

# North Central News

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## GIS Project Training

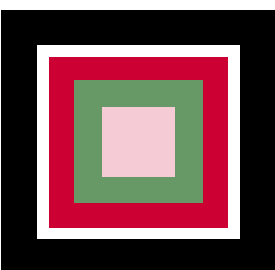
Geographic Information System (GIS) Coordinators from the North Central Region gathered in the Denver University

GIS Laboratory on 10-12 June to receive training on the North Central Region GIS database and repository. Frank Orr from CH2M Hill, the Region's supporting contractor, coordinated the training session for the NCR. The purpose of the training event was to orient GIS coordinators on the software ap-

plications associated with the project. Students were able to access the NCR GIS data repository and manipulate data layers to produce emergency management planning products. Students also learned how to update data layers and how to input effectively use the project's software backbone. Mark Stoakes from Safe Software, a CH2M Hill teaming partner, served as the primary instructor for the 2 ½ days of training.



Left: Participants at the GIS Training Course



## Large Vehicle Bomb Class a Hit

The Arapahoe County Sheriff sponsored the FBI endorsed Large Vehicle Bomb Investigation Course June 16-20, 2008 at Fort Carson. This course is the only one of its kind opportunity for the law enforcement and fire communities. The course's focus is on an actual post explosion investigation of a large vehicle bomb. The course in-

struction involves bomb technicians, crime scene investigation, crime scene management, emergency medical, fire protection, and arson investigation. The course was



open to all first responders in the region and state and 43 students attended this outstanding training. Although we hope the region never has to experience this kind of emergency, this training

Above and left: The results of vehicles used in the training course

provides our responders with the capabilities to safely and efficiently control this kind of incident.

## Key Dates

### Upcoming Board Meeting dates:

July 10, 2008

Aug 14, 2008

Sept 11, 2008

### CIP Conference:

Oct 28, 2008

### CERT Summer Games

Sept 13, 14, 2008

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Regional Website at

<http://www.nccolorado.org>

## Operation Mobile Command: Putting the MCCUs to the Test

Operation Mobile Command took place on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the South Metro Fire Rescue Headquarters. This exercise brought together the five regional mobile command and communication vehicles to test operational training and technological capabilities. Exercise injects were given in a drill-like fashion to allow operators the chance to

thoroughly test their vehicle's capabilities and troubleshoot any problems that might occur. One of the goals of the exercise was to expose any technical issues that needed addressing in order to make each of the trucks 100% functional in the field. After a long, hard day, players were able to accomplish a multitude of

tasks and spend some time working with their regional partners. The exercise design team would like to thank the following agencies for participating



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in the exercise: Denver Fire Department, Aurora Fire Department, City of Aurora Emergency Management, Greater Brighton Fire Protection District, Brighton Police Department, City of Brighton Office of Emergency Management, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Arapahoe County Office of Emergency Management, Greenwood Village Police Department, MetCom, and South Metro Fire Rescue. Also involved were local partners such as Thornton PD, Clear Creek



County OEM, Denver UASI, Boulder OEM, Aurora MMRS, Denver UASI, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and DU. Lastly, a big thank you goes to the Colorado Division of Emergency Management who served a supporting role by opening their EOC and communications center and provided IT support.

## Symposium for the Prevention of School Violence

The 2nd Annual Symposium for the Prevention of School Violence was held at the Denver Campus of Johnson & Wales University. The Symposium was another success, bringing law enforcement, parents, educators and school administrators together in a central location. The Symposium was kicked off by an address from Colorado Senator Tom

Wiens (R), Foundation President Joseph Gargan, Johnson & Wales University Denver Campus President Bette Matkowski and Denver City Councilwoman Marcia Johnson.

Symposium presenters included renowned behavioral psychologist John Nicoletti, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office; Nancy Reed,



MBA; Rick Phillips, MS Ed.; Susan Payne; Sam Adair; CPP; Deanna Erstad and Patrick Hobby.

The Foundation Board is presently working on compiling results from the

Symposium and they will be made available in the form of a white paper upon their completion. Please routinely check the website for updates at <http://www.preventingschoolviolence.org>

## Homeland Security Comprehensive Assessment Model Training

The first HLS-CAM training was conducted at Clear Creek High School on June 6-12, 2008. The attendees had a favorable opinion of the computer program and its ability to provide a quality vulnerability/risk assessment. The program may provide a vehi-

cle to provide an accurate but generic threat analysis from the State down to the local community suitable for a valid risk analysis on critical assets. The class was made of a good cross section of different disciplines, which will make an excellent vul-

nerability assessment team (Law Enforcement, Fire, Public Works, and Schools). It is Clear Creek Counties hope to use HLS-CAM with trained personnel to assess critical assets in the County. The next HLS-CAM class will be

held at the Arapahoe County Sheriff Office, 13101 Broncos Parkway, Centennial, CO, on July 22-24, 2008. Contact LaRiea Thompson, (303) 805-6131, if you are interested in attending this class.

## CERT: New Partnerships with DU and Hospital!

The North Central Region Citizen Corps (NCRCCC) has been very busy this summer offering a variety of CERT classes around the Region. For the first time, a

CERT class was offered in partnership with Denver University and taught to graduate students from the Graduate School for International Studies. The course was packed with students and many more showed interest in attending a future course offering.

Additionally, students and faculty from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center hosted a CERT course on their campus. Due

to the incredible interest, several more courses will likely be offered in the future.

The NCRCCC provided instructors and training materials to support these courses.

A huge thanks to Cassandra Stelter, Brandon Sternquist, Essi Ellis and Stu Pike for enabling these great partnerships!



Left: Two DU students with their CERT gear  
Above: DU Students at the Final CERT Exercise



## Medical Surge Seminar

On May 15, 2008 the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment hosted a Medical Surge Seminar in the North Central Region. The goal of the seminars is to begin the coordination of medical surge planning and partnerships throughout the state. Multiple disciplines were invited from throughout the North Central Region to attend the seminar including: local hospitals, outpatient clinics, physician's offices, emergency management, public health, EMS, MRC, and other healthcare partners.

The North Central Region's seminar lasted the entire workday and was well attended by the invited participants. During the seminar, participants were able to learn through detailed presentations about multiple medical surge related topics. Following each presenta-

tion, participants had the opportunity to ask the presenter (as well as any attending subject matter experts) questions that they may have had about the presented topic.

Participants were also provided with a jump-drive upon their check-in to the seminar which had loaded onto it all of the Medical Surge Seminar's presentations. Many of the PowerPoint presentations conducted during the seminar contained slides with helpful websites, links, and planning resources. By being provided the jump drive, participants have the opportunity to, at a later date, reference any important material or resources they may require for Alternate Care Site planning or other related medical surge topics. At the conclusion of the seminar's presentation segment, the North Central Region participants participated in an Alternate Care Facility Facilitated

Discussion. During this session, seminar participants were broken into groups by county affiliation. Each group was given approximately 45 minutes to sit together and discuss a set of questions geared toward Alternate Care Facility planning within their regions. Many participants found this discussion to be beneficial as it was a forum for multiple county partners to establish where they are in Alternate Care Facility Planning & for the county partners to establish what next steps are that need to be taken in order to continue Alternate Care Facility planning.

Over all, the North Central Region's Medical Surge Seminar was deemed a success. It is recognized that this seminar is just one small step toward a larger goal of medical surge planning within the North Central Region. Participants were provided with

*"When you drink the water, remember the spring."  
-Chinese Proverb*

multiple informative presentations and also had the opportunity to discuss medical surge planning efforts with their local county partners.

To date, 5 Medical Surge Seminars have taken place across the state of Colorado. A Grand Junction Seminar will be held in early July 2008, and another seminar is scheduled to take place in Cortez Colorado in late September 2008. If you have any questions about these Medical Surge Seminars or would like more information, please contact Diana Herrero - Planning Unit Supervisor & Pandemic Influenza Coordinator at CDPHE - at 303-692-2677.



## Website Launch

The North Central Region Website is officially up and running. This will prove to be a very valuable tool for all Regional members and partners. Meetings, exercises, and training

events will all be posted to the website.

Additionally, the website has a member access portion to enable documents and meetings to be posted for committee

members and other stakeholders. Please register to request access at <http://www.ncrcolorado.org>. If you have any questions, contact Christine Gallardo at 303.768.8734.

## Calendar of Standing Regional Meetings

Week of the Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	1300-1430 -- Special Needs	1000-1200 Evacuation Steering Committee 1300-1500 -- Incident Operations	1000-1130 -- CERT Sub-Committee 1200-1400 -- Citizen Corps 1400-1600 -- Ready Colorado	1400-1600 -- Recovery Committee	
2	1300-1500 GIS Project Committee	1300-1430 -- Training Committee 1430-1600 -- Credentialing Project Committee	1500-1700 -- Foothills RETAC	0930-1200 -- NCR Board Meeting	
3			0900-1100 -- Regional Communications Committee  1300-1500 -- Evacuation Sheltering Sub-Committee	1100-1300 -- Mile High RETAC	
4	0900-1100 Traffic Management Subcommittee	1300-1500 -- MMRS Steering Committee (Bi-monthly)  1330-1530-- Info Sharing	0900-1100 -- Regional Mass Fatalities Committee  1300-1430--EOC Committee (Bi-monthly)	0800-1000-- Regional EMS 0900-1100-- CIP Committee 1000-1230--Regional Hospital 1300-1500-- Medical Committee	0830-1000 -- Animal Emergencies Committee  1000-1130--Exercise Planning Committee

## Points of Contact for Standing Committees

Animal Health-  
Citizen Preparedness and Participation-  
Communications-  
Critical Infrastructure Protection-  
Emergency Operations Center-  
Exercise-  
Fatality Management-  
Incident Operations-  
Information Sharing-  
Medical-  
Planning-  
Public Information-  
Public Health-  
Recovery-  
Training-

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