

SUBJECT: Webinar Training Opportunity on Voluntary Organizations in Emergency Management: Who They Are and How to Partner with Them

The purpose of this memo is to announce the first of a series of monthly webinars being provided by Mission Support Branch of the Emergency Management Institute. The webinars are for Local, State, Tribal and emergency management personnel and their staff and will be presented monthly (1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM Eastern Standard Time) via the world-wide web.

Date/Time:

May 4, 2011 from 1:00-1:45 PM (Eastern Daylight Time (EDT))

Website Information:

<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r35869310/>

Conference Bridge Information:

- 1-800-320-4330
- Pin #: 885312

Course Description:

The webinar will focus on the services provided by voluntary organizations during the 2009 Alaska floods and the strategies the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) used to partner with these agencies. The circumstances were bleak, time was running short, and the Alaskan villages needed help fast. Partnering was the solution and it worked! The Federal Coordinating Officer for the Alaska Floods and the Disaster Response Coordinator for one of the voluntary organizations will discuss the situation and answer your questions.

Course Goals:

At the completion of this training, participants will have a basic knowledge of:

- The voluntary organizations available that support disasters;
- The valuable services provided by local, State, and national voluntary organizations during all functions of emergency management; and
- The strategies used by FEMA to partner with voluntary organizations during the 2009 Alaska floods.

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