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Connecting the First Responder Community



What is First Responder Communities of Practice

First Responder Communities of Practice is an online network of vetted, active and retired First Responders, emergency response professionals and Federal, State, local, or Tribal Homeland Security officials sponsored by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science & Technology (S&T) Directorate's First Responder Technologies (R-Tech) program. Registered members of this professional network share information, ideas, lessons learned and best practices, enabling them to more efficiently and effectively prepare for all hazards.



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Name	Description	Type	Administrator	Members	
-USER FORUM	This Community is open to all users to share information, ask questions and get technical support.	Open	Jeff Hudkins	91	
9-1-1 Community of Practice	This community discusses current 9-1-1 and police, fire, EMS dispatch concerns.	Open	Shawn Pray	12	
Citizen Corps Network	This network serves as a pilot project and will be by invitation only. The Citizen Corps Network is an online platform intended to support ongoing communication between Citizen Corps leaders at the national, regional, state and local level.	Restricted	Citizen Corps Network Administrator	3	
Disaster Joint Logistics Systems Practices and Programs	A forum for logistics practitioners to share best practices and collaborate on developing national logistics standards and practices for emergency operations. Furthering national logistics initiatives in areas of logistics capability assessments (LCAT), logistics training and standardization. Assisting states develop unified logistics programs that integrate local, state and federal agencies, VolAgs, and corporate partners for the purpose of pre-planning, response and recovery support to emergency operations both recurring and catastrophic.	Open	Chuck Hagan	31	
EM Community of Practice	Open Community of Practice to post Emergency Management related information and encourage collaboration using threaded discussions, wikis, and blogs.	Open	Jeff Hudkins	104	



Community Home Page

The screenshot displays the 'Communities of Practice BETA' website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'PROFILE', 'COMMUNITIES', and 'MEMBERS' tabs. A search bar is located on the right side of the top bar. Below the navigation bar, the 'FIRE Community of Practice' is highlighted. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Community Summary', 'Blog Feed', 'Community Directory', and 'Activities'. The 'Blog Feed' section features a post titled 'Use of Mobile Application for Data Collection and GIS Information' by Marc McNeal, dated 5/16/10 8:43 PM. The 'Community Directory' section includes a search box and pagination controls. The 'Activities' section shows a list of recent actions, including a comment and a new blog entry. The 'Members' section is currently empty.

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FIRE Community of Practice
Open Community of Practice to post FIRE related information and encourage collaboration using threaded discussions, wikis, and blogs.

Administrator: [Marc McNeal](#)

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Blog Feed

[Use of Mobile Application for Data Collection and GIS Information](#)
By [Marc McNeal](#), On 5/16/10 8:43 PM
[fire](#) [gis](#) [technology](#)

Recently, our department began using a software application that allows us to capture data real-time over our cellular telephone and import this information directly into our GIS real-time.

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Activities

May 16

[Marc McNeal](#) commented on [Marc McNeal's](#) blog. 9:14 PM
[What system was purchased in the Commonwealth? The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments was moving forward with a credentialing project several years ago; however, it died a quick death once...](#)

[Marc McNeal](#) wrote a new blog entry. 8:58 PM
[Use of Mobile Application for Data Collection and GIS Information](#)
Recently, our department began using a software application that allows us to capture data real-time over our cellular telephone and import this information directly into our GIS real-time. Some uses...

[Marc McNeal](#) wrote a new message board post. 8:39 PM
[Texas Responders Develop Swiftwater Rescue iPhone Application](#)
This article is from Firehouse.Com - Posted April, 24, 2010 Apr. 24--A new iPhone application, developed by the Texas

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Make America Safer through Social Media

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Community Summary

Make America Safer through Social Media
 The Make America Safer through Social Media is a national community and resource for practitioners from all levels of organizations and agencies across the country to discuss and collaborate on best practices and address issues relating to using social media to aid emergency preparedness and response activities to ensure the right social media tools and resources are used to fit your needs:

Administrator: [Hal Grieb](#)
[Sara Moore](#)

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Personal and Professional Accounts	Hal Grieb	5/14/10 4:09 PM
↳ RE: Personal and Professional Accounts	Sara Moore	5/14/10 6:17 PM
↳ RE: Personal and Professional Accounts	Sara Moore	5/14/10 6:30 PM
↳ RE: Personal and Professional Accounts	Hal Grieb	5/16/10 1:47 PM

Personal and Professional Accounts
5/14/10 4:09 PM

So today, I have decided whenever someone from my work life wants to add me to Facebook, LinkedIn or whatever, I am declining and sending them a link here. Heck I even added a line to my signature block saying, "You can find me at communities.firstresponder.gov/." Hopefully this will help alleviate some headaches on who can see what and all the other privacy controls with other sites.

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Wiki

The screenshot shows the DHS S&T First Responder Communities of Practice website. The top navigation bar includes 'HOME', 'PROFILE', 'COMMUNITIES', and 'MEMBERS'. The main header features the 'Communities of Practice' logo and the 'FIRE Community of Practice' title. A secondary navigation bar lists 'Community Home', 'Discussions', 'Wiki', 'Documents', 'Calendar', 'Blog', and 'Bookmarks'. The 'Wiki' section is highlighted, showing a search bar and navigation links: 'FrontPage', 'Recent Changes', 'All Pages', and 'Orphan Pages'. The 'FrontPage' content includes a description of the FIRE Community of Practice, its goals, and a call to action for participation. A 'Community Directory' section is also visible on the left side.

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Administrator: [Marc McNeal](#)

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[FIRE Community of Practice](#)

The FIRE Community of Practice is a place where the nation's first responders can communicate and collaborate on information and matters relative to the mission of the fire and rescue service.

It is the goal of this Community to reach all levels of the fire and rescue service, both volunteer and career, so that the nation's fire and rescue service is able to adequately respond to any event utilizing an "all hazards" approach.

This Community needs your participation to be successful. **Please invite your colleagues to join and participate in this collaborative effort.**

What can you do to contribute?

- Participate in existing blogs and discussions. Initiate your own discussions and blogs.
- Inform your Community Administrator and colleagues of your needs and interests so that effective and professional discussions can be facilitated.
- Share documents that are relevant to the fire and rescue Community such as reports, policies and procedures, research, after action reports, etc.

Documents

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Public Safety GIS

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Community Summary

Public Safety GIS
 NAPSG Foundation is the lead for this community. It serves as a forum for the emergency response community to exchange ideas, issues, questions in the advancement of technology and GIS for local, state and national preparedness.

Administrator: [Rebecca Harned](#)

Document Library

Folders
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Recent Documents

Folder	# of Folders	# of Documents
Data Sharing <small>Contains references, case studies, and other "go-to" resources that contribute to the discussion over data sharing by the public safety community.</small>	0	2
GIS Education Resources <small>Folder contains education and awareness resources for public safety agencies to use GIS.</small>	0	6
Org. Background Docs <small>background docs on NAPSG Foundation organization.</small>	0	2
Social Media Policy <small>Documents and resources related to social media and web 2.0 policy issues at the local, regional, and national levels.</small>	0	2

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Virtual USA Community

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Community Summary

Virtual USA Community
The Virtual USA Community is a place for those involved in or interested in the Virtual USA initiative to share information, collaborate, and work together in a secure environment.

Administrator: [Kathleen Higgins](#)

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Calendar

Summary Day Week Month Year Events Export / Import

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Add Event

Time	Title	Type
All Day	vUSA Executive Council Meeting	Meeting

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EMS.gov	http://www.ems.gov	1	0	4/2/10	<input type="button" value="Actions"/>
EMS1	http://www.ems1.com/	0	0	4/12/10	
Everyday EMS Tips	http://www.everydayemstips.com/	0	0	4/12/10	
Journal of Emergency Medical Services (JEMS)	http://www.jems.com	2	0	4/12/10	
Lessons Learned Information Sharing	http://llis.dhs.gov	2	0	4/12/10	
Responder Knowledge Base	http://rkb.us	0	0	4/12/10	

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