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Resilience Report

Brief insights and the latest innovations in emergency management and health security.

Emergency Managers have to constantly think about multiple hazards threatening their communities simultaneously. As fire season begins and communities start to reopen more and more, safety and preparedness for natural and human generated hazards become key. This week on Resilience Report we tackle preventing violent extremism and terrorism through preparedness while also celebrating our current wins like children getting vaccinated and bike-friendly cities (CA, WA, OR made the list!).



India Hit By Cyclone.

Cyclone Tauktae [hit western India](#) earlier this week, as the country continues to see record numbers of daily deaths from COVID-19. Evacuation efforts were complicated by COVID precautions, and search and rescue teams are looking for dozens of missing people at sea.

The Cost of Climate Change.

A new study shows that the ["climate price tag"](#) of Superstorm Sandy was an estimated extra \$8 billion and an additional 71,000 people affected by severe flooding. While the study only looked at sea level rise, it highlights how harmful the effects of climate change can be.

More Kids Getting the Vax.

Eligibility for those able to receive the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. has recently expanded to include [children ages 12-15](#). So far, more than 600,000 of them have gotten their first dose, a welcome occurrence for many families.

Shortage of Hotshots.

Fire season is just getting underway in California and other western states, but the U.S.

Forest Service doesn't have enough [Hotshot crews](#), made up of the most experienced and elite firefighters in the country. The shortage is causing some concern ahead of what is anticipated to be a busy fire season.



Every week, we'll dedicate space for a hot topic that we think is especially important for emergency managers to read. As social distancing restrictions are lifted and more jurisdictions fully re-open, the risk of violence and acts of terror become a greater threat to communities (i.e., [anti-Asian hate crimes](#), [U.S. Capitol riots](#)). The recent [National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin](#) prompts us to review references that may have fallen off our radar, terrorism prevention and preparedness.

- New [strategic intelligence assessments](#) provide current knowledge on the greatest terrorism threats and data on recent domestic terrorism incidents.
- What can indicate someone may engage in violent acts? The [Homegrown Violent Extremist Mobilization Indicators](#) booklet lays out multiple categories of observable behaviors to recognize if someone is preparing to commit violent extremist activities.
- Businesses can take steps to prepare their employees and increase safety and security of their property and community including [Connect, Plan, Train, Report](#).
- Everyone can help keep their community safe. [If you see something, say something](#). There is even a national campaign to raise awareness and promote reporting of suspicious activities.

Recommendations From CONSTANT's In-House Experts

- **Preventing violent extremism is not solely a law enforcement responsibility.** Engage potentially “unconventional” partners (educational institutions, behavioral and public health, faith-based organizations, etc.) in terrorism prevention as they can be trusted figures in interactions with target populations.
- **Early intervention is key.** The least effective way to address a terrorist attack is responding once it's underway or after it's over. Effective intelligence collection and analysis is critical but must be balanced with privacy concerns and recognition of potential biases in the process for it to be most effective.
- **People often fear, feel threatened by, and immediately reject the unknown.** Strengthening understanding of the multitude of cultures in our communities can help slow or prevent the radicalization process. Employ counter-narrative approaches targeting specific misbeliefs and create a dialogue within the community surrounding cultural, religious, and social differences.

[Email](#) us talk to our staff with terrorism prevention and planning expertise to learn more!



Butterfly Season.

Butterfly watching can be a great nature activity, and can be done in parks and conservatories all over the country. [This article](#) has a bunch of good recommendations for places around the country to check them out. The apps eButterfly and iNaturalist can be good resources for budding lepidopterists.

National Bike Month.

Today, Friday, May 21, is Bike to Work Day, part of the National Bike Month. Check out this [article from 2019](#) to see if your hometown is on the list of the 10 most bike-friendly cities in the US. Still working from home? Find out if your local area has a bike share program to get outside and get pedaling!

UPS Gets A New Driver.

6-year old Mateo Toscano from California got to [live his dream](#) of being a UPS driver for a day. Not only did he have his own uniform and driver's license, but he even had his own truck! Many communities came out along his delivery route to cheer him on. Go Mateo!



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