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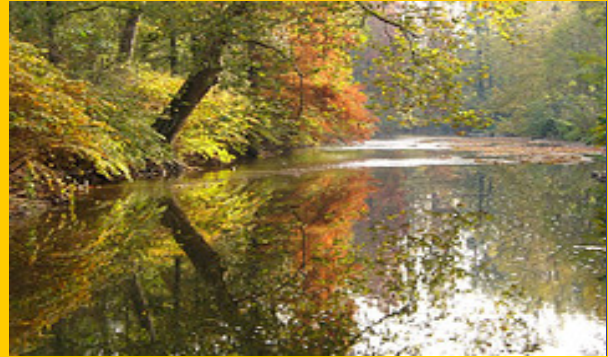
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E-Plan registered users: 1,763

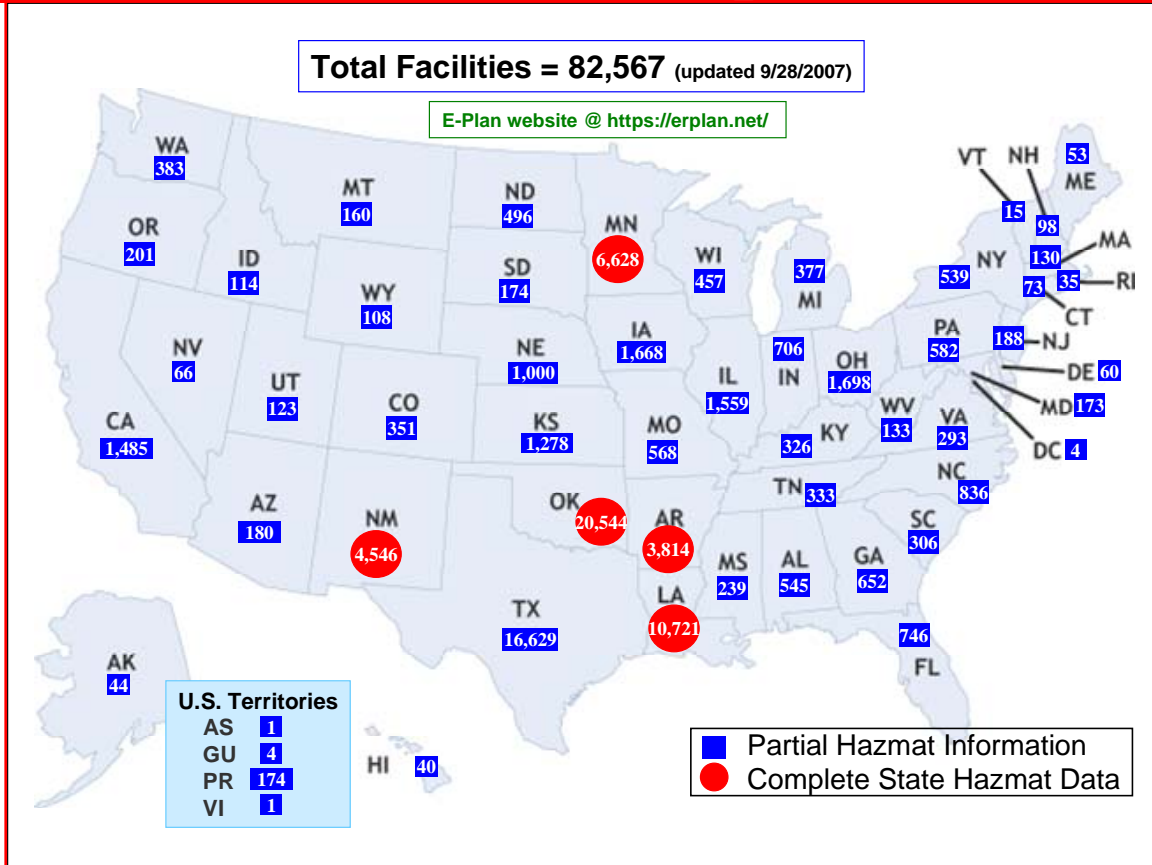
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> September 2007: 1,372

> January-September 2007: 11,046



E-Plan has nationwide coverage in all 50 States.



Did You Know?



You can order your **“Fire Prevention Week”** materials directly from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

You can launch your local campaign with **“Fire Prevention Week in a Box”** for your local open house or school presentations. To order **“Fire Prevention Week in a Box”**, contact NFPA at 1-800-344-3555 or <http://www.nfpa.org/catalog/>

Meth addiction on rise, according to law enforcement survey



Aug 24, 2007 - Local Government update of “American City and County” Magazine

More women, teens and minorities are succumbing to methamphetamine addiction, according to a survey of 500 law enforcement officials in 44 states by the Washington-based National Association of Counties (NACo). Eighty percent of responding counties said meth use had not decreased in the last year, and nearly half said meth remains their number one illegal drug problem.

Released in July, NACo’s survey, “The Methamphetamine Epidemic: The Changing Demographics of Methamphetamine,” assesses the effectiveness of new precursor laws, which restrict the sale of meth ingredients such as pseudoephedrine and ephedrine, and whether increased public awareness of the dangers of the drug had changed the ways meth is produced, acquired and used. Sixty-one percent of the counties in the survey had seen an increase in the number of women abusing meth, 49 percent recorded an increase in abuse among teens, and 36 reported an increase among minorities.

The survey also shows that, while abuse of the drug has not changed or increased in most of the counties, precursor laws have helped reduce the ability of meth manufacturers to “cook” the drug in 81 percent of the counties. “Despite the effectiveness of precursor laws, the appetite for this dangerous, family-shattering and costly drug continues to grow,” said NACo President and Oakland County, Mich., Commissioner Eric Coleman.

NACo wants Congress to pass three laws, the Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act, the Methamphetamine Production Prevention Act and the CLEAN-UP of Methamphetamine Act, to address the problem. More information is available at www.naco.org/

FIRE CHIEF Bestows 2007 Chief of the Year Honors

FIRE CHIEF magazine announced Chief Russell Tarver, Regional Fire Chief, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Japan, and Chief Michael D Varney, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Inc., Ellington, Connecticut, as the winners of the 12th annual Fire Chief of the Year awards. The awards were presented at the general session of the International Association of Fire Chiefs' Fire-Rescue International Conference and Exhibition in Atlanta.

Nominations were solicited from more than 60 emergency service-related associations and organizations. The winners were selected by Fire Chief magazine's editorial advisory board.

The 2007 Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year, Michael D. Varney of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, was nominated by the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs Volunteer & Combination Officers Section, and by previous Fire Chief of the Year Award winners.

Varney was elected fire chief of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department in 2000. He has served on the board of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association and in various capacities for the State of Connecticut Emergency Management & Homeland Security Coordinating Council. Varney serves on the IAFC Emergency Management Committee; as chair of the Credentialing Subcommittee; as representative to the NIMS Standards Technical Working Group; as chairman of the Statewide Public Safety Radio Interoperability Committee; and as adjunct instructor and program developer for hazardous materials, fire officer and other programs.

The 2007 Career Chief of the Year, Russell Tarver, Regional Fire Chief, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Japan, and was nominated by the Federal and Military Fire Service Section of the IAFC. Tarver first served in the U.S. Air Force and became an assistant fire chief, Operations at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. Under Tarver's leadership, since becoming regional deputy fire chief and regional fire chief in 2005, the Naval Forces Japan Region has consistently earned awards and commendations including 2005 and 2006 Department of Navy, Fire Department of the Year awards.

"We are extremely pleased to name Chief Varney and Chief Tarver as winners of our 2007 Fire Chief of the Year Awards," said Janet Wilmoth, editorial director of FIRE CHIEF magazine. "Each of these chiefs exemplifies the changing role of the fire and emergency services today. Both Chief Varney and Chief Tarver have raised the bar for commitment and dedication in the leadership role of fire chief."

The 2007 awards are sponsored by Pierce Manufacturing.

Profiles of both winners will be featured in the October issue of FIRE CHIEF.

E-Plan Outreach

E-PLAN INFORMATION SESSIONS SCHEDULED

- Florida SERC Conference in Tallahassee, FL – October 5, 2007
- Greensboro/Guilford County, North Carolina LEPC Conference – October 8 and 9, 2007
- Virginia Hazmat Conference in Hampton, VA – October 15–19, 2007
- Hotzone Conference in Houston, TX – October 18–21, 2007
- North Carolina EMA Fall Conference in Atlantic Beach, NC – October 28–31, 2007
- NASTPO Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV – November 6–8, 2007
- Oklahoma Metro Fire Chiefs Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK – November 8, 2007
- Clean Gulf Conference in Tampa, FL – November 15 and 16, 2007
- EPA Region III Hazmat Conference in Pittsburgh, PA – December 2–5, 2007
- Texas Homeland Security Conference in San Antonio, TX – December 3–7, 2007

E-Plan User's Group Conference Planned for April 22-23, 2008



We are planning the first ever E-Plan User's Group Conference for **April 22-23, 2008** at The University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson, Texas to get together, network and share best practices and develop ongoing strategies for the E-Plan program. We are letting you know early about this planned conference so that you can budget travel money for the Conference. Conference Registration fees will be about \$50 per person to cover the costs for breakfast, breaks, and lunch. Great hotels in the Richardson, Texas area (Renaissance, Radisson) are about \$85 per night.

We expect the conference to be about 1 1/2 days in length, so that you can travel home the afternoon of the second day.

- Tuesday, April 22, 2008: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (tentative)
- Wednesday, April 23, 2008: 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM (tentative)

Top-notch keynote speakers will be invited and included on the program.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- ◆ E-Plan Best Practices
- ◆ E-Plan Success Stories
- ◆ How are users utilizing E-Plan?
- ◆ Review E-Plan features
- ◆ Review how Tier2 Submit works
- ◆ What new E-Plan features are needed?
- ◆ Demonstration of E-Plan (for new users)
- ◆ E-Plan electronic Bulletin Board
- ◆ E-Plan issues/problems?



We are looking for speakers and session leaders for this conference!

If you have suggestions for the agenda, or would like to volunteer to lead a session, please contact us by using the “**Contact Us**” button on the E-Plan homepage at <http://erplan.net> or

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And now, for our monthly humor section

Travel Agent Humor

Travel agents receive a lot of queries from the travelers. But some of these queries can be very amusing. Some makes these agents bang their heads against the wall in frustration. Following are few such incidents reported by them.

A nice lady just called. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8 a.m. and got into Chicago at 8 a.m. I tried to explain that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she could not understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went very fast, and she bought that!

I got a call from a man who asked, "Is it possible to see England from Washington?" I said, "No." He said, "But they look so close on the map."

Another man called and asked if he could rent a car in Dallas. When I pulled up the reservation, I noticed he had a one-hour layover in Dallas. When I asked him why he wanted to rent a car, he said, "I heard Dallas was a big airport, and I need a car to drive between the gates to save time."

A woman called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know who luggage belongs to who?" I said, "No, why do you ask?" She replied, "Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said FAT, and I m overweight, is there any connection?" After putting her on hold for a minute while I looked into it (I was actually laughing), I came back and explained the city code for Fresno is FAT, and that the airline was just putting a destination tag on her luggage.

I just got off the phone with a man who asked, "How do I know which plane to get on?" I asked him what exactly he meant, which he replied, "I was told my flight number is 823, but none of these darn planes have numbers on them."

A businessman called and had a question about the documents he needed in order to fly to China. After a lengthy discussion about passports, I reminded him he needed a visa. "Oh no I don't, I've been to China many times and never had to have one of those." I double-checked and sure enough, his stay required a visa. When I told him this he said, "Look, I've been to China four times and every time they have accepted my American Express Card."

A woman called to make reservations; "I want to go from Chicago to Hippopotamus, New York." The agent was at a loss for words. Finally, the agent said, "Are you sure that s the name of the town?" "Yes, what flights do you have?" replied the customer. After some searching, the agent came back with, "I m sorry, ma am, I've looked up every airport code in the country and can t find a Hippopotamus anywhere." The customer retorted, "Oh don't be silly. Everyone knows where it is. Check your map!" The agent scoured a map of the state of New York and finally offered, "You don t mean Buffalo, do you?" "That's it! I knew it was a big animal!"

I had someone ask for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window.

A client called in inquiring about a package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?"

Forgot Your E-Plan User Account Password?



If you have an E-Plan account and have forgotten your password, please go to the E-Plan homepage at <http://erplan.net>

- Click on "Forgot your password? Retrieve Password"
- Enter your UserID and click on "Submit" button

We will send your current password to your e-mail address immediately.

Correct information is critical in hazmat response situations. The life you save may be your own.



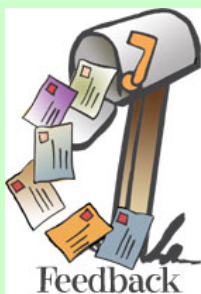
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Please check with your fellow responders and co-workers to make sure you are all receiving the E-Plan monthly newsletters. We have a number of "undeliverable" e-mail notifications each month. Maybe someone's e-mail address has changed, or their job title has changed. If you or your co-worker is **NOT** receiving the E-Plan Newsletter, please send us your name and e-mail address and we will put you on the E-Plan Newsletter mailing list. Please use the "Contact Us" button on the E-Plan homepage at <http://erplan.net> or contact us by e-mail: eplan@utdallas.edu.

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Remember our troops fighting for our security and freedom!

