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Securing and Using Communication & Cyber Infrastructure in Emergencies

Portland, Maine, April 25, 2012 – Northcross Group (NCG) President Chris Bender presented at the 4th annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference held April 24 - 25 at the Augusta Civic Center in Augusta, Maine. NCG's presentation discussed practical tips on securing and using communication and cyber infrastructure in emergencies.

"When an emergency happens, it is the wrong time to think about how to respond or what to say," says Christopher Bender, President of Northcross Group. "Emergency plans need to account for people that use the cyber infrastructure, emergency processes and procedures that rely on this infrastructure, and human factors in emergency situation."

About 60 different emergency management workshops were presented in 6 tracks: Home & Family, Schools, Communities, Hazmat, Business, and Emergencies Management & Homeland Security. The topics ranged from Pet First Aid, Lightning Safety to Evacuation Planning, and Radiological Response. Two keynote speakers, New England Emergency Managers from the State of Vermont and the City of Springfield, Massachusetts shared their experiences when responding to unthinkable events last year: Response to Tropical Storm Irene causing massive flooding and hurricane impacts to the State of Vermont and The Great Springfield Tornado of 2011.

The Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference is a partnership among the State Emergency Response Commission, The Maine Emergency Management Agency, and Maine Association of Local Emergency Managers. For more information about the conference visit:
www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/conference/

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