

Announcements

Homeland Security

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Fast Facts about the Corps Homeland Security Mission

- **Support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency**
 - When a disaster occurs, whether an earthquake, hurricane, or flooding, the Corps supports the response to deliver potable water and ice, provide emergency power, build temporary housing, determine the structural safety of existing buildings and infrastructure, and remove debris.
- **Critical Infrastructure Protection** - The Corps has specialized capabilities and technical expertise in inspecting and assessing risks for dams, bridges, utility systems, and other important facilities that the nation needs to protect people and the environment.
- **Centers of Expertise** - The technical capabilities of the Corps support the nation's specialized engineering and construction activities, including peace time work and warfighting in extremely hot and cold regions of the world.

Critical Infrastructure Protection

Title: USGS - Natural Hazards

Link: <http://www.usgs.gov/themes/hazard.html>

Subject Area: Homeland Security

Description: Hazards are unpreventable natural events that, by their nature, may expose our Nation's population to the risk of death or injury and may damage or destroy private property, societal infrastructure, and agricultural or other developed land. Hazards dealt with by the USGS include earthquakes, volcanoes, floods, landslides, coastal storms, wildfires, and outbreaks of disease in wildlife populations. This site has links for information about individual hazards, as well as links to fact sheets and USGS documents.

Centers of Expertise

Title: US Army Corps of Engineers - Centers of Expertise

Link: <http://www.usace.army.mil/civilworks/cecwe/coexpert>

Subject Area: Homeland Security

Description: What special skills does the Corps provide for the Nation? This Corps webpage is a portal to the Centers of Expertise. Take a look, you might be surprised by the types of expertise available within the Corps!

Support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency

Title: US Army Corps of Engineers Education Center - Disaster Response

Link: <http://education.usace.army.mil/disaster/response.html>

Subject Area: Homeland Security

Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers responds to natural disasters and other emergencies such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, bombings, and hazardous material spills. The Corps uses its engineering expertise for inspecting and assessing damage, cleaning up debris, making repairs, and returning power and water supplies to disaster areas. The Corps has an extensive record of disaster response throughout the world. These have included the Great Flood of 1993, Hurricane Georges of 1998, the Loma Prieta earthquake, the eruption of Mount Saint Helens, the Los Angeles riots, the Oklahoma City bombing, and numerous spills of hazardous materials.

Title: Emergency Operations

Link: <http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecw0/two.htm>

Subject Area: Homeland Security

Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been of service to this Nation for over 200 years. The Corps has responded during times of need with engineering, construction as well as water resources expertise. Because of the first hand knowledge of the local conditions throughout the United States, the Corps is able to play a major role in saving lives and easing human suffering when disasters occur.

This information has been produced in an effort to enhance public awareness of the Corps emergency preparedness mission. It provides a general outline of the programs, services, and contacts that are available in support of emergency operations procedures. Complete information on Corps programs and preparedness services may be obtained by contacting any of the district offices.

Title: FEMA for Kids

Link: <http://www.fema.gov/kids/househazmat.htm>

Subject Area: Homeland Security

Description: Welcome to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's website, FEMA for Kids! I'm Herman, the spokescrab for the site. This site teaches you how to be prepared for disasters and prevent disaster damage. You can also learn what causes disasters, play games, read stories and become a Disaster Action Kid. And don't forget to learn about FEMA. A story about my search for a disaster-proof shell is great reading, too! Hey, parents and teachers -- we have resources for you! Parents & Teachers page has activities, curriculum and safety information you can use in the classroom or at home! This site also has games, puzzles, and a separate area for pre-school children.

Title: FEMA for Kids - Resources for Parents and Children

Link: <http://www.fema.gov/kids/teacher.htm>

Subject Area: Homeland Security

Description: This portion of the FEMA Kids site has links to articles and resources that can be used to talk with kids about natural disasters and other threats where FEMA responds to protect lives and property.

Title: My Katrina and Rita StoryLink:

Link: http://www.cphc-sf.org/resources_katrina.shtml

Subject Area: Homeland Security

Description: This is a resource to help children understand and cope with the recent hurricane disasters. It is intended for use

with an adult partnering in the effort. Instructions and a mental health checklist for use by the adult helping the child are included.

Title: American Red Cross - Masters of Disasters

Link: <http://www.redcross.org/disaster/Masters/intro.html>

Subject Area: Homeland Security

Description: The American Red Cross, with generous support of the Allstate Foundation, has developed a curriculum that not only teaches students about disaster safety, but helps teachers meet their required objectives as well! We know that teachers have a lot to cover to meet the learning objectives prescribed by their school system. That's why we've developed the Masters of Disaster curriculum--to help teachers integrate important disaster safety instruction into their regular core subjects such as language arts, math, science, and social studies. This is not additional material for teachers to work into an already packed school day. Rather, the Masters of Disaster curriculum, which is aligned with the National Education Standards, supplements the lessons teachers are already teaching. At the same time it provides students with information to help them prepare for disasters and stay safe during and after a disaster in their home, school, or community.

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