—Users can subscribe to receive updates on topic-specific pages, postings, categories, events, and Channels on an immediate, hourly, daily, or weekly basis.
- **Breaking News Analysis**—As disasters happen across the Nation, *LLIS.gov* researchers monitor events to collect, analyze, and display disaster-related information on *LLIS.gov*.
- **Document Rating**—Members will now have the ability to rate documents for other users to search and view.
- **Site-wide Searches**—Enhanced search functionality allows members to quickly and easily locate relevant documents within the comprehensive Document Library.

In addition to the enhancements listed above, the migration to the new platform will better enable future improvements in the way *LLIS.gov* users collect, collaborate, analyze, and share information.