

**12/21/12 – Colorado Federal Executive Board (CFEB)
ALL EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS – PLEASE DISTRIBUTE**

**THE WHITE HOUSE
NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION SHARING**

The National Strategy for Information Sharing and Safeguarding (Strategy) aims to strike the proper balance between sharing information with those who need it to keep our country safe and safeguarding it from those who would do us harm. While these two priorities—sharing and safeguarding—are often seen as mutually exclusive, in reality they are mutually reinforcing. This Strategy, therefore, emphasizes how strengthening the protection of classified and sensitive information can help to build confidence and trust so that such information can be shared with authorized users. Read more at:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012sharingstrategy_1.pdf

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & SCHOOLS AFTER CONNECTICUT TRAGEDY

Following the [shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut](#), the Department of Education has provided a number of [resources to help parents in the wake of traumatic events](#), as well as a host of resources to help schools prepare for and recover from crisis.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2012/12/17/resources-parents-and-schools-after-connecticut-tragedy>

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2012/12/14/president-obama-speaks-shooting-connecticut>

<http://www.ed.gov/blog/2012/12/resources-for-parents-following-traumatic-events/>

CAST YOUR VOTE for 2012 SAVE AWARD

The White House has announced the four finalists for the 2012 SAVE Award. Keeping with tradition, the winner will present his or her idea to the President in the Oval Office, and other proposals will be directed to agencies for potential action or inclusion in the President's Budget.

Cast your vote through the White House website at <http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/Save-Award>

SERVICE TO AMERICA MEDALS

Nomination Deadline January 2, 2013

If you know an outstanding federal employee who inspires you and whose story will inspire the nation—nominate them for a Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal. Award categories include:

- ◆ Call to Service
- ◆ Management Excellence
- ◆ Career Achievement
- ◆ National Security and International Affairs
- ◆ Citizen Services
- ◆ Science and Environment
- ◆ Homeland Security and Law Enforcement

<http://servicetoamericamedals.org/SAM/index.shtml>

NATIONAL PREVENTION STRATEGY

2013 Webinar Series - Improving the Health of Communities
Sponsored by the HHS Region VIII Federal Partners Workgroup

Seventeen federal departments make up the National Prevention Council, a group who are all committed to outlining how federal, state, local, tribal governments, businesses, health care systems, learning institutions, communities and individuals all play a part in prevention. The Council has recently released the National Prevention Action Plan which outlines how these departments are implementing prevention efforts, in line with their respective missions, to improve the health of the nation.

CONTACT Cherri Pruitt | 303-844-7872 | cherri.pruitt@hrsa.hhs.gov
<http://www.colorado.feb.gov/index.php?content=82&page=NationalPreventionStrategy>

LITERACY MATTERS BOOK DRIVE

Now through January 18, 2013

In conjunction with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and in response to Lt. Governor Garcia's Colorado Reads – the Early Literacy Matters Initiative, AmeriCorps programs across the state are collecting children's books from birth to 10 years. Federal agencies can hold their own book drives and the books will be collected the week beginning 18 January 2013.

CONTACT CO@CNS.gov | 303 390 2210

CIVICS 101

January 16, 2013 | 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Denver Federal Center | Bldg 25 Lecture Hall | Registration Not Required

Sponsored by the Federally Employed Women, Denver Federal Center Chapter

Session will feature a primer on: Powers of the federal government; Powers of the states; Three branches of Government; How Congress makes Laws; How to contact your Legislators

CONTACT Pauline Gibson | 303 915 5255 | pmgibsonfew@comcast.net

MILITARY & VETERAN EMPLOYMENT EXPO

January 16-17, 2013 | 8:00 am – 4:00 pm | Classes for active duty, reservist, veterans, & spouses

January 18, 2013 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm | Exposition

LeaderQuest Building | 6825 S Galena | Centennial CO 80112

CONTACT Jason Shireman | 720 289 1391 | Jason.shireman@va.gov

<http://www.mvee.org/>

FEMA VIRTUAL TABLETOP EXERCISE SERIES (VTTX)

January 23, 2013 V-0005 Scenario Tornado (NORAD USNORTHCOM)

February 20, 2013 V-0006 Scenario Wildland Fire

March 13, 2013 V-0007 Scenario Flood (Prep for April thaw and storms)

April 24, 2013 V-0008 Scenario Rail Hazardous Materials Incident (Non-seasonal)

May 15, 2013 V-0009 Scenario Hurricane (Prep for upcoming hurricane season)

June 26, 2013 V-0010 Scenario Mass Casualty (Prep for upcoming vacation season)

July 10, 2013 V-0011 Scenario Fixed Hazardous Materials Incident (Non-seasonal)

August 21, 2013 V-0012 Scenario CBRNE – Biological (Anniversary of 9/11, plus new ideas and methods of attack)

Participation Requirements:

The VTTX will be limited to 10 locations per exercise. Participants must have an appropriate site equipped with VTC capability that can access the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) VTC site (connection information will be provided by EMI). Participating locations will be responsible for local exercise logistics, and should designate an exercise coordinator to implement the logistical requirements for the exercise. In addition, the location must provide a person capable of facilitating the on-site portion of exercise. Electronic copies of the related exercise materials (Exercise and Coordination Facilitation Guide, Situation Manual, agenda, etc.) will be provided in advance by EMI.

Locations interested in participating in the VTTX series should submit an email request to participate in the exercise to Todd Wheeler or Al Fluman. When applying, please provide a central point of contact from your organization to work all issues. Each location will receive a notice from EMI and will be provided with relevant logistical information and exercise materials to set up and facilitate the exercise locally.

Todd Wheeler | 301 447 1101 | Todd.Wheeler@fema.dhs.gov
Al Fluman | 301 447 1299 | Al.Fluman@fema.dhs.gov

WORKING IN INDIAN COUNTRY: *Building Successful Business Relationships & Consultation Protocols with American Indian Tribes*

January 22 - 23, 2013

Hampton Inn Denver West | Lakewood CO

TRAINER Larry Keown, author, educator

FEE \$295.00 includes Larry's book ***Working In Indian Country***

REGISTER <http://www.workinginindiancountry.com/registration-and-scheduling>

CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS

February 4-7, 2013 | OPM WMDC | Aurora CO

Tuition \$3,295 - \$3,750

REGISTER ONLINE

<https://leadership.opm.gov/Programs/Skill-Immersion/CSR/1458/Register.aspx>

CONTACT register@opm.gov | 304 870 8008 press zero

FLRA TRAINING (FREE)

Advanced Statutory Training | February 6-7, 2013 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

LOCATION | HUD | 1670 Broadway 20th Floor Conference Room | Denver CO

FLRA Denver Region is offering classes on Management, Employee, and Union rights and obligations under the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute, 5 U.S.C., Chapter 71, covering FLRA procedures and Unfair Labor Practices with a focus on how to avoid them.

REGISTER ONLINE | http://www.flra.gov/webfm_send/652

CONTACTS | Ernestyne Benford | 303 844 5224 x1010

Matthew Jarvinen | 303 844 5224 x1022

EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP

March 5-8, 2013 | OPM WMDC | Aurora CO

Tuition \$2,950

CONTACT Joe Schumacher | 303 671 1046 | joseph.schumacher@opm.gov

<https://www.leadership.opm.gov/Programs/Skill-Immersion/TEL/Index.aspx>

HEALTH EDUCATION WEBINARS (Free)

presented by Kaiser Permanente

TOPICS | Diabetes | Cholesterol | Acupuncture | Sleep | Weight Loss | Quit Smoking

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ONLINE REGISTRATION

<https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=20123011E%20>

BONFILS BLOOD DRIVE

2nd Thursday of each month | 8:00 am - 1:30 pm
Denver Federal Center | Bldg 67 | Rio Grande Room
SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT | www.bonfils.org (site code is 2015) | 303 363 2300
CONTACT | Betty Palcsak | 303 236-6905 | bpalcsak@usgs.gov

VAN/CARPOOL RIDERS NEEDED

Most federal employees are eligible for a \$125 a month transit subsidy, which covers most of the costs involved. DRCOG's RideArrangers program has a Guaranteed Ride Home program in the event you need to leave early/late, they will pay for your ride home.

For more information on carpool and vanpool programs contact DRCOG RideArrangers
<http://www3.drcog.org/RideArrangers/> | 303 458 7665

Vanpools needing riders are listed on the CFEB web site
<https://www.colorado.feb.gov/index.php?content=78&page=VanPools>

If you would like the CFEB to add your van or carpool to the web site, email the information to
gpage@colorado.feb.gov

Broomfield/Westminster to DOE Golden Field Office

Colfax and Cole Blvd (near Colorado Mills Mall)
ROUTE Broomfield to Westminster Park and Ride (US36/Sheridan & 88th)
DUTY HOURS Approx. 7:45-5:15 M-TH, 7:45-4:15 every other Fri.
CONTACT Angela Sigala | angela.sigala@go.doe.gov | 720 356 1779

HOLIDAY FOOD AND DRINK SAFETY TIPS

Holiday buffets are convenient ways to entertain a crowd, but leaving food out for long periods of time can invite bacteria that cause foodborne illness. To keep your holiday foods safe:

- ◆ Cook them thoroughly.
- ◆ Use shallow containers.
- ◆ Don't leave them out for more than two hours.
- ◆ Keep them at the appropriate temperature (hot foods at 140 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer, and cold foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or colder)

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/fact_sheets/Focus_On_Holiday_or_Party_Buffets/index.asp

Impaired driving claims thousands of lives every year, or approximately one death every 48 minutes. If your Holiday gatherings involve alcohol, make plans so that you don't have to drive after drinking. Please be mindful:

- ◆ Prior to any drinking, designate a non-drinking driver when with a group.
- ◆ Don't let your family or friends drive impaired. Take their keys away if necessary.
- ◆ If you have been drinking, get a ride home or call a taxi.
- ◆ If you're hosting a party where alcohol will be served, remind your guests to plan ahead and designate their sober driver; offer alcohol-free beverages; and make sure all guests leave with a sober driver.
- ◆ Stay safe as you gather with family and friends this holiday season.

HOLIDAY AIRLINE TRAVEL

You can get through the airport security line faster by traveling with unwrapped gifts and following the "3-1-1 rule" when carrying on liquids. You may have favorite liquid food items (like cranberry sauce or special dips) that you want to share during the holidays, but it's best to put such items in your checked bag or ship them ahead of time.

If you need last-minute information about what you can and can't bring through security, use the MyTSA app or mobile website (<http://apps.usa.gov/tsa-app.shtml>).

<http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/how-get-through-line-faster>

LIGHTEN UP!

It's the Thought that Counts 😊

A young man gave his Father a beautifully wrapped Christmas present. The Father was concerned because his son was in college and barely scraping by. He slowly opened the gift and found two AA Batteries attached to a note that said, "Gift Not Included".

JOB VACANCIES

DHS FEMA Region 8

Voluntary Agency Liaison | GS-0301-12/13

MG-2013-01726-KCD-811586DEU | <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/334101200>

MG-2013-01726-KCD-811781MP | <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/334100100>

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATIONS OF JOB VACANCIES

USDA Forest Service | Golden, CO

Supervisory Grants Management Specialist, GS 1109-14

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/333750100>

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/333750500>

Support Services Specialist | GS 342-6/7

CONTACT Robert Lee | 303 275 5002 | Rlee01@fs.fed.us

USDA Forest Service | Glenwood Springs, CO

Deputy Forest Supervisor | GS 340-13/14

CONTACT Colette Simons | 970 945 3261 | csimons@fs.fed.us

Program Specialist | GS 301-12

CONTACT Cal Wettstein | 970 945 3242 | cgwettstein@fs.fed.us

Engineering Equipment Operator | WG-5716-10

CONTACT Jim McBreen | 970 945 3251 | jmcbreen@fs.fed.us

Supervisory Civil Engineer | GS-0810-13

CONTACT Colette Simons | 970 945 3261 | csimons@fs.fed.us

USDA Forest Service | Pueblo, CO

Fire Logistics Dispatcher | GS-2151-5/6

CONTACT Cindy French | 719 553 1615 | clfrench@fs.fed.us

USDA Forest Service | Buffalo, Wyoming

Rangeland Management Specialist | GS-454-5/7/9

CONTACT Scott Gall | 307 684 4626 | sgall@fs.fed.us

USDA Forest Service | Laramie, Wyoming

Office Automation Clerk | GS-326-4

CONTACT Judith Cuthbertson | 307 745 2457 | jmcuthbertson@fs.fed.us

Click the below link to apply and select Laramie, WY as the preferred duty station

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/329825400#MoreLocations>

USDA Forest Service | Monte Vista, CO

Forest Geologist | GS-1350-11/12

CONTACT Tina Ghormley | 719 852 6249 | tghormley@fs.fed.us

USDA Forest Service | Bayfield, CO

Supervisory Fire Engine Operator | GS-0462-6/7

CONTACT Matthew Janowiak | 970 884 1438 | mjanowiak@fs.fed.us

Range Technician | GS-0455-6/7

CONTACT Mary Jones | 970 884 1416 | maryjones@fs.fed.us

USDA Forest Service | Woodland Park, CO

Supervisory Forestry Technician | GS-0462-6/7

CONTACT Jeremy Kiesling | 719 477 4218 | jkiesling@fs.fed.us

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/329454800> for merit promotion and

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/329454800> for all other applicants | Select

Woodland Park, CO as the preferred location.

USDA Forest Service | Pagosa Springs, CO

Forestry Technician | GS-462-8/9

CONTACT Steve Hentschel | 970 264 1536 | shentschel@fs.fed.us

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/329594800>

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/329594800>

Select Pagosa Springs, CO as the preferred location

USDA Forest Service | Pathways Program Student Employment

Law Enforcement and Investigations | GS-3 to GS-4

CONTACT Commander Willis | 912 267 3501 | llei_step_scepprogram@fs.fed.us

CFEB EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit information to be included in the announcements, please email it by Wednesday of each week to iconn@colorado.feb.gov in the following format.

Title

Date | Time

Location | 3333 W 32 Ave | Denver CO (no punctuation)

Cost (if applicable)

Brief Description (very short marketing blurb | a couple of bullet points or sentences)

CONTACT Name | 303 333 5555 | [email](mailto:iconn@colorado.feb.gov)

Web Site <http://www.co>

Recent CFEB announcements are posted on the CFEB web site

<https://www.colorado.feb.gov/index.php?content=10&page=Announcements>

Thank you and Happy Holidays,

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