

Request a Communities of Practice Account

OMB Control No. 1840-0016
Expires 07/31/2011

Account Request Note: Site membership is open only to active and retired First Responders, Homeland Security officials and those who work in or with the First Responder community. Prospective users who apply to become members must submit the name of a sponsor who can verify their eligibility.

If you are a government employee and will be acting in that capacity on the site, we encourage you to use your official email address to apply for an account.

* Required

Profile Information: enter your profile to create an account.

* First Name

* Last Name

* Email Address

* Verify Email Address

* Primary Affiliation

* Discipline Tags

Retired?

Primary First Responder Work Information

* Organization Name

* Job Title

* Phone Number

* City

* State

* Zip Code

Sponsor

Sponsor Note: Provide information for a first responder or government official who can confirm your status as a first responder. If you are a citizen or member of academia involved in homeland security or emergency response, you must provide the name of a government official as a sponsor.

* First Name

* Last Name

* Organization Name

* Job Title

* Phone

* Email Address

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Rules of Behavior

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Privacy Act Notice: Authority to Collect This Information. The Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-296, §302(k)) authorizes the Science and Technology Directorate to conduct "basic and applied research, development, demonstration, testing, and evaluation activities that are relevant to any or all elements of the Department, through both intramural and extramural programs." In exercising its responsibility under the Homeland Security Act, SST is authorized to collect information, as appropriate, to support R&D related to improving the security of the homeland. Principal Purpose. DHS will collect and use this information to provide an online, professional connection and collaboration environment (via communities of practice) for First Responders. Routine Uses and Sharing. In general, DHS will not use this information for any purpose other than the purpose stated above. However, DHS may release this information of an individual on a case-by-case basis as described in the DHS/ALL-002 and DHS/ALL-004 System of Records Notice (SORN), which can be found at: www.dhs.gov/privacy. Disclosure. You may opt not to provide the requested information or to provide only some of the information DHS requests. If you opt not to provide some or all of the requested information, DHS may not be able to process your registration.

PRA Burden Statement: An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection and a person is not required to respond to this information collection unless it displays a current valid OMB control number and an expiration date. The control number for this collection is 1040-0016 and this form will expire on 07/31/2011. The estimated average time to complete this form is 30 minutes per respondent. If you have any comments regarding the burden estimate you can write to Department of Homeland Security, Science and Technology Directorate, 245 Murray Lane, Washington, DC 20528.

DHS Form 10059 (9/09)

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First Responder Communities of Practice - Rules of Behavior

First Responder Communities of Practice is an information technology service established by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science & Technology Directorate's First Responder Technologies (R-Tech) program.

First Responder Communities of Practice provides First Responders access to an online collaborative platform to share information, network with other vetted First Responders and collect and share resources relevant to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from all-hazard incidents. Because the service may provide sensitive but unclassified information, access to the Service is limited to members who have been identified and authorized by First Responder Communities of Practice.

While the site's landing page is available to the general public on the Internet (via any compatible web browser), privileged access is restricted to those individuals who have been vetted and authorized by First Responder Communities of Practice personnel, and subsequently identified and authenticated by the system itself via a user logon and password.

Registered Users should be aware that by registering they have implicitly provided permission for the system to send them periodic service announcements and administrative messages via email. Registered Users should also understand and agree that the service may include certain communications from First Responder Communities of Practice personnel. User information will not be used for marketing purposes or shared except if required by applicable DHS policy or federal laws or regulations.

DHS 4300A Sensitive Systems Policy requires system specific Rules of Behavior (RoB) to be defined for all DHS IT systems. This RoB policy details the expected behavior of Registered Users when accessing and using the system. RoB policies that are understood and followed help ensure the security of systems and the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information. RoB policies inform users of their responsibilities and let them know they will be held accountable for their actions while they are accessing DHS owned systems. DHS 4300A Sensitive Systems Policy requires that Registered Users are briefed with regards to these rules and are aware of the disciplinary actions that may result from non-compliance. Additionally, Users are required to agree to and sign this RoB policy (done via a checkbox during registration) prior to being granted Registered User access to the First Responder Communities of Practice.

The First Responder Communities of Practice Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO) will ensure that all Registered Users read and acknowledge the RoB before being granted access to the system. The ISSO, in conjunction with System and Application Administrators as appropriate, will maintain a current list of all registered First Responder Communities of Practice users and ensure that evidence of

acknowledgement of the RoB are on file for each. Acknowledgement of the RoB is captured when a registering user clicks the checkbox stating "I have read and understand the Rules of Behavior".

All Non-Compliances with the First Responder Communities of Practice RoB shall be considered security incidents in accordance with DHS policy and thoroughly investigated by the system's ISSO in accordance with the First Responder Communities of Practice Incident Response Plan. If an investigation concludes that a violation has indeed occurred, a warning may be issued, or the offending Registered User's account may be temporarily or permanently disabled or removed, effectively revoking all privileged access to the information system and any data contained therein. In some cases, violators may be subject to criminal prosecution.

The following RoB shall be strictly adhered to by all First Responder Communities of Practice Registered Users. The First Responder Communities of Practice is subject to change at any time. If the RoB does change, Registered Users will be notified by email and asked to re-read and re-acknowledge or risk the temporary disablement of their account at the discretion of the First Responder Communities of Practice ISSO, until they comply.

User Account:

- Registered Users shall be provided access and granted rights to First Responder Communities of Practice according to "need to know" and "least privilege".
- Users shall understand that any/all use of the First Responder Communities of Practice information system is subject to continuous monitoring in accordance with DHS policy at that access is at the liberty of DHS.
- Users shall not circumvent or attempt to circumvent any security countermeasures or safeguards.
- All users shall have individual accounts. Shared, or sharing of, accounts shall not be permitted at any time, for any reason.
- All user account credentials (usernames and passwords) will be unique and associated directly with a single "live" individual.
- No individual user shall be permitted more than one account at any given time.
- Users shall be aware that their account is subject to automatic disablement after 45 days of inactivity. Users will be sent a warning notice when their account is about to be disabled.
- If an individual user no longer requires access to First Responder Communities of Practice, it shall be his or her responsibility to notify the system's ISSO or System Administrator immediately so that the account can be disabled or removed.
- User accounts/credentials shall not be transferrable to any other individual under any circumstances.

Password Protection:

- Users shall protect their password from disclosure.
- Users shall not reveal their password to others.

- Users shall be responsible for any computer activity associated with their username and password.

- User shall not write down or post their password

- Users shall change their password immediately if it is suspected to have been compromised and subsequently notify the First Responder Communities of Practice ISSO and/or System Administrator.

- All passwords shall meet the following password requirements:
 - Passwords are at least 8 characters long and have a combination of letters (upper- and lower-case), numbers, and special characters. Null passwords are not allowed.
 - Passwords must be changed every 90 days and the new password cannot be the same as any of the user's last eight passwords.

System Access:

- Users shall not enter into this or any other DHS computer system without explicit authorization. Any unauthorized entry into this information system is a serious security violation and may result in civil or criminal prosecution depending on the extent of the violation.
- Users shall not permit any unauthorized individual (including spouse, relative, co-worker, or friend) access to restricted/non-public areas of the information system.
- Users shall understand and accept responsibility for protecting all output generated under their

account (for example, printed output, CD/DVD ROM, USB/Flash memory, external hard drives, magnetic tapes).

- Users shall not print, distribute or disseminate other users' Personally Identifiable Information.
- Users shall understand and accept that there is no expectation of privacy and that their activity is subject to auditing at all times while using First Responder Communities of Practice.
- Users shall agree to notify the System Administrator when access to the information system is no longer needed or when a user ceases to be a First Responder.
- Users shall understand that evidence of acknowledgement of this agreement will be kept on file with the System Administrator when they agree to accept the RoB.

Website Content:

- Information or content posted to the website must relate to professional activities and mission of First Responder Communities of Practice.
- Users shall not upload, post, email, transmit or otherwise make available any content that is unlawful, harmful, threatening, abusive, harassing, tortuous, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, libelous, invasive of another's privacy, hateful, or racially, ethnically or otherwise objectionable.
- Users shall not post CLASSIFIED or LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE information or documents to the First Responder Communities of Practice under any circumstance. In addition, it is the user's responsibility to use reasonable judgment when posting data to the system to avoid the creation of information that could be considered SENSITIVE or CLASSIFIED in aggregate. Only FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY or SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED MATERIAL is permitted on the site.
- Users shall not impersonate any person or entity, or falsely state or otherwise misrepresent themselves or any data they put on the system.
- Users shall not forge headers or otherwise manipulate identifiers in order to disguise the origin of any content transmitted through First Responder Communities of Practice.
- Users shall not upload, post, email, transmit or otherwise make available any content that you do not have a right to make available under any law or under contractual or fiduciary relationships (such as inside information, proprietary and confidential information learned or disclosed as part

of employment relationships or under nondisclosure agreements).

- Users shall not upload, post, email, transmit or otherwise make available any content that infringes any patent, trademark, trade secret, copyright or other proprietary rights of any party.
- Users shall not upload, post, email, transmit or otherwise make available any unsolicited or unauthorized advertising, promotional materials, "junk mail," "spam," "chain letters," "pyramid schemes," or any other form of solicitation.
- Users shall not upload, post, email, transmit or otherwise make available any material that contains software viruses or any other computer code, files or programs designed to interrupt, destroy or limit the functionality of any computer software or hardware or telecommunications equipment; interfere with or disrupt the Service or servers or networks connected to the Service, or disobey any requirements, procedures, policies or regulations of networks connected to the Service; intentionally or unintentionally violate any applicable local, state, national or international law; collect or store personal data about other users.

Security

Reporting

Requirements:

Registered Users must promptly report any known/observed violations of or non-compliance with the First Responder Communities of Practice RoB including (but not limited to) observed IT security incidents, suspicions of security violations, or posting of inappropriate content. Reports should be made directly to the First Responder Communities of Practice ISSO or System Administrator.

Export Control

First Responder Communities of Practice is a tool to share industry-specific information, including both technical and non-technical information, among practitioners and interested parties. It is the user's responsibility to comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding the export of controlled information. Exporting information includes providing access to information through emails, links, and other sharing mechanisms. Certain information, including technical data such as that which is available on this website, may be controlled for export reasons, including through email, from the United States or, within the United States, to foreign nationals.

For further guidance, please see www.pmdt.state.gov or www.bis.doc.gov.

Modification of the Service

First Responder Communities of Practice reserves the right at any time to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently, the Service (or any part thereof) with or without notice. You agree that First Responder Communities of Practice shall not be liable to you or to any third party for any modification, suspension or discontinuance of the Service. First Responder Communities of Practice is not liable for any data or information lost as a result of discontinuance of service.

Termination

You agree that First Responder Communities of Practice may, under certain circumstances and without prior notice, immediately terminate your account and access to the Service. Cause for such termination shall include, but not be limited to, (a) breaches or violations of the RoB or other incorporated agreements or guidelines, (b) requests by law enforcement or other government agencies, (c) a request by you (self-initiated account deletions), (d) discontinuance or material modification to the Service (or any part thereof), (e) unexpected technical or security issues or problems, and (f) extended periods of inactivity. Termination of your First Responder Communities of Practice account may include (a) deletion of your password and all related information, files and content associated with or inside your account (or any part thereof) and (b) barring further use of the Service. Further, you agree that all terminations for cause shall be made in First Responder Communities of Practice sole discretion and that First Responder Communities of Practice shall not be liable to you or any third party for any termination of your account or access to the Service.

Links

The Service or authorized users may provide links to other World Wide Web sites or resources. Because First Responder Communities of Practice has no control over such sites and resources, you acknowledge and agree that First Responder Communities of Practice is not responsible for the availability of such external sites or resources and does not endorse and is not responsible or liable for any content, advertising, products, or other materials on or available from such sites or resources. You further acknowledge and agree that First Responder Communities of Practice shall not be responsible or liable, directly or indirectly, for any damage or loss caused or alleged to be caused by or in connection with use of or reliance on any such Content, goods or services available on or through any such site or resource.

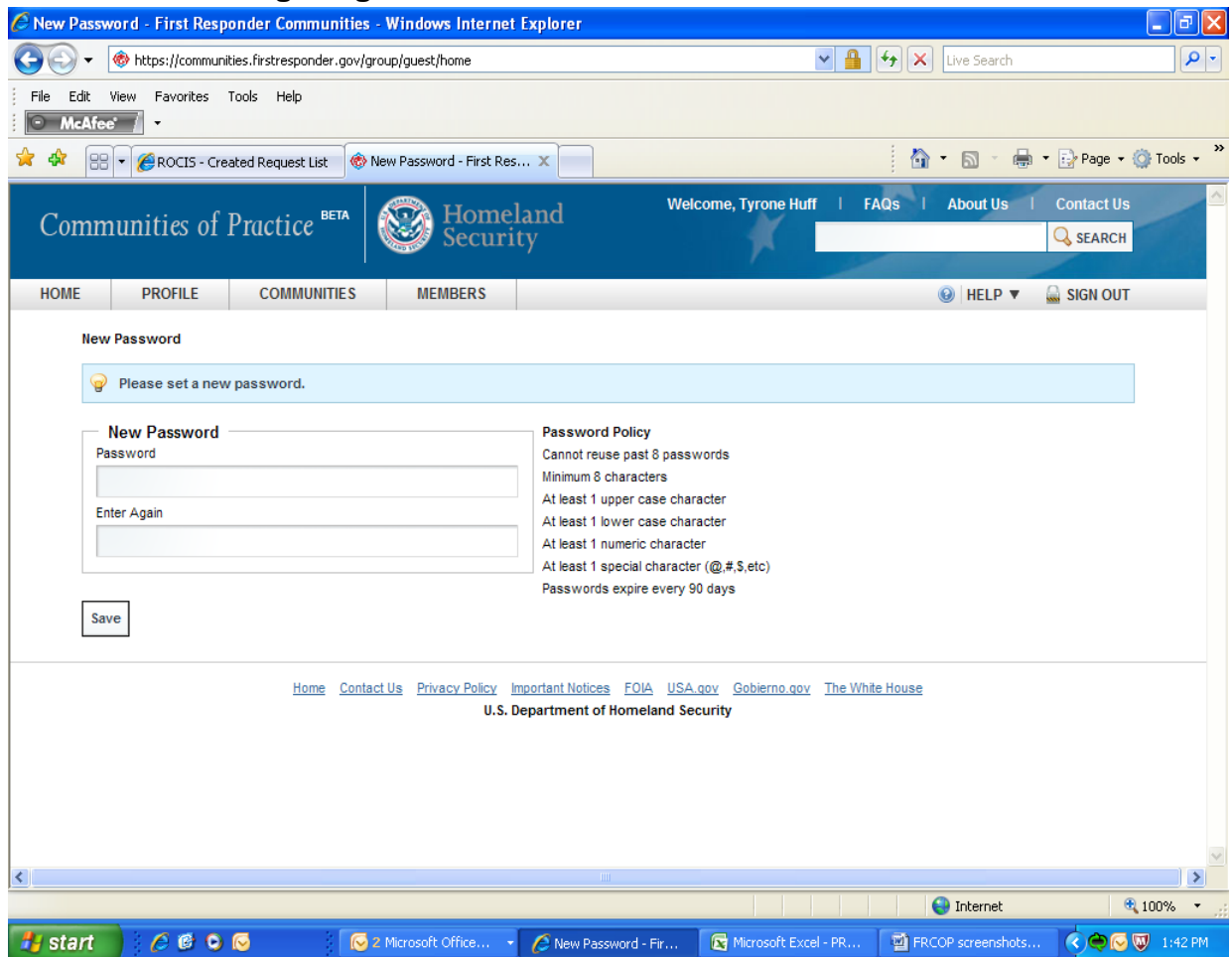
Acknowledgment Statement

- I understand that I have no expectation of privacy while using First Responder Communities of Practice.
- I understand that I will be held accountable for my actions while accessing and using First Responder Communities of Practice.
- I agree to indemnify and hold First Responder Communities of Practice and its subsidiaries,

affiliates, officers, agents, co-branders or other partners and employees harmless from any claim or demand, including reasonable attorneys' fees, made by any third party due to or arising out of content I submit, post, transmit or make available through the Service, my use of the Service, my connection to the Service, my violation of the Rules of Behavior, or my violation of any rights of another.

- I acknowledge that I have received as well as understand my responsibilities and will comply with the Rules of Behavior for the First Responder Communities of Practice system.
- As a Registered User of First Responder Communities of Practice, I acknowledge my responsibility to conform to the above requirements set forth the by the Communities of Practice Program on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security's Science & Technology Directorate. I understand that my failure to agree to these Rules of Behavior will result in denial of access to Communities of Practice and its system components.

Screen after hitting "I agree"



Screen after resetting password:

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Password Reminder - First Responder Communities - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL "https://communities.firstresponder.gov/group/guest/home". The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The McAfee security bar is visible above the website content. The website header features the "Communities of Practice" logo with a "BETA" tag, the "Homeland Security" logo, and a navigation menu with links for "HOME", "PROFILE", "COMMUNITIES", and "MEMBERS". A "Welcome, Tyrone Huff" message is displayed, along with links for "FAQs", "About Us", and "Contact Us". A search bar is present on the right. The main content area is titled "Password Reminder" and contains a form with the instruction "Please choose a reminder query." Below this, there is a "Password Reminder" section with a "Question" dropdown menu set to "What is your primary frequent flyer number?". An "Answer" text input field is provided below the question. A "Save" button is located at the bottom of the form. At the bottom of the page, there are links for "Home", "Contact Us", "Privacy Policy", "Important Notices", "FOIA", "USA.gov", "Gobierno.gov", and "The White House", followed by the text "U.S. Department of Homeland Security". The browser's status bar at the bottom shows the taskbar with various application icons and the system clock at 1:43 PM.

First Page after you pass the log in and password pages:

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Home - First Responder Communities - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL "https://communities.firstresponder.gov/group/guest/home". The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The McAfee security bar is visible above the website content. The website header features the "Communities of Practice" logo with a "BETA" tag, the "Homeland Security" logo, and a navigation menu with links for "HOME", "PROFILE", "COMMUNITIES", and "MEMBERS". A "Welcome, Tyrone Huff" message is displayed, along with links for "FAQs", "About Us", and "Contact Us". A search bar is present on the right. The main content area is titled "Home - First Responder Communities" and features a "DHS S&T FIRST RESPONDER COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE" logo. A "New Features" section highlights the "Release 1.03 is Launched!" announcement by the "First Responder Communities Administrator" on 6/1/10 at 10:23 PM. A "Subscribe to this blog" button is also visible. A "Known Issues" section is partially visible. The "Highlights" section contains a message: "What do I do first? If this is your first time logging in, you'll want to click on 'Profile' and select 'Edit Profile' on the drop down menu to add your personal information, discipline tags and upload a photo - which is encouraged but not required. Then you should click on 'Communities' and then 'Available Communities' on the drop down menu and join all the Communities that interest you. Once you've done that, the 'Activity Feed' on your home page will display blog posts, discussion board threads and other new information from all the Communities of which you are a member." The "Activities" section shows a comment by "Thomas Crane" on "First Responder Communities Administrator's blog" on June 8, 2010, at 5:46 PM. The comment text is: "Two items I'd like to follow up on: - Can you make it so that the Community Administrator for each community can add a logo to their community? - Can you make it so that a Community Administrator can...". The browser's status bar at the bottom shows the taskbar with various application icons and the system clock at 1:47 PM.

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Email Address
jeffrey.hudkins@dhs.gov



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First Name
Jeff

Last Name
Hudkins

Job Title
Program Manager

Organization Name
DHS S&T/R-Tech

Primary Affiliation
Government Employee

Retired?

Jeff Hudkins

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Password Policy

- Cannot reuse past 8 passwords
- Minimum 8 characters
- At least 1 upper case character
- At least 1 lower case character
- At least 1 numeric character
- At least 1 special character (@,#,\$,etc)
- Passwords expire every 90 days

Reminder

Question

Write my own question.

what-is-your-fathers-middle-na

Answer

william

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Discipline and Expertise Tags

emergency management ✕ law enforcement ✕ maritime security ✕

federal government employee ✕ it system development ✕ maritime search and rescue ✕

port operations ✕ marine environmental response ✕ us coast guard ✕

Or

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Work Addresses

Street 1
 Primary **Mailing**

Street 2

City **State** **Zip**

Country

Jeff Hudkins

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Phone Numbers

Number	Extension	Type	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Mobile	Primary <input type="checkbox"/>

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Deactivate My Account

I request that my account on First Responder Communities of Practice be deactivated

Why do you want to deactivate your account?

By saving this form, you will deactivate your account. Are you sure? Once you submit this form, the System Administrator will change your account status from active to inactive. Please be aware of the following:

- DHS owns the rights to any content you have posted to Communities of Practice
- Content you have contributed will remain on the site and will be attributed to you, although your profile will not appear in the Community or Member Directories

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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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-USER FORUM	This Community is open to all users to share information, ask questions and get technical support.	Open	Jeff Hudkins	91	Leave
9-1-1 Community of Practice	This community discusses current 9-1-1 and police, fire, EMS dispatch concerns.	Open	Shawn Pray	12	Leave
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	Leave
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	Leave
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	Leave



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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
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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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-  [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
 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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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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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 'Homeland Security' logo. The page title is 'FIRE Community of Practice'. The left sidebar contains a 'Community Summary' section with the text: 'FIRE Community of Practice Open Community of Practice to post FIRE related information and encourage collaboration using threaded discussions, wikis, and blogs.' Below this is the administrator information: 'Administrator: Marc McNeal' and a link to 'Remove me from this community'. The 'Community Directory' section has a search box and shows 'Showing 1 - 20 of 72 results.' The main content area is titled 'Wiki' and includes a search bar and navigation links: 'FrontPage', 'Recent Changes', 'All Pages', and 'Orphan Pages'. The 'FrontPage' section is highlighted with a blue oval. Below the navigation links are 'Edit', 'Details', and 'Print' icons, also highlighted with a blue oval. The main text of the page reads: '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?' followed by a bulleted list of actions.

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FIRE Community of Practice

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Community Summary

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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Community Directory

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FrontPage

FIRE Community of Practice

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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.



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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](#)

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Document Library

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

Tuesday

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Add Event

Time	Title	Type
All Day	vUSA Executive Council Meeting	Meeting

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Entry	URL	Visits	Priority	Modified Date	Actions
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://lis.dhs.gov	2	0	4/12/10	
Responder Knowledge Base	http://rkb.us	0	0	4/12/10	

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