

## **Crisis Management Council Links**

[American Red Cross](#) is a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its congressional charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement. It will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

[Association of Contingency Planners](#) (ACP) is a non-profit trade association dedicated to fostering continued professional growth and development in effective Contingency & Business Resumption Planning. Contingency planning is a required element for successful business and government agencies. Emergency managers and business continuity planners alike address mitigation, response and recovery planning issues. The purpose of ACP is to provide an environment for the exchange of experiences and information. This includes identification of common planning needs and potential recovery response solutions as well as networking opportunities through local and national alliances.

[Bureau of Diplomatic Security](#) is responsible for providing a safe and secure environment for the conduct of U.S. foreign policy. Part of the U.S. Department of State, every diplomatic mission in the world operates under a security program designed and maintained by Diplomatic Security. In the United States, Diplomatic Security investigates passport and visa fraud, conducts personnel security investigations, and protects the Secretary of State and high-ranking foreign dignitaries and officials visiting the United States. Diplomatic Security trains foreign civilian law enforcement officers in disciplines designed to reduce the threat and repercussions of terrorism throughout the world.

[Department of Homeland Security](#) (DHS) protects the Nation against terrorist attacks. DHS is dedicated to achieving this goal while allowing for the free flow of people, goods, and commerce across our borders and through our airports and seaports. Component agencies will analyze threats and intelligence, guard our borders and airports, protect our critical infrastructure, and coordinate the response of our Nation for future emergencies. DHS is also dedicated to protecting the rights of American citizens and enhancing public services, such as natural disaster assistance and citizenship services, by dedicating offices to these important missions.

[Disaster Recovery Information Exchange](#) (DRIE) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of Business Resumption Planning, Computer Recovery Planning, Crisis Management and other related disciplines as integral components of an effective business strategy. DRIE was founded in Toronto in 1985 by a small group of disaster recovery planners to exchange ideas and information about their organizations' recovery planning efforts. Initially, meetings dealt strictly with the recovery of Data Centres. The focus gradually shifted towards business recovery and continuity planning.

[Emergency E-Mail Network](#) has a mission to provide notification to citizens of local, regional, national and international emergencies utilizing the Internet and electronic mail (email) in a secure and expedient manner

[EPA National Homeland Security Research Center](#) (NHSRC) as part of the Office of Research and Development (ORD), manages, coordinates and supports a wide variety of homeland security research and technical assistance efforts. Research at the Center will focus on developing methods to clean up contaminated buildings (the Safe Building Program), protecting the Nation's

drinking water supply (the Water Protection Program), and improving risk assessment techniques (the Rapid Risk Assessment Program).

[Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) (FEMA) is a government agency whose mission is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration. On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

[FEMA Mapping and Analysis Center](#) (MAC) provides national level Geographic Information System (GIS) support and coordination to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This site is limited to presidential declared disasters and tropical storms/hurricanes that have projected landfall on the U.S. or a territory.

[Homeland Protection Institute](#) (HPI) is a nonprofit organization with a mission to serve the public interest by spurring the rapid development and deployment of needed research applications and to address critical related policy, information management and education and training issues, so as to enhance homeland security, liberty, prosperity and sustainability. HPI's principal focus is on multiple use research applications that detect, provide early warning, and enable the effective collection and management of appropriate information about chemical, biological, radiological, and other environmental hazards, threats, and events of high public concern.

[Homeland Security Department's Terrorism Preparedness](#) (READY.GOV) is a website designed to launch a process of learning about citizen preparedness. One of the primary mandates of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is to educate the public, on a continuing basis, about how to be prepared in case of a national emergency – including a possible terrorist attack. Throughout the pages of Ready.gov, there are important differences among potential terrorist threats that will impact the decisions you make and the actions you take. With a little planning and common sense, you can be better prepared for the unexpected.

[Homeland Security Industries Association](#) (HSIA) is a non-profit corporation established in August 2002. Its mission is to provide a mechanism for government and the private sector to coordinate on a wide range of homeland security issues.

[Homeland Security Institute](#) (HSI) is a Studies and Analysis Federally Funded Research and Development Center. The HSI delivers independent and objective analyses and advises in core areas important to its sponsor in support of policy development, decision-making, analysis of alternative approaches, and evaluation of new ideas on issues of significance. HSI is operated by Analytic Services Inc under a government contract. The primary mission of the HSI is to assist the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its Operating Elements in addressing important homeland security issues, particularly those requiring scientific, technical, and analytical expertise. The DHS Under Secretary for Science and Technology is responsible for managing the HSI.

[Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments](#) (COG) is a regional organization of Washington area local governments. COG is composed of 19 local governments surrounding the nation's capital, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures, the U.S. Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives. COG provides a focus for action and develops sound regional responses to such issues as the environment, affordable housing, economic development,

health and family concerns, human services, population growth, public safety, and transportation. COG's ongoing public safety efforts include law enforcement, fire protection and disaster and emergency preparedness.

[National Emergency Management Association](#) (NEMA) is a professional association of state, pacific and Caribbean insular state emergency management directors committed to: Providing national leadership and expertise in comprehensive emergency management; Serving as a vital information and assistance resource for state and territorial directors and their governors; and Forging strategic partnerships to advance continuous improvements in emergency management.

[National Governors Association](#) (NGA) is the collective voice of the nation's governors and one of Washington, D.C.'s, most respected public policy organizations. NGA provides governors and their senior staff members with services that range from representing states on Capitol Hill and before the Administration on key federal issues to developing policy reports on innovative state programs and hosting networking seminars for state government executive branch officials. Contains a Homeland Security and Technology Division.

[Office for Domestic Preparedness](#) (ODP) is the principal component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) responsible for preparing the United States for acts of terrorism. In carrying out its mission, ODP is responsible for providing training, funds for the purchase of equipment, support for the planning and execution of exercises, technical assistance and other support to assist states and local jurisdictions to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. ODP achieves its mission by providing grants to states and local jurisdictions, providing hands-on training through a number of residential training facilities and in-service training at the local level, funding and working with state and local jurisdictions to plan and execute exercises, and providing technical assistance on-site to state and local jurisdictions.

[Overseas Security Advisory Council](#) (OSAC) is a Federal Advisory Committee with a U.S. Government Charter to promote security cooperation between American business and private sector interests worldwide and the U.S. Department of State as well as other US Government Agencies. OSAC currently encompasses the 34-member core Council, an Executive Office, over 100 Country Councils, and more than 2,700 constituent member organizations, 600 associates and 5 US Government Agencies (US Agency for International Development, US Chamber of Commerce, US Department of Commerce, US Department of Treasury). The increase in terrorism over the last 25 years and the continuing threat against U.S. interests overseas has forced many American companies to seek advice and assistance from the U.S. Government, particularly the State Department. In 1985, a handful of chief executive officers from prominent American companies met with then Secretary of State George P. Shultz to promote cooperation between the American private sector worldwide and the U.S. Government on security issues. The subsequent establishment of the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) has developed into an enormously successful joint venture. Today over 2,700 U.S. companies, educational institutions, religious and non-governmental organizations are constituents of OSAC. The Council provides a forum for best practices and provides the tools needed to cope with today's ever-changing challenges and security-related issues abroad.

[Public Relations Society of America](#) (PRSA) is the world's largest organization for public relations professionals. With the vision to unify, strengthen and advance the profession of public relations, the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) has established itself as the pre-eminent organization that builds value, demand and global understanding for public relations. PRSA conducts research on subjects such as "Crisis Management" or "Internal Communications"

[Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada](#) (PSEPC) fulfills the fundamental role of government to secure the public's safety and security. PSEPC is dedicated to minimizing a continuum of risks to Canadians -- from risks to personal safety from crime or naturally occurring events such as severe blizzards, floods or forest fires, to threats to national security from terrorist activity. The Department provides policy leadership and delivers programs and services in the areas of national security and emergency management, policing, law enforcement and borders, and corrections and crime prevention. It also ensures policy cohesion among the six agencies that report to the Minister: the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP); the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS); Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA); Canada Firearms Centre (CFC); Correctional Service of Canada (CSC); and the National Parole Board (NPB).

[The Salvation Army](#) is an integral part of the Christian Church, although distinctive in government and practice. The Army's doctrine follows the mainstream of Christian belief and its articles of faith emphasize God's saving purposes. Its objectives are "the advancement of the Christian religion, of education, the relief of poverty, and other charitable objects beneficial to society or the community of mankind as a whole." From family tracing to disaster response, The Salvation Army offers a wide variety of services Worldwide. These include addiction dependency, health services, social work, emergency response, relief work, and community development.

[The Conference Board](#) creates and disseminates knowledge about management and the marketplace to help businesses strengthen their performance and better serve society. In order to assist members in dealing with workplace security challenges, including terrorist threats, The Conference Board has launched the Enterprise Security Web Forum. The Forum is a learning network for professional across industries, companies and disciplines, integrating strategies and practical knowledge, addressing security risks by expanding knowledge and skills, helping make companies more secure and better able to respond to crises. The Forum, which can be used as a resource and management tool, contains relevant Conference Board content as well as links to Web sites, information, and articles to help managers deal with corporate security and terrorism-related issues. The Conference Board also sponsors conferences on subjects such as Corporate Security, Business Continuity and Crisis Management.

[U.S. Air Force War College Gateway to Emergency Response](#) has a mission to identify and develop innovative ideas for research, leveraging of resources, and institutional changes needed to meet the challenges of homeland security, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and future conflict scenarios. This includes the matching up of research results (from any source) with ANG, USAF, and DoD issues and problems. We will seek to lead by example in the use of the best methods for teaching, conducting research, collaborating, and coordinating use of research results. This will include maximum use of technologies which minimize the time and travel needed to do the above tasks -- such as asynchronous online discussions, video teleconferencing, and telecommuting. Our goal is that every workday spent goes directly into product and results. Our vision is increased cooperation between all DoD organizations that teach and/or conduct research -- to the benefit of our overall war fighting and war-preventing capabilities.

[The White House Homeland Security Information](#) is a section of the White House website dealing with news and policies related to Homeland Security. Includes information on: New Tools to Fight Terrorism; Improving Intelligence; Improving Homeland Security; Supporting First Responders; Improving Aviation, Border and Port Security; Improving Defenses Against Chemical, Biological and Radiological Weapons; and, Helping the Victims of the 9/11 Attacks.

[Government Security Magazine](#) is targeted to all levels of government or the information they need to make informed decisions on products, systems and services needed to improve our nation's security. Covers issues such as critical infrastructure protection, homeland security, state/municipal security, border security, and cyber-threats from abroad.