

Section 11

# Organizational Links

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# Links to Federal Agencies

## [Administration on Aging \(AoA\)](#)

Federal agency that responds to the special needs and concerns of older disaster victims. The AoA works to heighten awareness among other federal agencies, organizations, groups, and the public about the valuable contributions that older Americans make to the nation and alerts them to the needs of vulnerable older people. Through information, referral, and outreach efforts at the community level, AoA seeks to educate older people and their caregivers about the benefits and services available to help them.

## [Agency for Health Care Research and Quality \(AHRQ\)](#)

AHRQ's mission is to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans.

### [AHRQ Bioterrorism and Emerging Infections Web Site](#)

Developed by the University of Alabama School of Medicine, this site provides clinical information, resources, and continuing education about rare infections and potential bioterrorist agents.

### [Bioterrorism Planning and Response Web Site](#)

Displays and provides links to AHRQ-sponsored research projects, tools, resources, conferences, meetings, briefings, outcomes-based evidence, and research findings surrounding bioterrorism.

## [Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry \(ATSDR\)](#)

Located within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the ATSDR performs specific functions concerning the effect of hazardous substances in the environment on public health. These functions include public health assessments of waste sites, health consultations concerning specific hazardous substances, health surveillance and registries, response to emergency releases of hazardous substances, applied research in support of public health assessments, information development and dissemination, and education and training concerning hazardous substances.

## [Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute \(AFRRI\)](#)

AFRRI, a triservice laboratory, conducts research in radiobiology and related matters essential to the operational and medical support of the U.S. Department of Defense and the military services. The institute collaborates with other governmental facilities, academic institutions, and civilian laboratories in the United States and other countries. Its findings have broad military and civilian applications.

## [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Emergency Preparedness and Response Web Site](#)

The CDC is recognized as the lead federal agency for protecting the health and safety of people at home and abroad, providing credible information to enhance health decisions, and promoting health through strong partnerships. The CDC serves as the national focus for developing and applying disease prevention and control, environmental health, and health promotion and education activities designed to improve the health of the people of the United States.

### [CDC's Role in a Radiological Terrorist Event](#)

### [Centers for Public Health Preparedness](#)

The CDC Centers for Public Health Preparedness are based at academic medical centers and schools of public health. Together they are a national resource for public health emergency preparedness education and training on:

- bioterrorism
- infectious disease outbreaks such as severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)
- other health emergencies

### [National Center for Environmental Health's Emergency Preparedness and Response Branch](#)

Coordinates the CDC's emergency preparedness and response activities

### [Center of Excellence in Disaster Management & Humanitarian Assistance](#)

A federally funded program mandated by Congress to improve the coordination and integration of the world's response to natural disasters, humanitarian crises, and peace operations.

### [Counter-Terrorism Food Emergency Response Network \(FERN\)](#)

A network of state and federal laboratories that are committed to analyzing food samples in the event of a biological, chemical, or radiological terrorist attack in this country.

### [Department of Defense \(DoD\)](#)

Provides a basic understanding of how DoD is organized and what it does to defend the nation.

#### [Chemical and Biological Defense Information and Analysis Center](#)

Provides information on chemical and biological weapons research and threats

#### [Defense Threat Reduction Agency \(DTRA\)](#)

Under DTRA, DoD resources, expertise and capabilities are combined to ensure the United States remains ready and able to address the present and future WMD threat. The agency performs four essential functions to accomplish its mission: combat support, technology development, threat control, and threat reduction.

### [Department of Energy \(DOE\)](#)

Provides information about dealing with excess and unwanted radioactive sealed sources.

#### [Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center \(FRMAC\)](#)

For major radiological emergencies impacting the United States, the DOE is responsible for establishing a Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC). The center is the control point for all federal assets involved in the monitoring and assessment of offsite radiological condition. FRMAC responsibilities are to provide support to the affected states, respond to the assessment needs of the lead federal agency, and meet the statutory responsibilities of the participating federal agency.

#### [National Nuclear Security Administration](#)

The NNSA seeks to: (1) enhance U.S. national security through the military application of nuclear energy; (2) maintain and enhance the safety, reliability, and performance of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile, including the ability to design, produce, and test, in order to meet national security requirements; (3) provide the U.S. Navy with safe, militarily effective nuclear propulsion plants and to ensure the safe and reliable operation of those plants; (4) promote international nuclear safety and nonproliferation; (5) reduce global danger from weapons of mass destruction; and (6) support U.S. leadership in science and technology.

### [Department of Health and Human Services \(DHHS\)](#)

Federal government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.

### [Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\)](#)

Established after the terrorist attacks against America on September 11, 2001, the DHS coordinated 22 previously disparate domestic agencies into one department. Its first priority is to protect the nation against further terrorist attacks. Component agencies analyze threats and intelligence, guard our borders and airports, protect our critical infrastructure, and coordinate the response of our nation for future emergencies.

### [Department of Transportation \(DOT\)](#)

DOT works to ensure a fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system that meets our vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people.

#### [Office of Hazardous Materials Safety](#)

Coordinates a national safety program for the transportation of hazardous materials by air, rail, highway and water.

### [Department of Veteran's Affairs \(VA\) Emergency Management Strategic Healthcare Group \(EMSHG\)](#)

The EMSHG manages, coordinates, and implements the emergency medical preparedness mission for the VA through various federal laws and regulations. EMSHG provides comprehensive emergency management services to the VA, coordinates medical back-up to the Department of Defense, and assists the public via the National Disaster Medical System and the Federal Response Plan.

### [DisasterHelp.gov](#)

Multi-agency federal partnership to disseminate disaster information to five overlapping audiences: (1) local/state/tribal governments, (2) individual citizens, (3) private sector businesses, (4) non-government organizations, and (5) federal agencies. This Web site supports the federal mission to provide a comprehensive, national, risk-based emergency management program of disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery, and is oriented toward helping users find information and services across a wide range of relevant disaster management topics.

### [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#)

The EPA works to protect human health; to safeguard the air, water, and land; and to develop and enforce regulations that implement environmental laws enacted by Congress. The agency is responsible for researching and setting national standards for a variety of environmental programs.

#### [Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office](#)

Provides leadership, builds partnerships, and offers technical assistance to prevent and prepare for chemical emergencies, respond to environmental crises, inform the public about chemical hazards in their community, and share lessons learned about chemical accidents.

#### [EPA – National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory \(NAREL\)](#)

A comprehensive environmental laboratory managed by EPA's Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA). NAREL provides services to other EPA offices, federal and state agencies, and, in some cases, the private sector.

### [EPA – Office of Air and Radiation](#)

Air pollution, clean air, and air quality information provided by EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR). OAR develops national programs, technical policies, and regulations for controlling air pollution and radiation exposure.

#### [Radiological Emergency Response Team \(RERT\)](#)

Based in EPA's Office of Radiation and Indoor Air and regional offices, these teams respond to emergencies involving releases of radioactive materials. Working closely with EPA's Superfund Program as well as federal, state, and local agencies, the RERT responds to emergencies that can range from accidents at nuclear power plants, to transportation accidents involving shipments of radioactive materials, to deliberate acts of nuclear terrorism.

#### [EPA – Radiation Protection Division](#)

EPA's Radiation Protection Division mission is to protect our nation's people and environment from harmful exposure to radiation. This Web site provides detailed information to the various programs associated with radiation protection activities.

### [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#)

A former independent federal agency, FEMA became part of the Department of Homeland Security in March 2003. Its mission is to reduce loss of life and property and protect our nation's critical infrastructure from all types of hazards through a comprehensive, risk-based, emergency management program of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

### [Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#)

The FDA is responsible for protecting the public health by assuring the safety, efficacy, and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, medical devices, our nation's food supply, cosmetics, and products that emit radiation. The FDA is also responsible for advancing the public health by helping to speed innovations that make medicines and foods safer and more affordable, and helping the public get the accurate, science-based information it needs to use medicines and foods to improve health.

#### [Center for Devices and Radiological Health](#)

The FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health is responsible for ensuring the safety and effectiveness of medical devices and eliminating unnecessary human exposure to man-made radiation from medical, occupational and consumer products.

#### [Center for Drug Evaluation and Research](#)

The Center serves as a consumer watchdog in America's health care system by ensuring that safe and effective drugs are available to improve the health of consumers.

#### [Drug Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism](#)

### [Medical NBC Information Server](#) (Office of the Army Surgeon General)

Provides a distributed learning and reference source for medical nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) information. While the system was developed for U.S. Army medical personnel, it is available to any medical practitioner with access to the Internet.

### [National Academy of Sciences "Responding First to Bioterrorism"](#)

Expert-selected Web resources for "first responders" on bioterrorism and public safety, with a search engine of more than 3,000 related Web pages.

### [National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases \(NIAID\)](#)

Part of the National Institutes of Health, the NIAID conducts and supports basic and applied research to better understand, treat, and ultimately prevent infectious, immunologic, and allergic diseases.

### [National Institute of Mental Health \(NIMH\)](#)

The NIMH conducts research not only on a wide range of mental health disorders, but also on the reactions that occur in a time of crisis or terror.

### [National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health \(NIOSH\)](#)

NIOSH is the federal agency responsible for conducting research and making recommendations for the prevention of work-related injury and illness.

### [National Library of Medicine \(NLM\)](#)

A comprehensive resource on biological and chemical warfare agents from the Specialized Information Services (SIS) Division of the NLM. SIS also is responsible for information resources and services in toxicology, environmental health, chemistry, HIV/AIDS, and specialized topics in minority health.

### [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#)

Conducts research and gathers data about the global oceans, atmosphere, space, and sun. NOAA warns of dangerous weather, guides the use and protection of ocean and coastal resources, and conducts research to improve understanding and stewardship of the environment.

#### [National Weather Service](#)

Primary source of weather data, forecasts, and warnings for the United States.

### [National Response Center \(NRC\)](#)

Serves as the sole national point of contact for reporting all oil, chemical, radiological, biological, and etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the United States and its territories. It is a joint effort of the Coast Guard, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense. The NRC Hotline national experts and federal agencies can be accessed within a few minutes (7 days a week, 24 hours a day) to provide technical assistance during a potential incident.

### [Nuclear Regulatory Commission](#)

An independent agency established to regulate civilian use of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety, to promote the common defense and security, and to protect the environment.

### [Radiological Emergency Assistance Center Training Site \(REAC/TS\)](#)

Provides support to the DOE, World Health Organization, and International Atomic Energy Agency in the medical management of radiation accidents. The Center's specially trained team of physicians, nurses, health physicists, radiobiologists, and emergency coordinators is prepared around-the-clock to provide assistance on either the local, national, or international level in the response to all types of radiation accidents or incidents.

### [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)

Federal agency that works to improve the quality and availability of substance abuse prevention, addiction treatment, and mental health services. SAMHSA provides funding through block grants to states to support substance abuse and mental health services, helps improve substance abuse prevention and treatment services through the identification and dissemination of best practices, and monitors the prevalence and incidence of substance abuse.

#### [Center for Mental Health Services](#)

Federal agency charged with leading the national system for the delivery of mental health services. The goal of this system is to provide the treatment and support services needed by adults with mental disorders and children with serious emotional problems.

#### [Disaster Technical Assistance Center](#)

A support center to help state agencies and local service providers prepare for and respond to a wide range of catastrophes. During the critical period when mobilization for disaster response and recovery begins, service providers can call a toll-free number (1-800-308-3515) for technical assistance.

### [U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense \(USAMRICD\)](#)

Develops medical countermeasures to chemical warfare agents and trains medical personnel in the medical management of chemical casualties.

### [U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases \(USAMRIID\)](#)

Develops medical countermeasures to biologic warfare agents and trains medical personnel in the medical management of biologic casualties.

### [U.S. Fire Administration \(USFA\)](#)

An entity of the US Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency, the USFA seeks to reduce injuries, deaths, and economic losses from fire-related emergencies.

### [U.S. Geological Survey \(USGS\)](#)

Located within the Department of the Interior, the USGS is a federal source for information on the natural sciences and complex natural resource problems. Its mission is to provide reliable information to describe and understand the Earth; minimize loss of life and property from natural disasters; manage water, biological, energy, and mineral resources; and enhance and protect our quality of life.

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# Links to International Resources

## [Disaster Relief – Worldwide Disaster Aid and Information via the Internet](#)

A cooperative effort between the [American Red Cross](#), [CNN Interactive](#), and [IBM](#) to help disaster victims and the disaster relief community worldwide by facilitating the exchange of information on the Internet.

## [International Atomic Energy Agency \(IAEA\)](#)

Serves as the world's central intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical co-operation in the nuclear field. The IAEA is a specialized agency within the United Nations system.

## [International Commission on Radiological Protection \(ICRP\)](#)

Offers recommendations to regulatory and advisory agencies and provides advice for management and professional staff with responsibilities for radiological protection.

## [International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War \(IPPNW\)](#)

A nonpartisan, global federation of national medical organizations in 58 countries dedicated to research, education, and advocacy relevant to the prevention of nuclear war. To this end, IPPNW seeks to prevent all wars, to promote nonviolent conflict resolution, and to minimize the effects of war and preparations for war on health, development, and the environment.

## [International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies](#)

An international organization of clinicians, researchers, and others professionally interested in post-traumatic stress disorders.

## [Nick's World Collection of Radiation Links](#)

One of the most extensive lists of radiation links on the Internet. As of November 2004, it listed 1610 links in 181 different countries.

## [Pan American Health Organization \(PAHO\) Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief Coordination Program](#)

When disaster strikes, PAHO works with the affected country to identify and assess needs and damages in the health sector, including water and sanitation systems; set up an epidemiological surveillance system; monitor drinking water quality; mobilize aid from the international donor community; and manage donated relief supplies. PAHO serves 35 member countries and the regional office for the Americas of the World Health Organization. Its principal counterparts and beneficiaries are the Ministries of Health, particularly the national disaster reduction programs.

## [Radiation Effects Research Foundation \(RERF\)](#)

Scientific research institution focused on the study of health effects of radiation in the survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Careful analysis of the accurately recorded cancer incidence and mortality data for the large study population is contributing fundamental risk information for radiation protection standards worldwide. The RERF is a binational organization supported by the governments of Japan and the United States.

### [Regional Disaster Information Center \(CRID\) for Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

The Regional Disaster Information Center (CRID for its Spanish acronym) is an initiative sponsored by six organizations that joined efforts to ensure the compilation and dissemination of disaster-related information in Latin America and the Caribbean. These organizations are:

- Pan American Health Organization – Regional Office of the World Health Organization ([PAHO/WHO](#))
- International Strategy for Disaster Reduction ([ISDR/EIRD](#)).
- Costa Rica National Risk Prevention and Emergency Commission
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies ([IFRC](#))
- Coordination Center for Natural Disaster Prevention in Central America ([CEPREDENAC](#))

### [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

The World Health Organization, a specialized agency within the United Nations, seeks the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health.

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# Links to Professional and Advocacy Organizations

## [American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry \(AACAP\)](#)

A national organization comprised of child and adolescent psychiatrists and other interested physicians. Its members actively research, evaluate, diagnose, and treat psychiatric disorders and pride themselves on giving direction to and responding quickly to new developments in addressing the health care needs of children and their families.

## [American Academy of Clinical Toxicology \(AACT\)](#)

Multidisciplinary organization of scientists and clinicians for the advancement of research, education, prevention and treatment of diseases caused by chemicals, drugs, and toxins on humans and animals.

## [American Academy of Dermatology \(AAD\)](#)

National association representing practicing dermatologists in the United States, the AAD seeks to promote and advance the science and art of medicine and surgery related to the skin; promote the highest possible standards in clinical practice, education and research in dermatology and related disciplines; and support and enhance patient care and promote the public interest relating to dermatology.

## [American Academy of Family Physicians \(AAFP\)](#)

One of the largest national medical organizations, it represents family physicians, family practice residents, and medical students nationwide. Its mission is to preserve and promote the science and art of family medicine and to ensure high-quality, cost-effective health care for patients of all ages.

## [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#)

National medical society dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults. Members include pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, and pediatric surgical specialists.

## [American Academy of Physician Assistants](#)

National organization representing physician assistants (PAs) in all specialties and all employment settings. Its membership also includes physician assistant students and supporters of the profession.

## [American Association of Health System Pharmacists](#)

National professional association that represents pharmacists who practice in hospitals, health maintenance organizations, long-term care facilities, home care, and other components of health care systems.

## [American Association of Physicists in Medicine](#)

A membership organization that promotes the application of physics to medicine and biology.

## [American Association of Poison Control Centers \(AAPCC\)](#)

Nationwide organization of poison centers and interested individuals. Promotes the reduction of morbidity and mortality from poisonings through public and professional education and scientific research.

### [American College of Chest Physicians \(ACCP\)](#)

A national medical specialty society of physicians, surgeons, allied health professionals, and individuals with PhD degrees who specialize in diseases of the chest: pulmonology, cardiology, cardiovascular and cardiothoracic surgery, hypertension, critical care medicine, and related disciplines.

### [American College of Emergency Physicians \(ACEP\)](#)

National medical specialty society devoted to quality emergency medical care and promoting the interests of emergency physicians.

### [American College of Medical Toxicology \(ACMT\)](#)

National professional association of physicians with recognized expertise in medical toxicology. Medical toxicology is a medical subspecialty focusing on the diagnosis, management and prevention of poisoning/toxicity and other adverse health effects due to medications, chemicals, occupational and environmental toxins, and biological hazards.

### [American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine \(ACOEM\)](#)

National medical specialty society dedicated to promoting worker and environmental health through preventive medicine, clinical care, research, and education. ACOEM members are knowledgeable and capable of treating job-related and environmental diseases, recognizing and resolving disease risks, instituting rehabilitation methods, and providing well-managed care.

### [American College of Physicians \(ACP\)](#)

The nation's largest medical specialty society, its mission is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine. Members are physicians in general internal medicine and related subspecialties, including cardiology, gastroenterology, nephrology, endocrinology, hematology, rheumatology, neurology, pulmonary disease, oncology, infectious diseases, allergy and immunology, and geriatrics.

### [American College of Preventive Medicine \(ACPM\)](#)

National professional society for physicians committed to disease prevention and health promotion. Specialists in preventive medicine are uniquely trained in both clinical medicine and public health and have the skills needed to understand and reduce the risks of disease, disability, and death in individuals and in population groups.

### [American College of Radiology \(ACR\)](#)

The principal organization of radiologists, radiation oncologists, and clinical medical physicists in the United States.

### [American College of Surgeons \(ACS\)](#)

National scientific and educational association of surgeons that was founded to improve the quality of care for the surgical patient by setting high standards for surgical education and practice. Through its [Committee on Trauma](#), the ACS works to improve the care of injured and critically ill patients—before, en route to, and during hospitalization. The College conducts training courses in emergency care for ambulance personnel; sponsors courses for the management and prevention of injuries for trauma specialists as well as for physicians who do not treat trauma victims on a regular basis; and works to encourage hospitals to upgrade their trauma care capabilities. It also maintains a voluntary verification/consultation program for trauma centers.

### [American Dental Association \(ADA\)](#)

Professional association of dentists committed to the public's oral health, ethics, science, and professional advancement through initiatives in advocacy, education, research, and the development of standards.

### [American Hospital Association \(AHA\)](#)

National organization representing all types of hospitals, health care networks, and their patients and communities. As vital community resources, hospitals must be among the best prepared, along with police, fire, rescue, and other public safety services.

### [American Medical Association \(AMA\)](#)

As the national professional organization for all physicians, the AMA serves as the steward of medicine and leader of the medical profession. Through active advocacy at all levels of the private and public sectors, the AMA works to protect the patient-physician relationship, which is at the heart of medicine. Advocacy takes many forms, including public health initiatives, legislation, marketplace interventions and strengthening physician leverage in negotiations. In December 2002, the AMA established the [Center for Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response](#) to develop and disseminate a comprehensive disaster management education and training program for physicians and other health professionals.

### [American Nuclear Society](#)

A nonprofit international, scientific and educational organization established to unify the professional activities within the diverse fields of nuclear science and technology.

### [American Nurses Association \(ANA\)](#)

National professional association representing the interests of the nation's registered nurses (RNs) through constituent state and territorial associations and members. This Web site provides RNs with valuable information on how they can better care for their patients, protect themselves, and prepare their hospitals and communities to respond to acts of bioterrorism.

### [American Psychiatric Association](#)

Medical specialty society working to ensure humane care and effective treatment for persons with mental disorders, including mental retardation and substance-related disorders. The APA is a leading voice and conscience of modern psychiatry. Its vision is a society that has available, accessible quality psychiatric diagnosis and treatment.

### [American Psychiatric Nurses Association](#)

National membership organization representing the specialty practice of psychiatric-mental health nursing.

### [American Psychological Association \(APA\)](#)

Largest professional organization representing psychologists in the United States.

### [American Public Health Association \(APHA\)](#)

Oldest and largest organization of public health professionals in the world. The APHA is concerned with a broad set of issues affecting personal and environmental health, including federal and state funding for health programs, pollution control, programs and policies related to chronic and infectious diseases, a smoke-free society, and professional education in public health.

### [American Red Cross](#)

The American Red Cross reaches out to communities across the nation during times of disaster. Its Web site provides basic information on disasters, how to prepare for them, how to donate blood or money during disasters and much more.

### [American Society for Microbiology \(ASM\)](#)

The oldest and largest single life science membership organization in the world, representing multiple disciplines of microbiological research and education.

### [American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology \(ASTRO\)](#)

A professional association in radiation oncology, dedicated to improving patient care through education, the advancement of science, and representing the specialty in the health policy arena.

### [American Trauma Society](#)

National organization dedicated to the formation and operation of trauma systems across the country.

### [Association of American Medical Colleges \(AAMC\)](#)

As a national association of medical schools, teaching hospitals, and academic societies, the AAMC's purpose is the improvement of the nation's health through the advancement of medical schools and teaching hospitals. The AAMC works with its members to set a national agenda for medical education, biomedical research, and health care, and assists its members by providing services at the national level that facilitate the accomplishment of their missions.

### [Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology \(APIC\)](#)

A multi-disciplinary, voluntary, international organization. APIC promotes wellness and prevents illness and infection world-wide by advancing health care epidemiology through education, collaboration, research, practice, and credentialing.

### [Association of Public Health Laboratories \(APHL\)](#)

National organization that works to safeguard public health by strengthening public health laboratories in the United States and across the world. Public health laboratories provide diagnostic testing, disease surveillance, applied research, and laboratory training. The APHL is involved with improving the capacity and capability of public health laboratories in their response to biological, chemical, and radiological threats and expanding and enhancing relationships between the public health laboratory community, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Homeland Security, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, other federal and state agencies, and the broader health community.

### [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials \(ASTHO\)](#)

A national nonprofit organization representing the state and territorial public health agencies of the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia. ASTHO's members, the chief health officials of these jurisdictions, are dedicated to formulating and influencing sound public health policy, and to assuring excellence in state-based public health practice.

### [Chemical Transportation Emergency Center \(CHEMTREC\)](#)

Maintains one of the largest databases of technical information on hazardous materials. CHEMTREC provides information and assistance to physicians and other medical specialists with treatment information for acute exposures to chemicals and other hazardous materials.

### [ComCARE \(Communications for Coordinated Assistance and Response in Emergencies\)](#)

The ComCARE Alliance is a broad-based national coalition that includes nurses, physicians, emergency medical technicians, 9-1-1 directors, wireless companies, public safety and health officials, law enforcement groups, automobile companies, consumer organizations, telematics suppliers, safety groups, and others who are working to encourage the development and deployment of technologies to enhance emergency response capabilities and facilitate cooperation across, professional, jurisdictional, and geographical lines.

### [Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors Inc.](#)

A nonprofit, nongovernmental professional organization dedicated to radiation protection. It aims to promote consistency in addressing and resolving radiation protection issues, to encourage high standards of quality in radiation protection programs, and to provide leadership in radiation safety and education.

### [Council on Ionizing Radiation Measurements and Standards](#)

A nonprofit organization that provides national leadership, focus, action, and information dissemination across radiation-related disciplines on a wide range of ionizing radiation measurements and standards topics

### [Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists \(CSTE\)](#)

Professional association with members from every U.S. state and territory, Canada, and Great Britain who are responsible for the surveillance and epidemiology of infectious diseases, chronic diseases and conditions, and environmental health concerns.

### [Disaster Psychiatry Outreach](#)

Serves as a disaster mental health team providing on-site psychotherapeutic and psychopharmacologic services in coordination with government agencies and public, private, and charitable organizations involved in disaster relief.

### [Emergency Medical Services for Children](#)

A national initiative, supported by federal agencies and private foundations, designed to reduce child and youth disability and death due to severe illness and injury. Medical personnel, parents and volunteers, community groups and businesses, and national organizations and foundations all contribute to the effort.

### [Emergency Nurses Association \(ENA\)](#)

National Association for professional nurses dedicated to the advancement of emergency nursing practice. The ENA assists all nurses in emergency care settings and related fields in understanding the function, importance, and impact of the role of emergency nurses.

### [Facing Fear Together](#)

America's HealthTogether has pioneered a groundbreaking partnership among the nation's leading mental health and primary care organizations to respond to America's new exposure to homeland terrorism. Supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, this national initiative seeks to enhance primary care providers' awareness of mental health issues and strengthen their capacity to care for their patients' emotional and psychological needs.

### [Federation of American Scientists \(FAS\)](#)

Founding members were involved with the Manhattan Project, creators of the atom bomb, and are deeply concerned about the implications of its use for the future of humankind. Endorsed by the nearly 60 Nobel Laureates in biology, chemistry, economics, medicine, and physics as sponsors, FAS brings the scientific perspective to public policy.

### [Health Physics Society](#)

An international professional scientific organization dedicated to promoting the practice of radiation safety.

### [Infectious Diseases Society of America \(IDSA\)](#)

Represents physicians, scientists, and other health care professionals who specialize in infectious diseases. IDSA's purpose is to improve the health of individuals, communities, and society by promoting excellence in patient care, education, research, public health, and prevention relating to infectious diseases.

### [International Nursing Coalition for Mass Casualty Education \(INCMCE\)](#)

Coordinated by the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, the INCMCE was founded in response to recognition of the need for nurses to be more adequately prepared to respond to mass casualty events. The INCMCE is currently focusing in several areas: 1) increasing awareness of all nurses about mass casualty events; 2) leadership to the nursing profession for the development of knowledge and expertise related to mass casualty education; 3) dissemination of competencies for nurses at academic and continuing education levels; 4) establishment of a clearinghouse of information and Web links for professional development of nurses; and 5) input into policy development related to nursing practice, education and research at the governmental and institutional levels.

### [National Association of County and City Health Officials \(NACCHO\)](#)

NACCHO is engaged in several programs that collaborate with local, state, and federal partners to strengthen and improve local health agencies' capacity to respond to bioterrorism as well as communicable disease and environmental health threats.

### [National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians \(NAEMT\)](#)

National professional organization dedicated to receiving and representing the views and opinions of pre-hospital care personnel and to influencing the future advancement of emergency medical services as an allied health profession.

### [National Association of EMS Physicians \(NAEMSP\)](#)

Organization of physicians and other professionals partnering to provide leadership and foster excellence in out of hospital emergency medical services.

### [National Association of State EMS Directors \(NASEMSD\)](#)

Lead national organization for EMS, a respected voice for national EMS policy with comprehensive concern and commitment for the development of effective, integrated, community-based, universal, and consistent EMS system.

### [National Center on Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities](#)

Organization focused on ensuring that all individuals are included in the development of and inclusion in plans for protection from both natural and man-made emergencies. In many cases, emergency planning does not consider the communication, transportation, and medical needs of persons with disabilities, and other special populations.

### [National Center for PTSD](#)

The National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was created within the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1989, in response to a Congressional mandate to address the needs of veterans with military-related PTSD. Its mission was, and remains: to advance the clinical care and social welfare of America's veterans through research, education, and training in the science, diagnosis, and treatment of PTSD and stress-related disorders.

### [National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)

Funded by the Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, this network is designed to improve the quality, effectiveness, provision, and availability of therapeutic services delivered to all children and adolescents experiencing traumatic events. This network comprises 18 centers and represents a coalition of treatment centers nationwide.

### [National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurement \(NCRP\)](#)

An organization that seeks to formulate and widely disseminate information, guidance and recommendations on radiation protection and measurements that represent the consensus of leading scientific thinking.

### [National Disaster Education Coalition \(NDEC\)](#)

A coalition of federal government agencies and national not-for-profit organizations that work together to develop consistent educational information for the public about disaster preparedness, and to disseminate that information throughout their own organizations, their respective constituencies, and to the public at large. The goal of the NDEC is to develop, review, and disseminate information and advice on how the public should prepare and respond appropriately to natural and human-caused disasters. NDEC member agencies ensure that disaster safety messaging is appropriate, accurate, research-based, and crafted appropriately for the audience by using understandable, jargon-free language.

### [National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\)](#)

NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating scientifically based consensus codes and standards, research, training and education.

### [National Foundation for Infectious Diseases \(NFID\)](#)

National organization encouraging and sponsoring public and professional education in infectious diseases, as well as supporting research and training for the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases.

### [National Mental Health Association \(NMHA\)](#)

The United State's oldest and largest nonprofit organization addressing all aspects of mental health and mental illness. The NMHA works to improve the mental health of all Americans, especially those millions of individuals with mental disorders, through advocacy, education, research and service.

### [National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists](#)

Encourages and promotes the education and training of radiation protection technologists

### [National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster \(NVOAD\)](#)

National organization that coordinates planning efforts by many voluntary organizations responding to disaster. Member organizations provide more efficient service by getting together before disasters strike. Once disasters occur, NVOAD or an affiliated [state VOAD](#) encourages members and other voluntary agencies to convene on site. This cooperative effort is a more effective way for a wide variety of volunteers and organizations to work together in a crisis.

### [Nuclear Threat Initiative \(NTI\)](#)

NTI's mission is to strengthen global security by reducing the risk of use and preventing the spread of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons. NTI seeks to raise public awareness, serve as a catalyst for new thinking and take direct action to reduce these threats.

### [Partnership for Anthrax Vaccine Information](#)

Established by the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, this partnership includes organizations representing military and security personnel, law enforcement, first responders, consumer and patient groups, vaccine manufacturers, educational institutions, public health officials, and healthcare professionals. As part of its public education efforts, the partnership established a Web site to supply the latest and most comprehensive science-based information about anthrax and anthrax vaccination to consumers and professionals alike.

### [Physicians for Social Responsibility \(PSR\)](#)

Public policy organization, representing the medical and public health professions and concerned citizens, committed to the elimination of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, the achievement of a sustainable environment, and the reduction of violence and its causes.

### [Society of Critical Care Medicine \(SCCM\)](#)

National specialty society devoted exclusively to the advancement of multidisciplinary, multi-professional intensive care to ensure the highest quality care for all patients facing life-threatening conditions.

### [Society of Nuclear Medicine](#)

A scientific and professional organization that promotes the science, technology, and practical applications of nuclear medicine

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### Southwest/Rocky Mountain Region

[Colorado Water Resources Research Institute, Colorado State University](#)

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[Western Regional Climate Center \(Reno, Nevada\)](#)

### Central/South Central Region

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### **South/Southeast Region**

[International Hurricane Research Center, Florida International University](#)

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