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## NEMA and IAEM Develop Information Portal to Support Hurricane Harvey Recovery Efforts

(Lexington, KY) – The National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) and the U.S.A. Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM-USA) announce the development of the [Public Private Partnership Unified Information Portal](#) in support of Hurricane Harvey efforts. The purpose of this tool is to provide situational awareness for public and private partners. It has been developed through a collaborative effort by members of the NEMA Information Sharing Task Force, IAEM-USA Digital Engagement Committee and through input from the National Business Emergency Operations Center (NBEOC) members.



“As the nation has witnessed together, an event as overwhelming as Hurricane Harvey requires all Whole Community partners across our nation to take action in support of the communities and people in need,” said NEMA President Wendy Smith Reeve, deputy director, Arizona Department of Emergency & Military Affairs. “Not only have our EMAC members sent mutual aid support, but through a collaborative partnership with IAEM, our Private Sector members did something unprecedented. This portal puts into action the concept of operational public private partnership in a way not previously realized. We anticipate it will seamlessly transition from response to recovery and also be used for future events.”

“The Public Private Partnership Unified Information Portal is a valuable tool in the emergency management community’s effort to respond to the events in Houston and all impacted areas,” stated IAEM-USA First Vice President Nick Crossley, director, Hamilton County (Ohio) Emergency Management & Homeland Security. “The public and private sector are working closely together to address the needs of the victims of Hurricane Harvey, and by providing this valuable tool and information, citizens, businesses and government can share relevant information that can support life safety response today and community recovery later.”

The portal provides: situation reports, economic impact reports, form for resource and information requests, transportation status reports, FEMA Leadership Map Book, communications status, power status, water status, shelter information, and information for donors. This portal is not meant to replace the FEMA and state reporting mechanisms, or other information tracking efforts. It helps to connect the dots through situational awareness and information exchange with the private sector, and builds on the approach outlined in NEMA’s Building Operational Public Private Partnership Guide. As FEMA Administrator Brock Long said, “this will take the whole community,” and our organizations continue to support that charge through collaboration. The [tool](#) is a dynamic and evolving tool. Users are encouraged to register to receive push notifications when necessary. Users are encouraged to share the tool with additional partners and to provide feedback.

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## One Question Questionnaire

Hey Gang, there's another NEW – one question – questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website! I was pleased to see that over 41% of you wanted to be updated on a weekly basis, me too. Once a month is just not enough when there so much news to be shared out there.

So, now I would like to know if you like the new format with all of the pictures and hyperlinks and stuff, or do you just want a simple, plain text version.

It will only take 2 seconds for you to answer it, and you can see how your answer stacks up with others instantly. If you haven't done it yet, please do. I really want to hear from you.

Hey.. If you've got a question that you'd like to see on our questionnaire, please send it to me! I have had several of you already do that and I would love to see more!! <http://arrl-ohio.org>

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## Hurricane Irma Amateur Radio Emergency and Priority Traffic is Moving; Health & Welfare Traffic Queued For Later Delivery

*(from ARRL Bulletins)*



At this time, it is ARRL's understanding that only Amateur Radio Emergency or Amateur Radio Priority traffic is moving in and out of areas affected by Hurricane Irma. Amateur Radio Health and Welfare communications are being queued up for later delivery into the affected area, as the emergency and priority traffic eases.

In the aftermath of a natural disaster, it is human nature for persons outside of the affected area to seek information on their loved ones. Those wishing to send Health and Welfare queries are encouraged to use the American Red Cross's "Safe and Well" website to facilitate those contacts:

<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

**Emergency Frequencies** - With Hurricane Irma reaching the Western Shores of Florida, the Hurricane Watch Net is activated. In addition, SATERN has OUTBOUND Health and Welfare Nets activated.

**Hurricane Watch Net** 14.325.00 MHz, 7.268.00 MHz

**SATERN** 14.265 MHz, 7.262 MHz

*60 Meters may be in use by FEMA for Interoperable communications.*

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## Nets

Hey gang, don't forget to check-in on the weekly Wednesday night DMR net tonight, there are averaging over 60 check-ins each week, and it's growing!! Come join in on the fun, Wednesday nights at 8:30p local on the 3139 Ohio statewide Talkgroup.

The North American Tech Net meets Wednesday nights at 9pm EST TG: 3, and of course there's the After HamNation Net following the HamNation program on Wednesday's on TG: 311

>> LOCAL 6 METER NETS <<

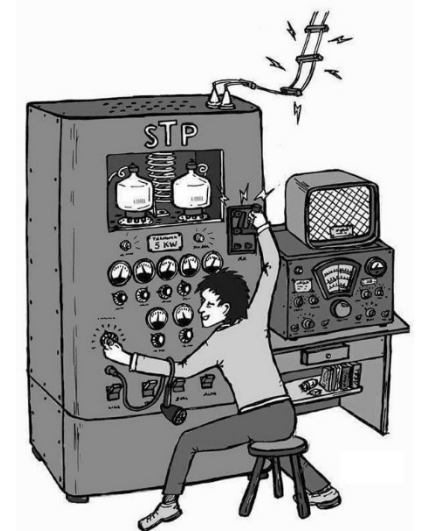
Wednesdays at 9:00 pm

1st Wednesday of the month is on 50.400 AM mode.  
2nd Wednesday of the month is on 52.525 FM mode.  
3rd Wednesday of the month is on 50.125 USB mode.  
4th Wednesday of the month is on 52.525 FM mode.  
5th Wednesday of the month is on 52.525 FM mode.

There is also a 6-meter net on Thursday at 9pm on 50.255 USB

The South Eastern Ohio Ragchew Net 28.485 MHz, 2100 meets every Sunday

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## Final Final..



Hey Gang,

Just think, 16 years ago today the course of history and our lives changed forever. And, if that weren't enough, the course of history and our lives are once again being changed on this date, Hurricane Irma.

I know that many of you are just chomping at the bit to go do your thing down in the devastation zones, BUT.. if you are not trained and you're not mentally ready to work in and around a huge amount of destruction, you'll be nothing but a hindrance to everyone there!

For month's I have been writing about having your 4 basic NIMS courses in, and be in our database. Many of you have done just that, and even registered with the Ohio Responds database too, but we still have a lot of you that aren't there yet. You need to be! Let's take this opportunity to get things moving in getting your NIMS courses completed.



There's starting to be a lot of buzz around the Section about the upcoming Great Lakes HamCon. Are you planning on being there? It's being held on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Michigan International Speedway. Our own Affiliated Clubs Coordinator will be one of the many forum speakers. There's also going to be a Wouff Hong presentation at the end of the Awards Banquet that will be held on Saturday night. If you've never done it, you've gotta' put this on your "Bucket List" to do. Here's a link for more information: [http://arri-greatlakes.org/wh\\_form.html](http://arri-greatlakes.org/wh_form.html)

The winner of the Joseph J. Phillips, K8QOE Newsletter Award will be announced. Want to see the newsletters in contention? Here's a link: <http://arri-greatlakes.org/newsletter/index.html> There's going to be a lot to see and do there for sure. So, "be there, or be square" as the saying goes!! Want more information about the Great Lakes HamCon? Here's a link: <http://glhamcon.org/>

Know someone that's not getting these Newsletters? Please, forward a copy of this Newsletter over to them and have them "[Opt-In](#)" to start receiving them. Heck, just have them send me an email [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com) and I'll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list. I urge all of you to make sure that everyone, regardless of whether they are a League member or not, gets signed up to receive these Newsletters. You can always "[Opt-Out](#)" at any time if you feel this is not what you were expecting.

Do you know what Patriot Day is really all about?

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

#### A PROCLAMATION

On Patriot Day, we honor the nearly 3,000 innocent lives taken from us on September 11, 2001, and all of those who so nobly aided their fellow citizens in America's time of need. We rededicate ourselves to the ideals that define our country and unite us as one, as we commemorate all the heroes who lost their lives saving others.

September 11, 2001, will forever be one of the most tragic days in American history. Through the unimaginable despair, however, ordinary Americans etched into our history remarkable illustrations of bravery, of sacrifice for one another, and of dedication to our shared values. The shock from the indelible images of the smoke rising from the World Trade Center and Pentagon gave way to countless inspiring videos of co-workers helping one another to safety; of heroes running into collapsing buildings to save the innocent people trapped within; and to the unforgettable story of the patriots who charged the cockpit of Flight 93 to save untold numbers of lives. These heroes moved us with their bravery. They make us proud to be Americans.

Throughout history, everyday Americans and first responders have done the extraordinary through selfless acts of patriotism, compassion, and uncommon courage. Not just in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, but

across our great Nation, Americans on September 11, 2001, bound themselves together for the common good, saying with one voice that we will be neither scared nor defeated.

The enemy attempted to tear at the fabric of our society by destroying our buildings and murdering our innocent, but our strength has not and will not waiver. Americans today remain steadfast in our commitment to liberty, to human dignity, and to one another.

It has been 16 years since the tragedy of September 11, 2001. Children who lost their parents on that day are now parents of their own, while many teenagers currently in high school learn about September 11th only from their history books. Yet all Americans are imbued with the same commitment to cause and love of their fellow citizens as everyone who lived through that dark day. We will never forget. The events of September 11, 2001, did not defeat us. They did not rattle us. They, instead, have rallied us, as leaders of the civilized world, to defeat an evil ideology that preys on innocents and knows nothing but violence and destruction.

On this anniversary, I invite all Americans to thank our Nation's incredible service members and first responders, who are on the front lines of our fight against terrorism. We will always remember the sacrifices made in defense of our people, our country, and our freedom. The spirit of service and self sacrifice that Americans so nobly demonstrated on September 11, 2001, is evident in the incredible response to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The same spirit of American patriotism we movingly witnessed on September 11th has filled our hearts as we again see the unflinching courage, compassion, and generosity of Americans for their neighbors and countrymen. The service members and first responders who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and in the years of service since would be proud of what we have all witnessed over these last three weeks and what will undoubtedly unfold in the coming months of recovery. By protecting those in need, by taking part in acts of charity, service, and compassion, and by giving back to our communities and country, we honor those who gave their lives on and after September 11, 2001.

By a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), the Congress has designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day."

Got questions, concerns or would just like to sit and chat awhile? Heck, I'll even buy the coffee!! Give me a call at (419) 512-4445 or email me at:

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73,

Scott, N8SY..

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