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- 600 after-action reports
- 1,500 state and local plans
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The screenshot displays the LLIS.gov website interface. At the top left is the U.S. Department of Homeland Security logo. The main header features the site title "Lessons Learned Information Sharing" and the URL "www.LLIS.gov". A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for HOME, CHANNELS, DIRECTORY, EVENTS, COLLABORATE, FEEDBACK, SETTINGS, and LOGOUT. The main content area is divided into three columns: "LLIS PARTNERS" with a list of programs like "CHEMICAL STOCKPILE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM" and "NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS POLICY AND GUIDANCE RESOURCE CENTER"; "NEW LLIS CONTENT" featuring articles such as "Top Officials 4 Full-Scale Exercise: After-Action Quick Look Report" and "HSEEP Prevention Exercises"; and "RECENT INCIDENTS" with a photo of flooding and the headline "Barbour Declares Disaster Areas due to Flooding". A "FEATURED TOPICS" sidebar lists categories like "CYBER SECURITY" and "WILDLAND FIRES". At the bottom, there is a "SEARCH LLIS" section with a search input field and a "LLIS MEMBERS AND DOCUMENTS BY STATE" section with a note to click on a state for more details.

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These four types of original content capture expertise and innovation at the state and local levels.

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- Emergency Management
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- State and Local Executive Offices

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- Incident Site Management
- Staging

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- Emergency Management
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- Fire

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RELATED TERMS

- Artificialities
- Exercise Program Management

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- Emergency Management
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- State and Local Executive Offices

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- Credentialing
- Mass Evacuation

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- City and State Executive Offices
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LLIS.gov researchers work with subject-matter experts to produce four types of original content:

Best Practices: peer-validated techniques, procedures, good ideas, or solutions that work and are solidly grounded upon actual experience in operations, training, and exercises

Lessons Learned: knowledge and experience, positive or negative, derived from incidents and historical study of operations, training, and exercises

Practice Notes: an innovative practice, procedure, method, program, or tactic that an organization uses to adapt to changing conditions or to overcome an obstacle or challenge

Good Stories: exemplary initiatives that have shown success in their specific environments and that may provide useful information to other communities and organizations

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LLIS.gov Best Practice

Local Anti-Terrorism Information and Intelligence Sharing: Overview

Date Published: 25 May 2005

Publisher: Lessons Learned Information Sharing

Abstract: Outlines the functions that are essential for effective local anti-terrorism information and intelligence sharing. This Best Practice series also provides an overview of the organizations and mechanisms that can perform these functions.

Related Documents:

- ↳ [Terrorism Early Warning Group: A Concept for Emergency Responder Information Sharing and Intelligence Fusion](#)
- ↳ [Networked All-Source Fusion for Intelligence and Law Enforcement Counter-terrorism Response](#)
- ↳ [A Cooperative Vehicle for Threat Assessment: L.A. County Terrorism Early Warning \(TEW\) Group](#)
- ↳ [Implementing the National Strategy: Fourth Annual Report to the President and the Congress of the Advisory Panel to Assess Domestic Response Capabilities for Terrorism Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction \(Gilmore Commission\)](#)
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Responder Knowledge Base Links



To see this record and related information on RKB, click the link below.

[Local Anti-Terrorism Information and Intelligence Sharing: Overview](#)

A Best Practice series contains documents that examine a specific topic and links to additional resources and information.

Best Practices include:

- Member comments
- Subject-matter specialists and their contact information
- Other Best Practices within the series
- Related documents and categories
- Related links and publications

RELATED TERMS

- Incident Response
- Mutual Aid Agreement



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PRIMARY DISCIPLINES

- Law Enforcement
- School Safety

LESSON LEARNED

Campus Safety: Joint Training for Campus Security and Local Law Enforcement Personnel

SUMMARY

Campus police forces should conduct joint training with local police departments for responses to active shooters and other emergencies.

DESCRIPTION

On April 16, 2007, a Virginia Tech student, Seung Hui Cho, killed 32 students and faculty members in 2 separate incidents on campus. Prior to the attack, the Virginia Tech Police Department (VTPD) recognized that its force of 35 officers would be insufficient to respond to a major incident. Consequently, the VTPD entered into a mutual aid agreement with the Blacksburg Police Department (BPD). This enabled the two departments to develop a close working relationship and to conduct joint training for an active shooter incident at the university.

Seung Hui Cho's attack on April 16 began with a double murder in the West Ambler Johnston dormitory. The VTPD chief immediately requested assistance from the BPD upon learning of the attack. The BPD dispatched a detective and an evidence technician to assist with the investigation and several officers to secure the dormitory's entrances. Both police forces also activated Emergency Response Teams to respond to any developing circumstances.

The VTPD and BPD learned of a second, active shooter situation in Norris Hall at 9:42 a.m., roughly 2 hours into the investigation of the Johnston homicides. VTPD and BPD officers responded immediately and entered Norris Hall in two teams, each containing officers from both departments. The first team went up the stairwell toward the sound of gunfire on the second floor, while a second team proceeded to the third floor to begin evacuating students and faculty members. Seung Hui Cho's shooting stopped abruptly at 9:51 a.m. as the first team approached the second floor. Investigators believe that the sound of the approaching officers caused him to end his attack and kill himself. Seung Hui Cho killed 30 people during his attack, but he still had over 200 rounds of ammunition left when he committed suicide.

The Virginia Tech Review Panel concluded that the close relationship between the VTPD and the BPD and their continuous joint training saved critical minutes during the response to the Norris Hall shootings. The Panel determined that the rapid response saved the lives of the 75 students and faculty members trapped in Norris Hall during the shooting.

Campus police departments should train with local police departments for responses to active shooters and other emergencies.

Context:

The Virginia Tech Review Panel concluded that the close relationship between campus and local police saved critical minutes during the mass shooting response.

Lesson Learned:

Campus police forces should conduct joint training with local police departments for responses to active shooters and other emergencies.

RELATED TERMS

- Department of Homeland Security
- Federal Bureau of Investigation



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PRACTICE NOTE

Law Enforcement Collaboration: Southern Shield, the Consortium of Southeastern States for the Prevention of Terrorism

PRACTICE

Law enforcement officials from 13 states in the southeastern United States formed Southern Shield, a consortium dedicated to sharing intelligence information and exchanging best practices to prevent terrorism.

DESCRIPTION

Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, law enforcement officials from several southeastern states established Southern Shield, the consortium of southeastern states for the prevention of terrorism. The consortium's goals include exchanging counter-terrorism best practices, sharing terrorism-related intelligence, and monitoring regional terrorism threats in the southeast. Currently, 13 states participate in the consortium: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Southern Shield conducts four regularly scheduled meetings each year, and a different participating state's homeland security agency hosts each meeting. Representation from participating states varies, but states usually send two to four officials to each meeting. Representatives include intelligence analysts from the states' fusion centers and other divisions of their offices of homeland security. Agents from the states' criminal investigative bureaus also attend. Analysts from the federal Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis participate as well as officials from other offices within DHS. Agents from Federal Bureau of Investigation regional offices in participating states also attend meetings.

The meeting agenda typically consists of a number of presentations by federal and state officials and discussion sessions limited only to state officials. Attendees from each state have the opportunity to update their colleagues from other states on relevant terrorism intelligence and information and to propose new collaborative initiatives for Southern Shield. In addition to the quarterly meetings, Southern Shield members hold periodic, informal conference calls when events necessitate them.

Southern Shield meetings allow participants to develop relationships with their colleagues from neighboring states and to learn about new homeland security initiatives in the region. For example, several southern states have well-established fusion centers that have been fully operational for several years, while other states are still in the process of constructing them. Southern Shield meetings give those tasked with fusion center development in their

Practice:

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RELATED TERMS

- Citizen Corps
- Volunteers in Police Service
- Volunteers



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GOOD STORY

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- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Management
- Volunteer and Donations Management

South Dakota Highway Patrol and Minnehaha County Reserve Law Enforcement Officers Major Sobriety Checkpoints

SUMMARY

The South Dakota Highway Patrol (SDHP) employs volunteer reserve police officers from the Minnehaha County Office of Emergency Management's (OEM) Reserve Law Enforcement Unit (MCRLEU) to supplement full-time officers at sobriety checkpoints in and around Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

BACKGROUND

Combating drunk driving is a high priority in the Sioux Falls area. The SDHP has collaborated with the Governor's Office, the State Office of Public Safety, and local law enforcement agencies to increase efforts to combat drunk driving in South Dakota. Their efforts include public education campaigns, increased patrols targeting drunk drivers, annual sobriety checkpoints, and a media campaign targeting drunk driving.

Major sobriety checkpoints are set up on Interstate 29, Interstate 90, Interstate 229, and other roads during holidays and other special events. Conducting sobriety checkpoints requires apprehending impaired drivers as well as a series of operational tasks, including traffic management, site safety and security, initial interviews of drivers arriving at the checkpoint, and conducting an inventory of the contents of impounded vehicles. The safe and effective operation of major checkpoints requires approximately 50 officers and 12 emergency medical technicians (EMTs). Prior to 2003, checkpoints were staffed by officers from the SDHP, the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), and the Sioux Falls Police Department (SFPD), who worked overtime or were reassigned from regular duties. The cost of overtime and extensive manpower resources placed significant strain on participating departments, limiting the number of major checkpoints to one a year.

Minnehaha County OEM Director Lynn DeYoung approached Sergeant Alan Welsh of the Sioux Falls district of the SDHP in June 2003 to ask if OEM's reserve officers could support upcoming SDHP operations. Director DeYoung proposed using the reserve officer unit during checkpoints to conduct operational tasks that do not require formal arrests and charges. Sgt. Welsh welcomed the opportunity and agreed to have OEM's reserve officers participate in large-scale sobriety checkpoints.

GOALS

The Minnehaha Reserve Law Enforcement Unit supplements SDHP, MCSO and SFPD full-time officers during major sobriety checkpoints. This reduces the strain on SDHP, MCSO and SFPD resources and increases the frequency of the checkpoints.

Program Overview:

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Goal:

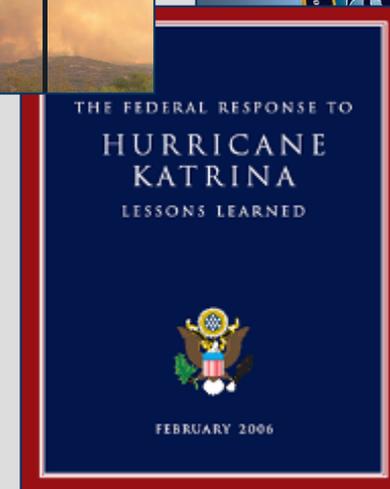
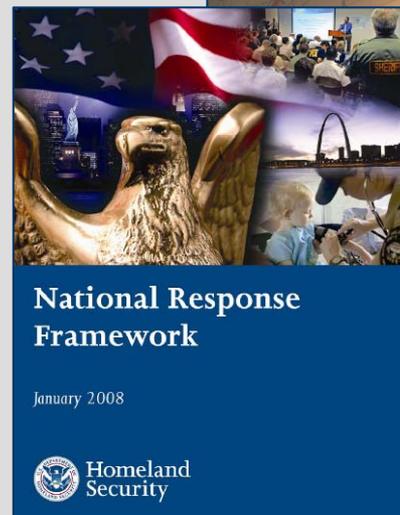
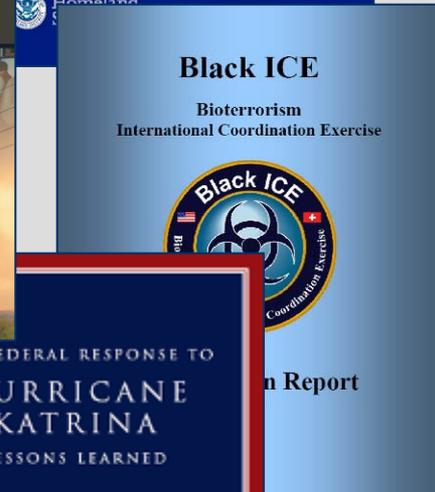
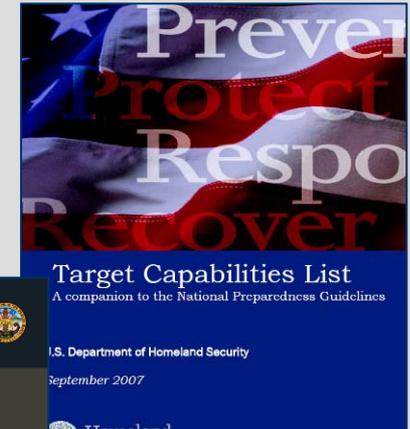
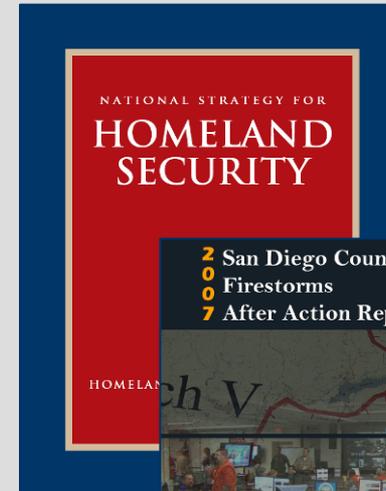
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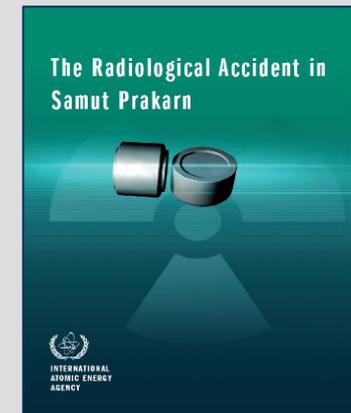
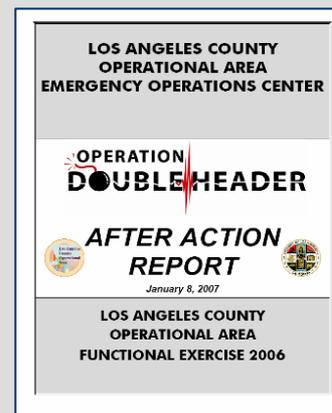
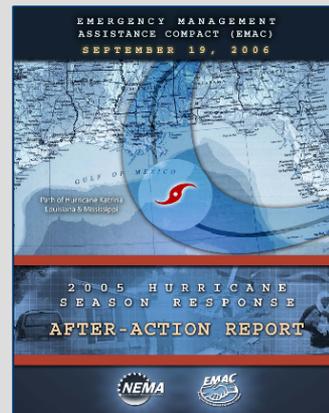
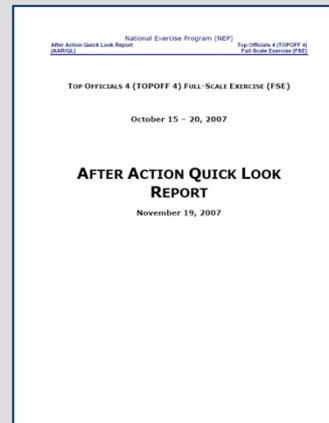


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LLIS.gov houses after-action reports on domestic and international incidents and exercises.

Examples include:

- **TOPOFF 4 Quick Look**
National - 2007
- **California Wildfires**
San Diego - 2007
- **Ice Storm**
Greene County, MO - 2007
- **2005 Hurricane Season**
Gulf Coast - 2005
- **Operation Double Header**
Los Angeles County, CA - 2006
- **Radiological Accident**
Samut Prakarn, Thailand - 2000



LLIS.gov houses emergency plans from state and local government offices as well as other public institutions and private sector entities.

Key features of this page:

- Plans are searchable by state
- Includes Best Practices, Lessons Learned, Practice Notes, and Good Stories relevant to EOPs and emergency planning
- Displays pertinent federal-level plans and planning guides
- Provides links to additional resource pages

The screenshot shows the 'State and Local Plans' page on LLIS.gov. At the top, the title 'State and Local Plans' is displayed. Below the title, there is a map of the United States with red arrows pointing to various states. Callouts are provided for several states:

- City of Helena, Lewis & Clark County:** Emergency GIS Support. This callout includes a thumbnail image of a GIS interface and text describing GIS support during emergencies.
- Ohio:** OHIO HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGIC PLAN. This callout features a collage of photos of people and a small map of Ohio.
- Texas:** Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan. This callout shows the cover of the strategic plan, which includes the Texas state flag and the title.
- Vallejo County:** Vallejo County emergency information 1965. This callout shows a map of Vallejo County with a legend and a small text box asking 'Should you evacuate? Yes, if you... No, if you...'

Other sections/territories mentioned include Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Micronesia, and N. Mariana Islands. The page also features navigation buttons for 'Learned Practices', 'Submit Plans, After-Action Reports, and Other Documents', and 'Email Comments, and Observations'.

LLIS.gov organizes information into topic-specific pages that serve as one-stop shops for users to access, share, and discuss key emergency response and homeland security issues.

School Emergency Management Planning

Schools and universities are vulnerable to a variety of hazards, including accidents, kidnappings, natural disasters, shootings, and terrorism. This page provides information and resources to help schools and universities develop and implement emergency management plans.

Information and Intelligence Sharing

Intelligence and information sharing are key components to homeland security. Every branch of government, including law enforcement, emergency response agencies, and the private sector, has a role to play in sharing information and intelligence to prevent and respond to threats.

Community Preparedness

Community Preparedness focuses on community, business, and family preparedness and encourages individuals to develop emergency plans for all hazards. In order to cultivate a culture of preparedness, national initiatives, such as Citizen Corps, the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD), and the Red Cross, have been leading community preparedness efforts throughout the country. Available resources include emergency response training; preparedness guides and templates; and organizational support to volunteer communities. LLIS.gov has developed this section to share important information about volunteer initiatives, continuity of operations plans, and civilian preparedness.

Submit Lessons Learned and Innovative Practices

Submit Plans, After-Action Reports, and Other Documents

Email Comments, Experiences, and Observations

DOCUMENT AND RESOURCE LIBRARY

Volunteer and Donations Management

- Minnesota Emergency Management Director's Handbook: Volunteer Resource Coordination Program
- Managing Spontaneous Volunteers in Times of Disaster: The Synergy of Structure and Good Intentions
- Volunteer and Donations Management: Overview
- Citizen Corps Councils: Creating a Volunteer Directory
- Citizen Corps Councils: Managing Volunteers during Shelter Operations
- Volunteer and Donations Management: Public Information and Education
- Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Unprecedented Challenges Exposed the Individuals and Households Program to Fraud and Abuse: Actions Needed to Reduce Such Problems in the Future

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- [Hurricane Preparedness](#)
- [Disabilities and Special Needs](#)
- [Mass Evacuation](#)
- [School Emergency Planning](#)

Upcoming Events

- September is National Preparedness Month—Start planning your events now!

Pages include:

- Recent news and incidents
- LLIS.gov original research
- Resource library including AARs, EOPs, maps, studies, and federal guidelines
- Topic-specific search engine
- Upcoming events
- Forum
- Related links

Recent Incidents

LLIS.gov features up-to-date information on recent incidents and links to related lessons learned, best practices, and plans.

RELATED TERMS

- Biological Incident
- Chemical Incident
- Awareness Level Protection



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PRACTICE NOTE

Hazardous Materials: The State of Ohio's First Responder Personal Protective Equipment Kits

PRIMARY DISCIPLINES

- Hazardous Materials
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Emergency Management

PRACTICE

The State of Ohio's first responder personal protective equipment (PPE) kits provide the state's first responders with convenient access to PPE that can enable them to operate safely on the outer perimeter of a chemical or biological incident.

DESCRIPTION

The State of Ohio Security Task Force (SOSTF) implemented a hazardous materials awareness-level training program in 2003 for first responders. It realized that many Ohio first responders of a chemical or biological incident group to develop a low cost, awareness-level kit for use in the field.

The kits for inclusion in the PPE kits were selected for their durability, comfort, and ease of use. Each first responder kit includes:

- Two pairs of nitrile gloves
- Two pairs of safety glasses
- Two pairs of safety shoes
- Two pairs of safety pants
- Two pairs of safety socks
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School Emergency Operations Plan

Plans are for the use of the

EMV-PUB 328
JUNE 2004 (REVISED)
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION
Michigan Department of State Police

GUIDANCE FOR COMMUNITY HAZMAT RESPONSE PLANS

Plans covered by this guidance:

- SARA Title III
- Michigan Fire Fighter Right-to-Know
- MIOSHA Hazwoper for Fire Fighters




This guidance was produced by Michigan Department of State Police, Emergency Management Division in Cooperation with the Department of Labor and Economic Development (formerly Consumers and Industry Services), Bureau of Safety and Regulation.



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Emergency Units Called To Farmington High School



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[Michigan Guidance for Community HazMat Response Plans](#)

[Hazardous Materials: The State of Ohio's First Responder Personal Protective Equipment Kits](#)

[School Emergency Operations Plan](#)





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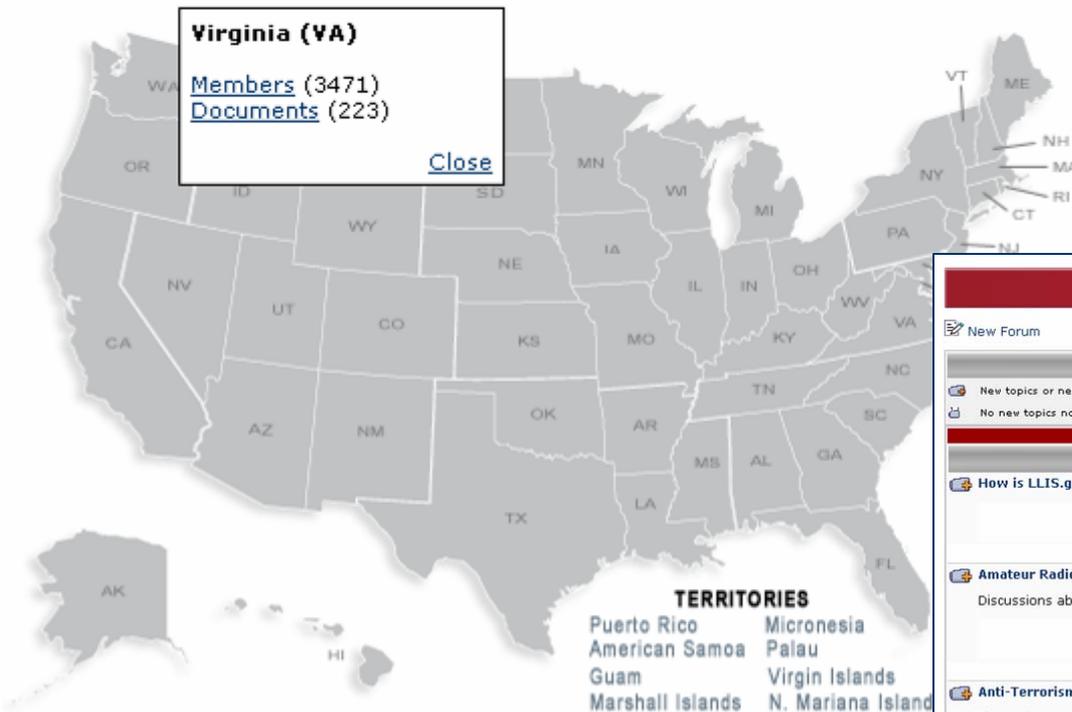
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LLIS MEMBERS AND DOCUMENTS BY STATE

(Click on a state to see its members or view relevant documents such as plans and SOPs.)



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Greensburg, Kansas Tornado Lessons Learned

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- [Unexpected Partner to Help Greensburg, Kan. and Kiowa County Kids](#)

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- [Greensburg, Kansas Tornado FEMA Assist Final Narrative](#)
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- Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)
- Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
- Technical Assistance Program
- Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
- Fusion Process Technical Assistance Program Resource Center
- Emergency Management and Response-Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC)
- Transportation Security Administration
- DHS Centers of Excellence
- Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center
- National Association of County and City Health Officials



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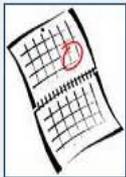
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- **Updated *LLIS.gov* Brochure:** Scroll down to find the recently updated *LLIS.gov* tri-fold brochure. Feel free to download, print, and distribute brochures to your colleagues, or contact *LLIS.gov* at outreach@llis.dhs.gov to request them.
- [Are Your Lessons Learned Only Your Own?](#), Neighbors Helping Neighbors, 09 Jul 2008
- [June 2008 *LLIS.gov* Newsletter](#), 25 Jun 2008

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The *LLIS.gov* team travels around the country speaking and exhibiting at conferences and events. Representatives of *LLIS.gov* are scheduled to speak at, exhibit during, or attend the upcoming events below. We hope to see you there!

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- [CSEPP and Login Information](#), 01 Oct 2007
- [National Preparedness Policy and Guidance Resource Page](#), 24 Sep 2007
- [National Preparedness Month Resource Page](#), 13 Aug 2007
- [TICP and Interoperable Communications Pages](#), 23 Jul 2007
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- [Special Needs Page and CEDAP](#), 11 Jun 2007
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- [Homeland Security Grant Program](#)

The Press Room page allows members to communicate and collaborate directly with the *LLIS.gov* Team.

- Browse and add items to the nationwide events calendar
- Download *LLIS.gov* outreach materials
- Find an archive of *LLIS.gov* announcements
- Request an *LLIS.gov* presentation
- Link to *LLIS.gov* from your Web site

LLIS.gov encourages members to contribute documents and actively seeks user feedback.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the LLIS.gov website. On the left is the U.S. Department of Homeland Security logo. The main header features the text 'Lessons Learned Information Sharing' and the URL 'www.LLIS.gov'. A search bar is located on the right side of the header. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for HOME, CHANNELS, DIRECTORY, EVENTS, COLLABORATE, FEEDBACK, SETTINGS, and LOGOUT. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled '> Submit Content' and contains a paragraph asking users to provide information on lessons learned, best practices, and innovative programs. It lists several categories: Lessons Learned, Best Practices, Good Stories, Practice Notes, After-Action Reports, and Other Documents. Below this list are links for 'Add Events' and 'Add Links'. The right column is titled '> Submit Feedback' and contains a paragraph asking for user feedback on the website. Below the text is a large text input field and a 'Submit' button.

- Contribute documents and ideas for future topics
- Provide direct feedback on *LLIS.gov* content or technical issues

The screenshot shows the LLIS.gov website with the following sections and callouts:

- Header:** U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY logo, "Lessons Learned Information Sharing", "www.LLIS.gov", and the tagline "Sharing information. Connecting experts. Improving homeland security." A search bar is located in the top right.
- Navigation:** A menu bar with links: HOME, CHANNELS, DIRECTORY, EVENTS, COLLABORATE, FEEDBACK, SETTINGS, LOGOUT.
- LLIS PARTNERS:** A vertical list of partner programs including: CHEMICAL STOCKPILE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM, NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS POLICY AND GUIDANCE RESOURCE CENTER, HOMELAND SECURITY EXERCISE AND EVALUATION PROGRAM, FY07 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM, EMR-ISAC, FUSION PROCESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RESOURCE CENTER: *Restricted Access*, ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL HEALTH OFFICIALS, and a "VIEW ALL PARTNERS" link. A callout box points to this section: "Learn more about LLIS.gov partners".
- FEATURED TOPICS:** A vertical list of topics including: CYBER SECURITY, WILDLAND FIRES, MASS EVACUATION, DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS, EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS CHANNEL, EXERCISE PLANNING AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS, HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS, INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS, PANDEMIC INFLUENZA, RADIOLOGICAL DISPERSAL DEVICE, SCHOOL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING, and STATE AND LOCAL PLANS. A callout box points to this section: "Quick links to LLIS.gov topic-specific pages".
- NEW LLIS CONTENT:** A section with the following items:
 - [Top Officials 4 Full-Scale Exercise: After-Action Quick Look Report](#)
 - [HSEEP Prevention Exercises](#)
 - [Department of Homeland Security FY 2008 Preparedness Grants Guidance](#)
 - Lessons Learned**
[Emergency Dispatch: Monitoring the Quality of Communications Links during Major Incident Responses](#) (11 Jan 2008)
 - Practice Notes**
[Protective Actions: Contra Costa County, California, Community Awareness and Emergency Response Group's All School Shelter-In-Place Drill](#) (11 Jan 2008)
 - [Hazardous Materials: The State of Ohio's Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness Training for the First Responder](#) (11 Jan 2008)
 - [AFTER-ACTION REPORT RESOURCE CENTER](#)
- RECENT INCIDENTS:** A section titled "Barbour Declares Disaster Areas due to Flooding" with a photo of a flooded area. Below the photo is "Related LLIS Content" with links to:
 - [Pearl River County, MS Hazard Mitigation and Flood Protection Plan](#)
 - [Repairing Your Flooded Home](#)
 - [Flood Mitigation Success Stories in the United States](#)A callout box points to this section: "View recent news with related LLIS.gov content".

Below the content sections is a "SEARCH LLIS" box with a search input field and a "Search" button. A callout box points to this box: "Sort LLIS.gov documents by publisher, title, publication date, or most frequently viewed".

At the bottom is a section titled "LLIS MEMBERS AND DOCUMENTS BY STATE" with a map of the United States. A callout box points to the map: "Locate members and documents specific to each state or territory".

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Takeaways

Lessons Learned Information Sharing is the national, online network of lessons learned, best practices, and innovative ideas for the emergency response and homeland security communities.

- *LLIS.gov* provides users with an accessible, online community of experienced professionals.
- *LLIS.gov* is secure, free, and easy to join.
- *LLIS.gov* houses a comprehensive document library that includes federal guidance, state and local plans, after-action reports, and original research.

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