



Media Advisory

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Public Safety and the Power of Geospatial Technology 140 Emergency Responders Convene to Advance Use of GIS & Information Sharing

WASHINGTON – From November 3-4, 2011, over 140 emergency responders from across the East Coast Region will convene in Washington, DC. The public safety and homeland security community is convening around the National Alliance for Public Safety GIS Foundation's (NAPSG) East Coast Public Safety GIS Summit, where they will address information & data sharing, regional collaboration for geospatial preparedness, and GIS use to enhance resiliency throughout the region. It is the premiere regional event for education, training, and networking to advanced geospatial technology use & information sharing by the public safety and homeland security community.

The first day of the event features opening ceremonies by the DC Fire Department's Honor Guard, a Keynote Address by Federal Emergency Management Agency's Deputy Administrator Richard Serino, and multiple of hands-on training sessions delivered by local public safety & GIS leaders. The second day of the event is opened-up by a Keynote Panel Session featuring senior officials from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, and the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration. The afternoon of the second day includes additional presentations highlighting local, state, and regional best practices in GIS for emergency responder life safety, all-hazards information sharing, and search & rescue operations.

What: NAPSG's East Coast Public Safety GIS Summit
Who: National Alliance for Public Safety GIS Foundation; University of the District of Columbia's Institute for Public Safety & Justice; homeland security & public safety leaders; and GIS & IT practitioners, from across the East Coast
When: Thursday, November 3 through Friday, November 4 – 8:00am-5:00pm
Where: University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, DC 20008

Media are welcome to attend this event but are asked to register before by sending an email with name, media outlet, and contact information to rharned@publicsafetygis.org , or by calling 202-895-1711.

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