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Did You Know?

The U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) releases weekly [cyber security vulnerability summaries](#) that outline cyber threats reported by the National Institute of Standards and Technology National Vulnerability Database, which is sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security National Cyber Security Division/US-CERT. Jurisdictions should ensure that they have updated cybersecurity plans.

Cybersecurity

Featured Topic for October

October is National Cyber Security Awareness month, sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security! Incidents around the globe highlight the unique challenges cyber responders and homeland security officials and their private sector partners face when trying to secure the cyber infrastructure. The increasing number of incidents demonstrates the need for continued security planning and preparation in the United States. To this end, **LLIS.gov** offers a [Cybersecurity](#) topic-specific page to provide emergency planners with a single source to start their cybersecurity research and planning.



The [Cybersecurity](#) page highlights resources provided by the Department of Homeland Security's National Cyber Security Division, including response and reporting guidance, risk management tips, and info sheets. In addition, the page provides planners with strategies and lessons learned from cyber events, such as:

- [Cyber Threats to Mobile Phones](#), U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT);
- [The Cyber War Battleground has Shifted. Are You Ready?](#), U.S. National Security Council;
- [Department of Defense Strategy for Operating in Cyberspace](#), U.S. Department of Defense;
- [The Interplay of Borders, Turf, Cyberspace and Jurisdiction: Issues Confronting U.S. Law Enforcement](#), Congressional Research Service;
- [National Cyber Security Awareness Month: Our Shared Responsibility -](#)

LLIS.gov offers additional resources to help cybersecurity planners and emergency managers prepare for cyber threats on the [Cybersecurity](#) topic-specific page. **LLIS.gov** members may also share their experiences and ask questions in the [Cyber Security Forum](#).



NLE 2011 Whole Community Quick Look Report

Whole Community Response

National Level Exercise 2011 (NLE 2011) took place in May 2011. The purpose of the exercise was to prepare and coordinate a multiple-jurisdictional integrated response to a national catastrophic event, specifically a scenario involving a major earthquake in the central United States region of the New Madrid Seismic Zone. NLE 2011 activities took place at command posts, emergency operations centers and other locations, including Federal facilities in the Washington D.C. area and Federal, Regional, State, Tribal, local and private sector facilities in the eight member states of the Central United States Earthquake Consortium.



LLIS.gov has recently released the [National Level Exercise 2011 \(NLE 2011\) Whole Community Quick Look Report \(QLR\)](#). This Quick Look Report presents preliminary findings that address the National Level Exercise 2011 Core Capability courses of action and tasks developed by the Whole Community Core Capability Working Groups. This report identifies 31 preliminary findings, including 14 strengths or potential lessons learned and 17 areas for improvement or potential corrective actions. **LLIS.gov** members may read the entire report after logging into **LLIS.gov** and viewing the [National Level Exercise 2011](#) page. Additional information on this page includes an NLE 2011 fact sheet and a quick look report produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.



Lessons Learned from Tucson

An **LLIS.gov** Exclusive

After reviewing the incredible response to the January 2011 mass shootings in Tucson, Arizona, **LLIS.gov** has worked with key responders and subject-matter experts to produce exclusive content related to the event. These documents, available only on **LLIS.gov**, discuss the use of cells-on-wheels units, tips for relocating the incident command post, using medical SWAT professionals as hospital-to-incident-scene liaisons, and the successful use of the incident command system. These documents follow on the previous **LLIS.gov** exclusive Good Story, [Mass Casualty Incidents: The Pima County, Arizona, Sheriff's Department's Development and Use of Individual First Aid Kits](#). The newer documents include:



- [Emergency Communications: Deploying a Cell-on-Wheels Unit Following a High-Profile Incident](#), Lesson Learned;
- [Incident Management: Assigning a Liaison to Coordinate with Incoming](#)

- [Assets When Relocating the Incident Command Post](#), Lesson Learned;
- [Incident Management: The Pima County, Arizona, Sheriff's Department's Use of the Incident Command System During Post-Response Phase Operations After the January 8, 2011, Shootings](#), Practice Note; and
 - [Mass Casualty Incidents: The Pima County, Arizona, Sheriff's Department's Use of a Special Weapons and Tactics Liaison to Share Information with Hospitals After the January 8, 2011, Shootings](#), Practice Note.

To read and comment on these and other documents related to the Tucson mass shootings, please see the [LLIS.gov Document Library](#) incident page on the [Tucson Mass Shooting](#).



New LLIS.gov Exclusive Content

The [LLIS.gov](#) Team continues to post new Lessons Learned, Best Practices, Practice Notes, and Good Stories 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:

Good Story

- [The Oregon Health & Science University Nursing Program's Development of the Jackson County, Oregon, Vulnerable Populations Shelter Plan](#)

In the fall of 2010, students enrolled in the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) nursing program developed the Vulnerable Populations Disaster Shelter Plan for Jackson County, Oregon. This effort was incorporated into two senior-level courses. The Jackson County Board of Commissioners reviewed the plan and approved it later in the year as an annex to the Jackson County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

Lessons Learned

- [Emergency Communications: Deploying a Cell-on-Wheels Unit Following a High-Profile Incident \(Tucson, Arizona, Mass Shooting, 2011\)](#)

Emergency response agencies should consider requesting that private sector communications providers deploy a cell-on-wheels (COW) unit following a high-profile incident that may attract large media coverage. This will help to maintain cellular phone communication coverage during post-incident operations.

- [Incident Management: Assigning a Liaison to Coordinate with Incoming Assets when Relocating the Incident Command Post \(Tucson, Arizona, Mass Shooting, 2011\)](#)

When relocating an incident command post (ICP), incident commanders should consider assigning a liaison officer to coordinate with incoming response agencies. This can help ensure an effective transition when the ICP moves to the new location.

- [Incident Management: Forming Effective Federal-Territorial Partnerships During Disaster Responses \(American Samoa Tsunami, 2009\)](#)

The strong relationships between the American Samoa Governor, the Federal coordinating officer (FCO), and the defense coordinating officer (DCO) proved critical for effective joint field office (JFO) operations in the aftermath of the earthquake, tsunami, and flooding that struck American Samoa in September 2009.

Practice Notes

- [Incident Management: The Pima County, Arizona, Sheriff's](#)

[Department's Use of the Incident Command System during Post-Response Phase Operations after the January 8, 2011, Shootings](#)

The Pima County, Arizona, Sheriff's Department (PCSD), employed the incident command system (ICS) to manage post-response phase operations after the January 8, 2011, mass shootings. ICS helped PCSD manage the demand for information from the public and from domestic and international media outlets. The use of ICS also allowed PCSD to effectively manage high-profile events and dignitary visits in partnership with Federal, State, and local agencies.

- [Mass Casualty Incidents: The Pima County, Arizona, Sheriff's Department's Use of a Special Weapons and Tactics Liaison to Share Information with Hospitals after the January 8, 2011, Shootings](#)

The Pima County, Arizona, Sheriff's Department (PCSD) used a doctor assigned to Pima Regional Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team to liaise with area hospitals after the January 8, 2011, Tucson mass shootings. The use of the doctor as a liaison enabled incident command and area hospitals to share critical information in a timely and effective manner following the incident.

Other Documents

- [National Level Exercise 2011 Whole Community Quick Look Report](#)

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LLIS.gov Outreach



The **LLIS.gov** Team travels around the country speaking and exhibiting at conferences and events. Recently, we exhibited during the [EMS World Expo](#) in Las Vegas, NV. Did you visit the **LLIS.gov** representatives at this event? Please share your feedback and comments with us by emailing outreach@llis.dhs.gov.

This month, we are scheduled to participate in the events below. We hope to see you there!

- 22 – 26 Oct: [IACP Annual Conference](#) in Chicago, IL, sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police
- 29 Oct – 02 Nov: [139th Annual Meeting and Exposition](#) in Washington, DC, sponsored by the American Public Health Association

If you would like to request an **LLIS.gov** presentation at your next event, please email the Outreach Team at outreach@llis.dhs.gov. To view a list of all emergency management and homeland security events, please visit the [LLIS.gov Events Calendar](#). For more information, please visit the **LLIS.gov Outreach** page.



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