

# Region III

## Regional 360°



July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

### REGIONAL NEWS

- FEMA Releases 2014-2018 Strategic Plan (BPW)

### Unaccompanied Children Articles

- Congressmen Visit Home Sheltering Child Immigrants (AP)
- Feds ship 500 children to Pennsylvania (DLY-ITEM)
- Should Minnesota House Immigrant Children From Central America? (BMTN)
- Some Of The Minors Crossing The U.S. Border Sent To Florida For Housing (NDN)
- Mikulski Set to Unveil Emergency Spending for Immigration Crisis (ROLL)
- Immigrant Children Find U.S. Support as Some Officials Oppose Help (BLOOM)

### Delaware News

- Rehoboth adds emergency alert system (DELMARVA)

### Maryland News

- None

### Pennsylvania News

- Shippensburg EMS Receives \$87K Grant (SHIPNC)
- County to Apply for Grant for Water Mile Markers (GANT)

### Virginia News

- Emergency-operations drill to be held at Sandusky Middle (NWS&ADV)

### Washington, DC News

- None

### West Virginia News

- Upshur County OEM Warning Residents About New Scam (WOWK-13)

### NATIONAL NEWS

- HUD Official Coordinated Hurricane Sandy Recovery Aid (WP)
- Fugate to Speak On Flood Insurance Today. (WVUE)
- Washington Wildfire “Largest Fire in State History.”
- FEMA Funding To Help Fight Utah Fire.
- Last Washington Mudslide Victim Recovered.
- Unaccompanied Children Sheltering Denied In California, Texas.

### CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS – Look Ahead

*(As of July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 – updated weekly)*

- **Congressional Hearings**
  - Hearing: HSGAC-EMDC – Efficiencies 07/24/2014
  - Nimmich Confirmation Hearing 07/24/2014
  - Senate Banking Committee Hearing on NFIP Claims and Appeals 07/30/2014
- **Congressional Briefings / Meetings**

Stan Mills, who is the citizen co-coordinator for Rehoboth Beach Neighborhood Watch, said the system will be a good adjunct. Currently, the watch sends emails about recent crime activity and crime prevention.

“The advantage of CodeRED is that its dedicated to emergency notifications needing immediate delivery and receipt,” he said.

Mills has already signed up for the system, and i took less than 30 seconds.

Lynn took the initiative to find and launch the system, Mills said.

Lynn said she wanted to implement the system because she used CodeRED previously when working for Provincetown, Massachusetts, and saw how helpful it was in getting the word out about emergencies.

“This is, I think, a better way to reach as many people as possible,” she said. “Even second home owners who are not necessarily here during the week.”

Right now the city isn’t using social media alerts, but the system leaves the possibility open, she said.

The company has been provided with an initial list of contacts for businesses and residents, but people are still encouraged to self-enroll through the city’s website, [www.cityofrehoboth.com](http://www.cityofrehoboth.com). Clicking on a banner on the site will direct a visitor to the enrollment page.

## **Maryland News**

**None**

## **Pennsylvania News**

### **Shippensburg EMS Receives \$87K Grant**

By Curtis Garland [Shippensburg \(PA\) News-Chronicle](#)

Shippensburg Area EMS (SAEMS) received an \$87,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Department of Homeland Security. The company plans to use the grant for Advanced Life Support (ALS) equipment, according to its director of operations, Shawn Hartsock.

The funds were awarded Friday through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program (AFG). The AFG has helped first responders obtain equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles and other resources necessary to protect the public and emergency personnel.

### **County to Apply for Grant for Water Mile Markers**

By Jessica Shirey [Gant Daily](#)

CLEARFIELD – Yesterday, the Clearfield County Commissioners approved applying for a \$5,000 mini-grant through the Susquehanna Greenway program for 95 water mile markers for the West Branch of the Susquehanna River.

Since January, the county’s Emergency Management Agency has been called out on five water rescues/searches. The searches involved approximately 20 people, including one fatality, along the river, said Lisa Kovalick, community development specialist.

According to her, Clearfield EMA called upon resources from all over the state during an eight-day water search in May. She said it involved multiple water, land and search rescue teams, the National Guard, the Pennsylvania State Police, fire departments, civil air patrol, R.J. Corman and other private resources. “It occurred in the eastern end of the West Branch, which is the most desolate area with little to no cell phone service,” said Kovalick. She pointed out that Shawville to Karthaus accounts for 63 water miles, and there are only three areas to get on the river.

“By land, search crews were faced with deep forest, steep banks and thick woods. While by water, the river is wide with rapids in the spring. The Moshannon Falls is noted as a caution area on the West Branch.”

The Susquehanna Greenway program has created a sign design guide for municipalities to improve marking water trails, she said. Kovalick noted that Clearfield County currently doesn't have any water mile markers to indicate to local enthusiasts or to tourists their location on the West Branch of the Susquehanna River.

She said that emergency personnel currently cannot communicate their exact location during a search and rescue effort. However, with the grant funding, she said the county EMA will purchase the materials to set water mile markers along the river from Karthaus to Cherry Tree.

According to her, Jerry Pollock, EMA deputy director, will be the coordinator of the grant. She said John Kaskan, GIS director, will assist in marking coordinates for the placement of the water markers and mapping them to upload into the County Control CAD system.

Kovalick also noted that so far, the Karthaus, Girard, Goshen and Curwensville fire departments and the Clearfield, Sandy Township and Curwensville swift water rescue teams have offered to volunteer man hours to install the water marker signs.

Next year Kovalick said a second grant phase will entail water trail orientation; bridge markings; access signs for land-based users; greenway orientation; and interpretive panels. She said the grant will focus solely on safety this year and on tourism and economic development next year.

## Virginia News

### Emergency-operations drill to be held at Sandusky Middle

By Steve Hardy The Sandusky neighborhood in Lynchburg might look like a disaster scene in a few weeks, but the city will just be running a drill for police, firefighters and paramedics.

The exercise is slated to happen Aug. 6 and 7 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Sandusky Middle School.

“During the drill, residents and motorists in the area may see emergency response vehicles and personnel moving around the Sandusky community. You may hear shouting, mock gunfire and vehicle sirens in the vicinity of the school building,” according to a city news release.

EMS Director Bill Aldrich has asked media not to share the specific nature of the drill so as not to tip off participants.

Residents in the neighborhood with questions can contact the city Watch Officer, William Perrow, at (434) 455-4289.

## Washington, DC News

None

## West Virginia News

### Upshur County OEM Warning Residents About New Scam

By Jeff Schrock [WOWK 13](#)

The Upshur County Office of Emergency Management is warning residents of a scam involving the use of its phone number.

OEM employees said that telemarketers are using its telephone number for sales calls regarding medical