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# Newsletter

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# FEMA

## Did You Know?

In December 2011, FEMA released the [Crosswalk of Target Capabilities to Core Capabilities](#), which aligns all 37 target capabilities from the Target Capabilities List (TCL) to individual core capabilities. The document is intended to support the transition that states, localities, tribes, and territories face in realigning activities organized by the TCL to the new core capabilities. This activity is part of the 2011 State Preparedness Report effort.

## Intelligence and Information Sharing

### Featured Topic for January/February

On February 5, 2012, thousands of football fans from around the world will convene in Indianapolis, Indiana, to attend or participate in Super Bowl XLVI activities. Events such as political rallies, protests, and concerts present unique challenges for special events planners. These events require coordinated intelligence and information sharing among emergency management and response agencies from Federal, State, and local governments as well as private sector entities. Intelligence and information sharing are key components to homeland security and intelligence experts need access to timely, accurate, and relevant information from a variety of different sources in order to effectively deter and mitigate potential threats.



The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will designate events, such as the Super Bowl, as a Level I Special event. This level of classification provides the resources for jurisdictions to plan for and effectively manage large-scale special events. In order to help these jurisdictions prepare for these events, LLIS.gov provides members with an [Intelligence and Information Sharing](#) topic-specific page. This page includes a variety of reports in addition to LLIS.gov exclusive

content documents. Examples of these documents include:

- [Emergency Operations Center Management: Developing a Protocol for Sharing Information with Executive Offices](#), an exclusive *LLIS.gov* Lesson Learned;
- [Vancouver Police Department 2011 Stanley Cup Riot Review](#), Vancouver Police Department;
- [The Night the City Became a Stadium: Independent Review of the 2011 Vancouver Stanley Cup Playoffs Riot](#), City of Vancouver, British Columbia; and
- [National Special Security Events Transportation Planning for Planned Special Events](#) Federal Highway Administration

For more information about preparing for special events and mass gatherings, please visit *LLIS.gov*'s [Intelligence and Information Sharing](#) topic-specific page. To share experiences related to special events or information sharing, please submit your documents from the [Submit to \*LLIS.gov\*](#) page.



### Submitting a Document to *LLIS.gov*

#### *LLIS.gov* Tutorial

*LLIS.gov* provides members with several different ways to submit after-action reports, lessons learned, and other emergency management documents to the system. Members can use the Submit to *LLIS.gov* tab on the homepage, the After-Action Resource Center in the New *LLIS.gov* tab, and topic-specific pages to submit documents to the system. To submit documents to *LLIS.gov*, please follow the steps below.



1. Log into [LLIS.gov](#).
2. In the Submit to *LLIS.gov* tab on the homepage, click on the appropriate document type under 'Submit Content'.
3. Complete all required fields, in red, and additional fields such as the document Author, Publisher, Publisher URL, and brief document abstract.
4. Review and verify all the information is correct.
5. Click "Submit," and the system will confirm this submission.

If you have any questions about submitting documents to *LLIS*, please contact the *LLIS.gov* at [feedback@llis.dhs.gov](mailto:feedback@llis.dhs.gov).



### New *LLIS.gov* Exclusive Content

The *LLIS.gov* team continues to post new Lessons Learned and Practice Notes to the system on a regular basis. Weekly updates about new original content that is exclusive to *LLIS.gov* can be found in the [NEW LLIS.GOV CONTENT](#) tab on the *LLIS.gov* homepage. *LLIS.gov* recently posted the following exclusive documents:

#### *Joplin, Missouri, Tornado*

- [The Response to the 2011 Joplin, Missouri, Tornado Lessons Learned Study](#)

On Sunday, May 22, 2011, a catastrophic Enhanced Fujita-5 (EF-5) tornado struck the City of Joplin, Jasper County, and Newton County in southwest Missouri in the late afternoon. With winds in excess of 200

miles per hour (mph), the ¾-mile-wide tornado cut a 6-mile path of destruction through central Joplin. The tornado caused 161 fatalities and approximately 1,371 injuries as of May 27, 2011, making it the single deadliest U.S. tornado since 1947. Thousands of structures were destroyed or damaged, from single family homes to apartment buildings to large retail and public buildings, including St. John's Regional Medical Center, the Home Depot, and Wal-Mart. This report includes preliminary findings related to the Federal and local emergency response to the incident. All findings are based upon in-person interviews and analyzed data.

#### *Practice Notes*

- [Planning for Individuals with Disabilities and Other Access and Functional Needs: The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management's Hurricane Access Tabletop Exercise](#)  
The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management conducted the Hurricane Access Tabletop Exercise to provide emergency management officials and functional needs support services organizations with an opportunity to enhance collaboration on emergency preparedness and response activities.
- [Emergency Public Information: Cranford, New Jersey, Police Department's Use of Nixle After Hurricane Irene](#)  
Cranford, New Jersey, Police Department personnel used Nixle to disseminate information to the public after Hurricane Irene. Nixle allowed personnel to reach residents through text messaging, email, and social media platforms simultaneously.
- [Emergency Public Information and Warnings: Use of Rural Residents' Flood Information and Knowledge by Emergency Responders During the Queensland, Australia, 2011 Floods](#)  
Emergency responders in several rural communities in Queensland, Australia, received information from upstream residents about the large volume of water flowing down local water systems prior to the 2011 flood inundations. Responders used these residents' experiences and knowledge of the local environment to alert and, when necessary, evacuate populations at risk before the floods.

#### *Good Story*

- [Community Preparedness: Miami-Dade County, Florida, Office of Emergency Management's Communities Organized to Respond in Emergencies](#)  
The Miami-Dade County, Florida, Office of Emergency Management's Communities Organized to Respond in Emergencies (C.O.R.E.) engages faith-based and community organizations in planning for, responding to, and recovering from disasters.



#### **LLIS.gov Outreach**

In 2011, the *LLIS.gov* team traveled around the country speaking and exhibiting at over 15 various conferences and events. Did you



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