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Current Event Update: [Boston Marathon Bombings: The Positive Effects of Planning and Preparation on Response](#)

LLIS.gov published its second document related to the response efforts following the detonation of two improvised explosive devices (IEDs) at the 2013 Boston Marathon. The [Boston Marathon Bombings: The Positive Effects of Planning and Preparation on Response](#) document looks at how response plans and previous exercises helped emergency managers and first responders coordinate the response effort after the blasts at the finish line. To read the document, [click here](#).



To read the first document related to medical response activities visit the [Boston Marathon Bombings: Medical Response Activities](#) document on *LLIS.gov*.

New Content: [Mitigation Best Practices](#)

After a disaster, people are often left wondering if it is possible to protect people and property if a similar devastating disaster should strike again. Mitigation is the way to provide that protection. The Mitigation Best Practices Portfolio on *LLIS.gov* is a space where you can tell your story about how you have taken measures to prevent losses from disasters at home, at work, or in your community so others can learn from it. You can submit your story [online](#) or by mail. You can also read other mitigation success stories and review a collection of illustrated stories, ideas, activities, and projects that show how others have worked to reduce risk by visiting the [Best Practices Portfolio](#).

To share, read, or learn more about Mitigation Best Practices, visit the [Mitigation Best Practices Portfolio](#) on *LLIS.gov*.





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Social Media in Emergency Management: #SMEMChat

The *LLIS.gov* team participates in a weekly Social Media in Emergency Management (SMEM) chat on twitter. SMEMchats use the open twitter platform to connect, collaborate, contribute ideas as well as exchange lessons learned and best practices about how social media plays a role in emergency management. Recent topics have included discussions on the use of social media during disasters, disaster fatigue and stress management, and promoting public trust. Social Media 4 Emergency Management, the organization that hosts #SMEMchats archives all previous SMEMchats. The archives can be found by clicking [here](#).



#SMEMchat is the hashtag to identify #SMEM (Social Media Emergency Management) twitter chats. These weekly chats occur on twitter every Friday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm EST. Anyone is free to join and contribute ideas or ask questions during the discussion. Simply include the hashtag #SMEMchat in your tweets and participate.

Participate in the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requests your participation in the ongoing Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR). While the mission framework established by DHS during the 2010 QHSR remains enduring, the QHSR 2014 team is updating those goals to reflect changes in the world around us and how the enterprise has evolved since 2010.

The second QHSR will focus on several areas. However, a specific area of interest for emergency managers is engaging the entire homeland security enterprise on how we can best work together to strengthen partnerships that improve security and resilience and strengthen our economy.

You can participate in the QHSR by registering on the QHSR IdeaScale site and the DHS QHSR Community of Practice:

⇒ <http://www.qhsr.ideascale.com>

⇒ <https://communities.firstresponder.gov/group/guest/home>

DHS encourages you to provide feedback throughout the multiple rounds of postings related to the QHSR study topics, insights about risks and threats, and homeland security goals. The sites will remain open throughout the summer and into the fall.

System Updates: *LLIS.gov*



In an effort to better serve the *LLIS.gov* community, the *LLIS.gov* team continues to make system updates to meet user needs. This month, the team has updated the internal homepage (accessible by logging into *LLIS.gov*) which now features all of the *LLIS.gov* member collaboration benefits.

Additionally, the "Topic-Pages" section accessible only to *LLIS.gov* members has been renamed "Archived Pages". This re-titling of the internal topic pages is in coordination with the enhancement of new public pages available on *LLIS.gov*. These archived pages, inclusive of all information and resources currently stored on the pages, will continue to remain available and accessible to all users via the same links. New content and resources can be found in the [LLIS.gov public pages](#) or [LLIS.gov public document library](#).