



E-PLAN NEWS

May, 2005

When every second counts....

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Hello, E-Plan Users and friends,

Welcome to your May, 2005 Newsletter to update you on E-Plan events and news in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and around the country.



“E-Plan On-line Training” is just a few days away from “Beta” testing.

This exclusive web-based training module allows new E-Plan users to learn how to use E-Plan in a simple, step-by-step manner at their own pace.

Trainees must first apply for a User Account by providing personal contact information, identifying their organization, and agreeing to the Acceptable Use Policy of the E-Plan system. Completion of the User Account online grants the student immediate access to the training module and the demonstration section of the E-Plan system. After the trainee completes the training module and their account request is approved, they will be issued a User Name and Password for access to their area’s E-Plan database.

The training module provides a series of screen shots and explanatory text that demonstrates the various capabilities of the E-Plan system in parallel with the actual online Demo Site. The E-Plan system is easy to use so the training should take no more than 1- 2 hours and often less time than that.

A select group of First Responders will be asked to test this first version of E-Plan Online training in May to make sure it is ready for general use.



The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) will host its second annual Emergency Readiness Conference (ERC) on August 9 - 11, 2005 on the UTD campus in Richardson, Texas. This year’s conference plenary session’s themes will be **Interoperability of Information Systems and Preparedness**. The ERC 2005 sessions tracks and workshops will focus on:

- Interoperability in Emergency Management Information Management Systems
- Are School Officials Prepared for the Worst?
- All Hazards Approach to Disaster Medicine

For conference information, go to <http://som.utdallas.edu/erc2005/>



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS FAIL TO BREACH CHEMICAL FACILITIES ON EARTH DAY – APRIL 22, 2005

On Friday, April 15, 2005, the American Chemistry Council (ACC) notified member companies through its Security Network, Distribution Network and Communicators Network that environmental activists were expected to focus on chemical security in anticipation of Earth Day on Friday April 22 – a practice these groups had utilized in the past. ACC has received information that at least one organization would attempt to gain unauthorized access to chemical facilities, though no specific information relating to potential timing or location was available. As of Monday, April 25, 2005, there were no reports of successful security breaches at any major chemical plants in the U.S. Improved plant security and diligence by local law enforcement appears to have been effective in warding off such unauthorized access.

If you have any information of any attempted security breaches on chemical plants in your area, please share this information with local law enforcement agencies, including the FBI.

NEW E-PLAN FEATURES ARE COMING SOON...

- **The Simple Drawing tool** will be available in June 2005. Fire inspectors and individual companies can draw simple maps and floor plans of their facilities in E-Plan with a simple “click and drag icon” format. The drawing tool is undergoing beta testing in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- **Specific chemical search feature** will permit selected individuals to list all the facilities in their area that house a specific chemical. This will be a significant aid in planning fire and security event exercises. Access to this feature will be coordinated with state implementation officials. It should be available for beta testing in May 2005.

LOOK FOR E-PLAN AT THE ...

- **International Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conference** (www.IAFC.org), June 2-5, 2005 at the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, MD
- **IAFC Fire-Rescue International** (www.IAFC.org), August 11-13, 2005 in Denver, Colorado
- **Fire-Rescue International Southwestern Division Annual Conference**, October 15-18, 2005 in Metairie, Louisiana - Best Western Landmark Hotel (Tel: 504-888-9500)

E-PLAN TRAINING NEWS...

- ✓ **E-Plan Statistics** (as of April 30th, 2005):
 - Number of Facilities: **22,284**
 - Number of Unique Chemicals: **21,051**
 - Number of Registered Users: **801**

- ✓ **E-Plan Presentations:**
 - Wichita Falls, Texas April 21, 2005
 - Minnesota SERC, June 14, 2005 Brighton, Minneapolis
 - Wichita County, Texas LEPC July 21, 2005

- ✓ **E-Plan Training:**
 - Van Buren, AR – April 13, 2005
 - Pasadena, Texas -Tier 2 Submit assistance
 - Hickory, North Carolina, May 23-25, 2005
 - Weslaco, Texas, June 8, 2005
 - Louisiana: The first training sessions are planned for the Louisiana State Police Hazmat Unit and Baton Rouge Fire Department.



They're Back! Church Bulletin Bloopers:

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be What Is Hell? Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7PM there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

Low Self-esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7PM. Please use the back door. **(This is a good one)**

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours."



Threats & Protection

Current Threat Level

November 10, 2004 - The United States government has lowered the threat level for the financial services sector in New York City, Northern New Jersey and Washington, D.C. from "high" or Code Orange to "elevated" or Code Yellow. The country remains at an elevated risk, Code Yellow, for terrorist attack.

- New permanent protective measures are now in place throughout the financial services sector.
- Financial services sector has taken additional steps to strengthen emergency preparedness and response.

The United States Government will continue on a daily basis to monitor and analyze threat information and share that information, together with appropriate protective measures, with state, local and private sector authorities as well as the general public as part of the ongoing national effort to prevent terrorist attacks and protect the country.



Recommended Activities

All Americans should continue to be vigilant, take notice of their surroundings, and report suspicious items or activities to local authorities immediately. Everybody should establish an emergency preparedness kit as well as a communications plan for themselves and their family, and stay informed about what to do during an emergency situation.

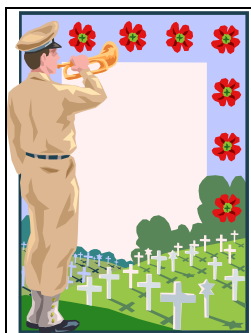
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