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NEWSLETTER

SERVING 85 COMMUNITIES IN NORTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

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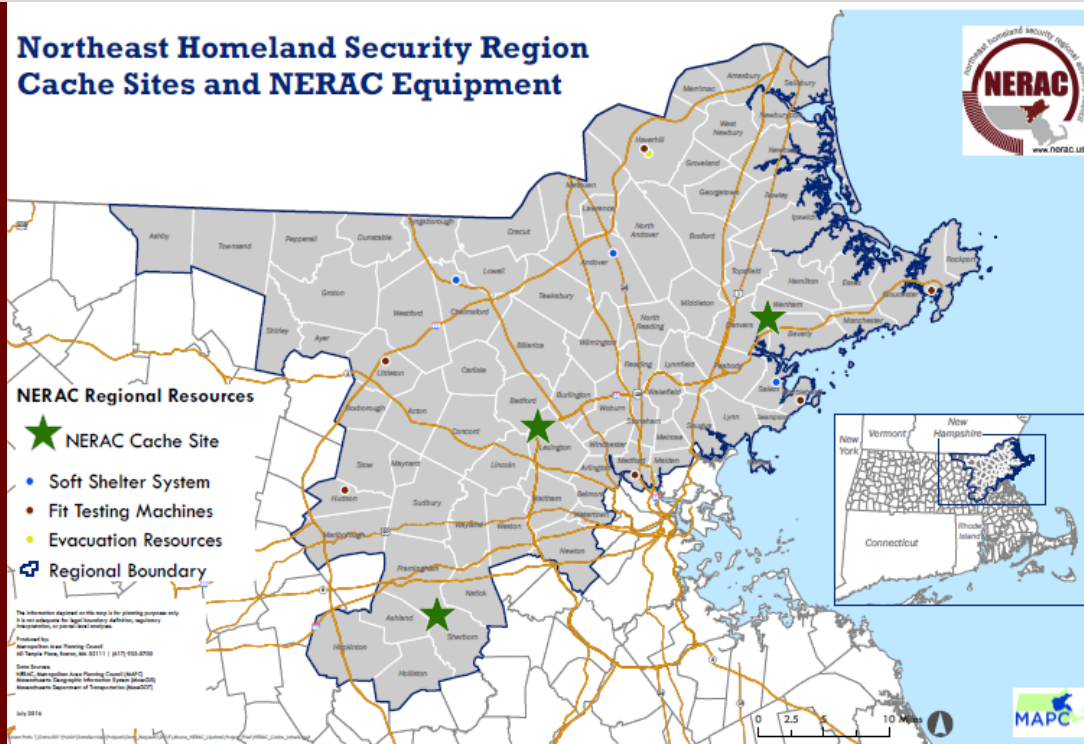
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Northeast Homeland Security Region Cache Sites and NERAC Equipment



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For more information on NERAC, please visit www.NERAC.us or contact one of NERAC's Program Managers, Austin Murray, at amurray@mapc.org, or Caroline Graham, at cgraham@mapc.org.

Council Member Updates

There have been several recent changes in membership on the NERAC Council. First, Chief Leo Sacco of the Medford Police Department retired from his position as Medford Police Chief and from his role as Council Chair. Chief Sacco provided 14 years of service to NERAC as a Law Enforcement discipline representative, and was Council Chair for 5 years. Chief Jason Gilliland of the Marblehead Fire Department replaced Chief Sacco as Council Chair, and Chief Roy Vasque of the Lawrence Police Department filled Chief Sacco's Law Enforcement Representative role. Administrator Joseph Costanzo of the MVRTA was voted Council Vice-Chair.

Chief Steve Carter of the Lincoln Fire Department stepped down from his role as Fire Services Representative. Chief Thomas Judge of the Concord Fire Department was selected as his replacement.

2019 National Homeland Security Conference

The 13th annual National Homeland Security Conference is taking place this year in Phoenix, Arizona from June 17th to June 20th. The Homeland Security Conference brings together homeland security professionals from around the nation to facilitate information sharing and offers sessions in topics covering law enforcement, fire rescue service, emergency management, counter-terrorism, and grant management. Registration is now open and can be found at www.nationalsecurity.org.

National Homeland Security Conference
June 17-20, 2019
Phoenix, AZ



Hemorrhage Control Program



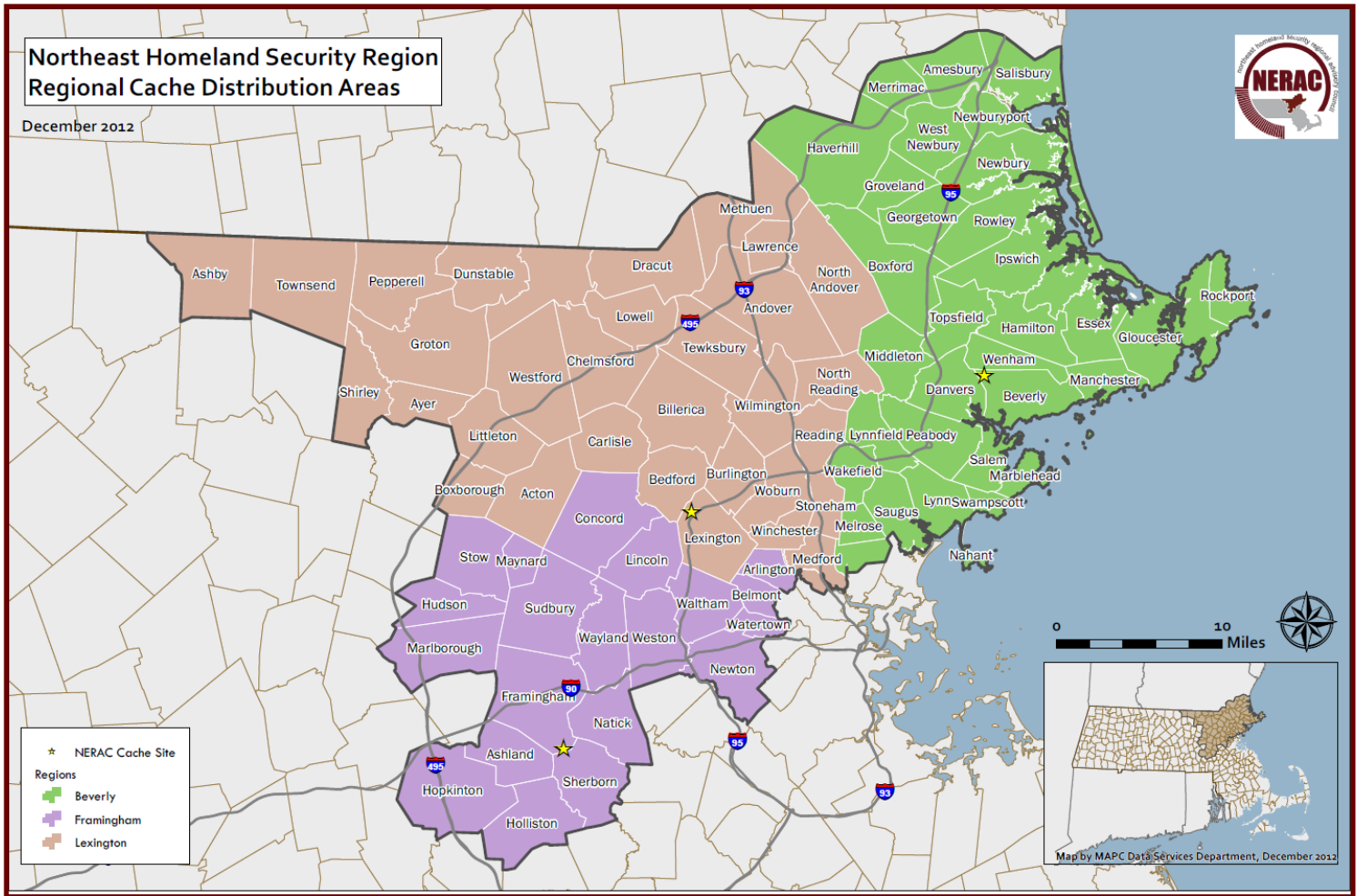
NERAC has invested in several projects and programs aimed to educate and train the public to take action in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. Easily taught hemorrhage control techniques such as tourniquet and pressure application can empower the general public to take action after an active threat assailant or terrorist attack and save lives.

NERAC held a **Stop the Bleed Train-the-Trainer** course in January 2019 to train police and fire personnel on how to instruct Stop the Bleed courses in their communities.

NERAC is also funding an initiative to provide each of the approximately 600 public schools in the Northeast Region with a bleeding control kit, each containing a tourniquet, gauze, and instructional booklet.

Moving forward, NERAC will offer several **"Until Help Arrives"** courses and Train-the-Trainer courses throughout the Cape Ann Region. This program educates the public on how to take action in the aftermath of trauma emergencies.

NERAC REGIONAL CACHE PROGRAM



NERAC has invested over \$4.4 million into its Regional Cache Program, which began in 2007. The Cache Sites located in Beverly, Lexington, and Framingham contain hundreds of items available for use by first responders from NERAC communities. More information regarding equipment found at the NERAC Cache Sites is at www.nerac.us.

Cache Equipment Spotlight : *Quantitative Fit Testing Machines*

NERAC recently invested in three PortaCount® 8048 Fit Testing machines that are housed at the three NERAC Cache Sites in Beverly, Lexington, and Framingham. These quantitative respirator fit testers enable first responders and emergency personnel to evaluate the security of the seal between a respirator's facepiece and the user's face, complying with OSHA workplace safety standards regulations.

These Fit Testing machines can be utilized on all types of respirators, including SCBAs and disposable N95 masks, and are available to rent for all NERAC communities for \$15.00 per day.



NEMLEC Command Vehicle



Together with the Northeast Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC), NERAC funded the purchase of a new Command Vehicle. NEMLEC provides member police departments across the Northeast region with specialized law enforcement services during a response to a large or emergency event. The new command vehicle provides NEMLEC with a central, unified location to operate out of during such an event. The vehicle serves as a mobile command and coordination center designed to support incident command, inter-agency coordination, event management, communications, and other responsibilities relating to public safety.

Ambubus Upgrade



Ambubuses are used to supplement ambulance resources during mass casualty events when the supply of ambulances is inadequate to meet the needs of patients. Ambubuses can also be used to evacuate hospitals or nursing homes that have non-mobile patients who are confined to a wheelchair or hospital bed. NERAC's Ambubus was a 1996-model transit bus that was in need of replacement or upgrade. In order to prevent this resource from being taken out of service, NERAC funded an upgrade to keep it available to the region. To upgrade the vehicle, NERAC took the Ambubus kit, which included the stretchers, frame, and oxygen system, out of the 1996 vehicle and installed it into a 2004-model transit bus belonging to the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA). This upgrade ensures that a deployable Ambubus will be available to all NERAC communities in times of emergency.

To access this resource call the Northeast EMS Regional III CMED Center at (978) 946-8130.

Upcoming Training Opportunities



Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts (LEPDTA) Train-the-Trainer

When: May 21st –22nd, 2019

Where: Westford Fire Department (65 Boston Road, Westford, MA)

What: Through the use of simulated video scenarios, law enforcement officers will learn how to recognize signs of an impending terrorist attack, tactics to prevent and deter terrorism, and how to properly identify common characteristics associated with altered identity documents.

Continuously Available Trainings

NERAC has sponsored several Train-the-Trainer courses and can connect municipalities with certified trainers who are available to lead the following courses:

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)

- Developed by the ALERRT Center at Texas State University, CRASE is a classroom-based, lecture-style training for students, businesses, and community members on what to do during an active shooter event.
- NERAC will provide the trainer(s) at no expense to the host community.

Stop-the-Bleed

- A one-hour course on proper bleeding control techniques, including tourniquet application and other manual methods of controlling hemorrhages. The class combines discussion with hands-on, practical demonstrations.
- NERAC will provide training tourniquets, mannequins, gauze, and other equipment for deliveries of the Stop-the-Bleed course at no expense to the host community.



Contact the NERAC Program Managers for more information:

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NERAC MEETING SCHEDULE

NERAC Full Council

Date: 2nd Thursday of Every Month

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Location: Burlington Town Hall Main Hearing Room

Training and Exercise Committee

Date: 2nd Thursday of Every Month

Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Location: Burlington Town Hall Main Hearing Room

Communications Interoperability Committee

Date: 2nd Tuesday of Every Month

Time: 9:30am-12:00pm

Location: Essex County RECC (Middleton)

Regional Cache Committee

Date: June 12th

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Location: Burlington Grand View Farm

All agendas and open meeting notices for NERAC meetings are posted at www.nerac.us.

Follow the official NERAC Facebook and Twitter accounts for up-to-date information on trainings, exercises, and resources.



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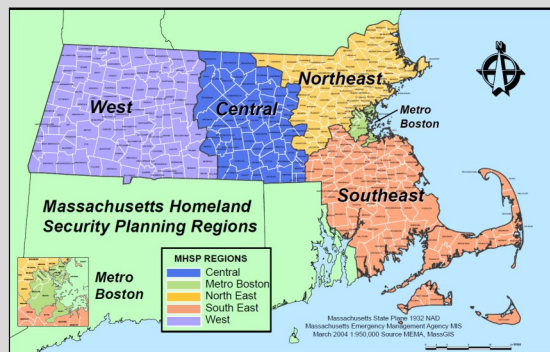


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MASSACHUSETTS HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM

In 2004, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) designated 5 Homeland Security Planning Regions. EOPSS appointed multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional Advisory Councils for the Northeast, Southeast, Central, and Western regions. These groups represent all relevant public safety disciplines, including law enforcement, fire service, emergency management, public health, hospitals, emergency medical services, public works, transportation, corrections, communications, and local government.



The Advisory Councils serve as the policy making and administrative bodies for the Homeland Security Regions as defined by the Massachusetts Homeland Security Strategy developed by EOPSS. The regions receive funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through EOPSS.

MAPC acts as the fiduciary for the Northeast, Southeast, Central and Western Homeland Security Councils, and also provides planning, facilitation, administrative support, and project management services to these regions.

NERAC Smartphone App

NERAC has developed a smartphone/mobile device application available for use by all public safety stakeholders and first responders designed to put critical information about NERAC in your hand when it is needed most. The app consists of the following three plans:

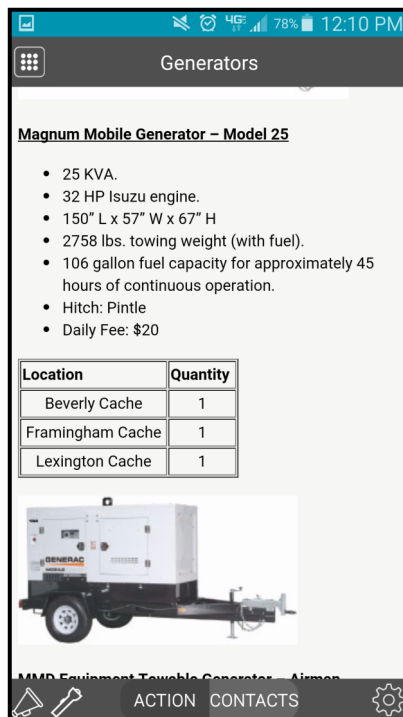
About NERAC

This plan contains general information about the NERAC region, the Council, the Council's projects and initiatives, and important contact information. It should be downloaded by anyone who has an interest in the Council's activities or a desire to become involved in the Council's work.



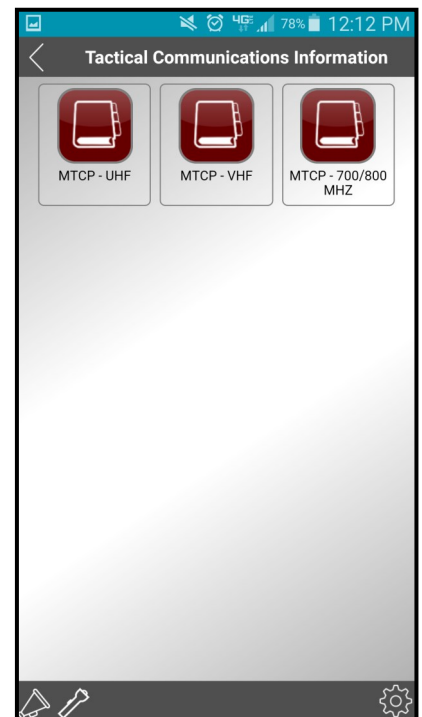
NERAC Regional Resources

This plan contains specific info on NERAC funded equipment that is available to communities in the region, including quantities, model numbers, capabilities, and contact numbers for access. It is designed for use by anyone who may be in a position to make a resource request on behalf of a municipality/agency.



Tactical Comm Info

This plan contains information on the Massachusetts Tactical Channel Plan (MTCP) for UHF, VHF, and 800 MHZ radio systems. It should be used by anyone who may be programming radios or repeaters for local or regional interoperability activities.



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