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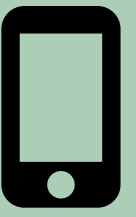
The following are great apps first responders and the public can use to stay safe and informed during an emergency.
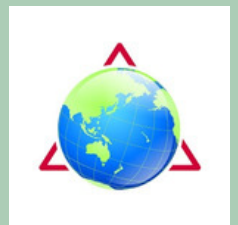
1 AFN-TIPS

This app is intended to support first responders and others who are assisting individuals with access and functional needs in times of crisis.

AFN-TIPS
Access and Functional Needs
Information for First Responders

2 DISASTER ALERT

The Disaster Alert app is a listing of 'Active Hazards' occurring around the globe. By Active Hazards the developers mean current and real-time incidents that could be "potentially hazardous to people, property or assets." This includes everything from hurricanes, earthquakes, and tsunamis to areas of drought or serious health risk. The app includes alerts, notifications, and interactive maps.

3 FEMA

Receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide; learn emergency safety tips for over 20 types of disasters, including earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, tornados, and more; locate open emergency shelters in your area and find disaster recovery centers where you can talk to FEMA in person; and toggle between English and Spanish.
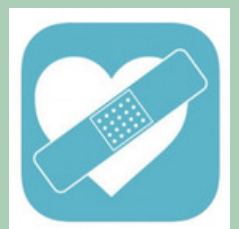
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4 FIRST AID BY AMERICAN RED CROSS

First Aid by American Red Cross provides free lifesaving first aid instruction and disaster preparedness information, including videos, interactive quizzes and simple step-by-step advice.

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5 HELP KIDS COPE

This app helps parents, caregivers, teachers, and emergency preparedness professionals talk with children about the disasters they may face and how to best support them before, during and after an event.
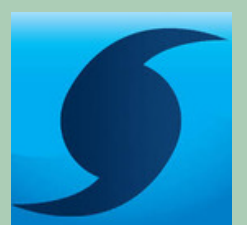
6 ICE MEDICAL STANDARD

Developed by About the Kids Foundation, ICE Medical Standard (ICE stands for In Case of Emergency) is an emergency card app, which lists an individual's complete medical history, emergency contacts, insurance details, blood type, and more. ICE Medical Standard features a unique color-coding plan to quickly allow first responders to determine if there are any serious medical issues. For example, red indicates severe allergies, heart conditions, etc., yellow indicates the individual is taking medication, while green suggests no complications. The ICE Standard is regarded as an excellent back up to a normal emergency medical card.

ICE

7 IHURRICANE

The iHurricane app brings HurricaneSoftware.com's award winning hurricane tracking software to smartphones and tablets. You can get the latest real-time satellite data, the predicted hurricane path, strike possibilities, wind speeds, and more. iHurricane allows you to track multiple hurricanes at one time, as well as access historical data for past seasons and individual locations.

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8 — OSHA-NIOSH HEAT SAFETY

The OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety Tool is a useful resource for planning outdoor work activities based on how hot it feels throughout the day. Featuring real-time heat index and hourly forecasts, specific to your location, as well as occupational safety and health recommendations from OSHA and NIOSH.

9 — READYNC

ReadyNC, formerly a mobile app, is a mobile-compatible, free, website that serves as an all-in-one tool to help people get ready for everything from traffic jams to hurricanes and ice storms. The app gives information on real-time traffic and weather conditions, river levels, evacuations and power outages. It works both for iPhone and Android phones.

10 — RED CROSS EMERGENCY

Red Cross Emergency is an "all-inclusive" app that combines more than 35 different severe weather and emergency alerts from natural to man-made, giving users real-time information about incidents that are about to occur in their location.

11 — RESPONDER SELF CARE

This mobile app aids those deployed to emergency response events in maintaining their own physical, emotional, and social wellbeing.

12 — SHOW ME FOR EMERGENCIES

This app is for emergency workers and people with communication needs such as difficulty understanding English, hearing impairments, and cognitive disabilities. It uses easy-to-understand icons for two-way communication during an emergency.

13 — STOP THE BLEED

Life-threatening bleeding can be fatal in minutes. Use this app to learn techniques recommended by the Stop the Bleed campaign to apply pressure and possibly save lives in an emergency.

14 — WISER

WISER (Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders) assists first responders in Hazmat incidents, with features including substance identification support, containment and suppression advice, and medical treatment information. Content from CHEMM (Chemical Hazards Emergency Medical Management) is included in this app.

15 — ZELLO

Zello is a free app that gives your cell phone the ability to act as a walkie talkie. You can also send photos, texts, and location information. You can set your communication status (available or busy), and you can replay messages you receive, even if your device was turned off when the message came through.