

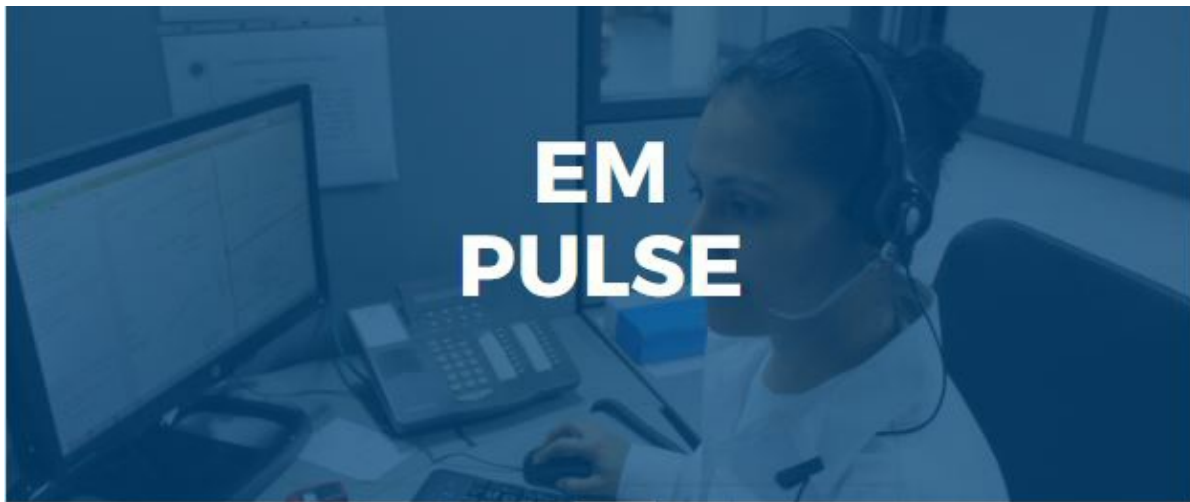


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Resilience Report

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

As we mark the start of November and look forward to some fun family gatherings, we take a look at a topic that is continuing to heat up - climate change. This week, the Resilience Report highlights the ongoing COP26 and points to what you can do to reduce your carbon footprint.



Smart911 Technology

[Suffolk County, NY](#) is implementing a [Smart911 system](#) from [Rave Mobile Safety](#) that provides first responders with background information from a free Safety Profile—like emergency contact information, medical history, and the number of people and pets on a property. The system hopes to aid victims of domestic violence and those with access and functional needs by providing first responders with valuable information during emergencies.

The Latest on COVID-19

The [CDC](#) recommended Pfizer's vaccine for children ages 5-11 on Tuesday, and [health experts](#) are urging parents to vaccinate their children soon. Meanwhile, disputes about vaccine mandates and the [Biden administration's January 4](#) deadline are complicated by [benefit denials](#) in cases of death from COVID-19.

Remembering the Camp Fire

Monday marks the third anniversary of the Camp Fire, and communities are honoring victims with commemorative [events](#). This anniversary reminds us of the [collective trauma](#) of climate change-related disasters. A [new study](#) from the National Academy of Sciences reveals that [climate change](#) is now the biggest threat to increased wildfire activity.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT: CLIMATE CHANGE

Every week, we'll dedicate space for a hot topic that we think is especially important for emergency managers to read. This issue, as the COP26 continues, we examine the potential impacts of climate change, including how emergency managers are involved and mitigation tips for individuals.

- On October 31, the [COP26 conference](#) (Conference of the Parties), kicked off in Glasgow, Scotland. The annual event has been held for nearly three decades and is the United Nations' premier climate change conference. This year, attendees from nearly every country pledged to curb [methane emissions](#), while the U.S. announced a corporate [initiative](#) intended to spur clean energy innovation.
- Even with the intense focus on climate change in recent years, people may not know the actual [costs of climate change](#). You might be surprised to learn that the amount spent on federal disaster assistance for climate change-related incidents since 2005 is in the *hundreds of billions*.
- In addition to the costs, climate change impacts communities and individuals in other ways, as extreme weather events [continue to increase](#). Meanwhile, [emergency managers](#) face increasing challenges as they deal with the challenges of snowballing disasters (no pun intended).

Climate Change and You

Climate change affects the entire planet on an epic scale, but there are still things you can do at a local or even individual level. Here are some things to consider, as well as lessons learned and action items from COP26.

Suggestion #1: Local leadership and an unexpected takeaway from COP26. The Environmental Defense Fund released a [report](#) that describes a new role that many state and local agencies are establishing to take action at their level – Chief Resilience Officer. And here are some [leadership lessons](#) from COP26 that apply to any situation.

Suggestion #2: Individual Steps. Climate change is a monumental global issue, so it may seem like individual actions have no impact. But there are [things you can do](#) to educate yourself and respond.

Suggestion #3: Sustainable Eating. One of the things individuals can do in the climate change arena is [eating sustainably](#) – choosing foods that are plant-based and healthful to the environment. [Here](#) are some ways to do that, along with a [30-day sustainable eating challenge](#) to kickstart your efforts.

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Enjoy Some Extra Sleep!

Don't forget to turn back your clocks an hour on Sunday (unless you're in Hawaii or Arizona). While some of us enjoy the additional rest, [health experts](#) argue that the consequences of daylight saving outweigh its value, and several additional states, including [California](#), have contemplated standard time year round.

Prepare for the Turkey (Yes, Already!)

Thanksgiving isn't here just yet, but that doesn't mean that you can't start thinking about the big meal. Here are 50 [side dishes](#) for you to try this year. And even though the main course is normally filling enough, here are some [appetizer](#) recipes to set the tone for your celebration.

Thank You Veterans

Veterans Day is this Thursday, and to recognize and honor their service, consider attending a commemorative [parade or event](#). To learn more about the history of Veterans Day, originally called Armistice Day, check out these [facts](#).



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