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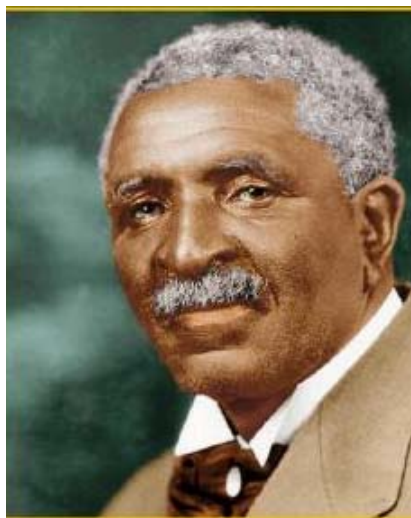


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## How Far Will You Go?

By Allan B. Fraser, CBI, CPCA, Sr.  
Building Code Specialist, NFPA

*"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." - George Washington Carver*



George Washington Carver

While he doesn't specifically mention "people with disabilities," it strikes me that George Washington Carver did, in fact, mean to include them in his eloquent statement to each

and every one of us. It is true that we will all be a part of the disability community at some period in our lives. Maybe it's only a broken finger that diminishes our ability to type or write, particularly for those of us who still write letters or cards. Maybe it's our need to sleep on the couch because that broken leg won't allow us to climb the stairs to get to our bedroom. And who among us hasn't gotten some sand, dirt or liquid in our eye putting us in great pain and unable to clear our vision enough to find our way around even in the familiar surroundings of our home?

Some of these injuries - yes, in fact disabilities, healed quickly. Some lasted longer. Some may even have been permanent. How thankful were we to have some help from compassionate family, friends and strangers? Did these injuries change who we were?

Absolutely not! They only changed the way we needed to accomplish certain things! People don't become disabled. Rather, they may have a disability and may simply need to do things in a different way than others do them to accomplish the same result. Would you say that your brother has a disability because you write with your right hand and he with his left? Of course not. Or would we call someone disabled if they

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speak a different language than we do? Silly huh? According to Trudy Suggs in her book, *American Sign Language in 24 Hours*, American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most-used language, used by between 500,000 and 2 million people. It trails only spoken English, used by about 229 million people and Spanish, used by 35 million people.



Cover of *Accessible Emergency Notification and Communication: Research and Policy Recommendations*

In the fall of 2005 I attended the *Accessible Emergency Notification and Communication: State of the Science Conference* at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC, the first university established for the deaf and hard of hearing in this country. The opening session took place in an auditorium with about 400 people in attendance.

The Dean was signing her opening speech from the left side of the stage to the mostly deaf and hard of hearing audience. In the first row directly in front of her sat a woman with a microphone who spoke the Dean's message for those few of us in the audience who did not understand ASL message. Another woman sat next to the woman with the microphone repeating the ASL to a panel of speakers, all of whom were deaf or hard of hearing, seated in the middle of the stage beside the Dean. This was done so that they would not have to crane their necks to too "hear" (access) her speech (content).

On the right side of the stage was a large 12 foot by 12 foot screen displaying CART (real time text translation) for those students attending who were not yet proficient with ASL. And on the main floor below and in front of the screen was another ASL interpreter so the students seated in the front right section could see both the CART and ASL in their line of vision.

I was very impressed with all of the preparations, tools and techniques used to make sure that everyone got the same message at the same time. After about five minutes I realized that I was no longer aware that the Dean wasn't the one speaking. I was completely engaged in her "words," her enthusiasm and her very demonstrative facial expressions. Suddenly I became aware of an attendee in the front left corner of

the auditorium. He was having a conversation with another attendee in the right rear row of the auditorium using ASL. I also became aware of the fact that the only sound in the auditorium was the voice of the woman speaking the Dean's words into her microphone. This scenario really had an impact on me. I didn't have a hearing disability, or any disability at all, yet I was one of only a hand full of people in the room who had no idea of what was being communicated in the side conversation across the room. I was the minority because I was the one who needed to communicate differently.

With the many such lessons I've been fortunate enough to have had over time, I have made it my mission to work towards ensuring that all fire and life safety code requirements, systems and procedures will work for everyone regardless of their circumstances because as George Washington Carver said "*someday in your life you will have been all of these.*"





U. S. Senate  
Office of the  
Sergeant at Arms  
National  
Preparedness Month  
Fair 2014  
“Show Your Care,  
Choose To Prepare”

NFPA has been invited to participate in the *National Preparedness Month Fair* in Washington, D.C on September 19, 2014. It is hosted by the Office of Emergency Preparedness in association with national efforts coordinated by the Department of Homeland Security. Representatives from various internal offices and many local emergency management agencies, and response teams from around the National Capitol Region, will share information and resources with Senate staff on the importance of emergency

preparedness. Information will explain how to better prepare for all hazards, mitigation, and how to recover quickly after an emergency.

**Objectives of the Fair are to:**

- Increase awareness in the Senate community about the importance of preparing for all hazards.
- Increase awareness about the importance of having a family/personal preparedness plan.
- Encourage individuals to take action during National Preparedness Month
- Educate staff on the resources available to them at work and at home.
- Inform staff on best practices in relation to emergency preparedness.

Organizers anticipate between 150-200 congressional staff members to attend throughout the day.



**DISABILITY LAW CENTER, INC.**

At the 2014 Disability Law Center’s (DLC) annual fundraiser, awards ceremony, and silent auction held in June in Cambridge,

Massachusetts the DLC honored several outstanding community leaders who have significantly improved the quality of life for people with disabilities in Massachusetts:

**Edward M. Kennedy Leadership Award**

Jim Brett, President and CEO, NE Business Council

**Civil Rights Advocacy Award**

Francis X. Bellotti, Former Attorney General

**Unsung Hero Award**

David J. Holway, NAGE National President

**Individual Leadership Award**

Ashley Wolfe

**You Make a Difference Award**

James M. Shannon, NFPA President



James M. Shannon, NFPA’s sixth president, was honored for his role

in advancing inclusiveness as a big part NFPA’s safety mission.

A former Congressman from Massachusetts and Massachusetts Attorney General Jim came to NFPA with a sense of purpose: to save lives.

Recognizing that there was a need and an opportunity for NFPA to provide leadership on the inclusion of people with disabilities in all of its work, Jim established the Disability Access Review and Advisory Committee (DARAC) in 2004 answering directly to the NFPA president. This advisory committee is charged with:

- Identifying existing needs and emerging issues within the disability community.
- Providing recommendations to the president as to how NFPA can provide leadership on such issues.
- Working to ensure that NFPA’s code and standards development process includes public input and comments that reflect the latest thinking on disability issues, access provisions and other matters that affect the disability community.
- Providing program recommendations on subjects relating to Risk Watch®, Learn Not to Burn®, Remembering When® and other NFPA public education/outreach efforts.

With Jim’s support and DARAC’s guidance, NFPA has a long list of accomplishments related to the disability community including:

- **NFPA® 5000® , Building Construction & Safety Code®** which contains the scoping requirements from the Americans with Disabilities Act/Architectural Barriers Act –Advisory, the technical requirements of *ANSI/ICC A117.1 -2009* “Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities” Standard, and the scoping requirements of the Federal Fair Housing Act.
- **NFPA® 1, Fire Code®** , and NFPA 101®, **Life Safety Code®** which contain provisions requiring the means of egress to be accessible to the extent necessary to ensure reasonable safety for occupants having impaired mobility, as well as requiring buildings to be designed with an accessible means of egress.
- **NFPA® 1600® Disaster Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs** which contains requirements such as “... The plan shall identify actions to be taken to protect people (including those with special needs), property, operations, and the environment

and to provide incident stabilization.”

- **NFPA 72®, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code®**. The 1996 edition of NFPA 72 incorporated many changes of a technical nature. These changes related to issues such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, software testing, fire modeling, and communications and are still maintained today.
- **ANSI/ICC A117.1 - Usable and Accessible Buildings and Facilities** NFPA has been a member of this committee since 1990. The detailed technical requirements for accessibility contained in this standard and are adopted by reference in various NFPA documents.
- NFPA is a charter member of the Standards Committee on Emergency Stair Travel Devices (ED-1) managed by RESNA.
- In 2007, NFPA published its **Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities**. Jim directed that it be a free download from our website. It has been downloaded over 50,000 times since March, 2007 and NFPA has held numerous training seminars on it at NFPA conferences, State Fire Academies,



- Colleges, FEMA events, CSUN and other national conferences
- Shortly thereafter, NFPA published its *Personal Emergency Evacuation Planning Tool for School Students with Disabilities*, also a free download.
- In June 2008, NFPA released *e-ACCESS*, its free, quarterly e-newsletter on fire and life safety issues for people with disabilities.
- NFPA has written numerous articles on fire and life safety, as well as emergency evacuations for people with disabilities for NFPA Journal and numerous trade association publications.
- NFPA was one of 400 invitees to the *National Summit on Disability Policy 2010: ADA 1990–2010 Retrospective and Future Policy Directions: A comprehensive dialogue to shape the national disability agenda. July 25–27, 2010*
- NFPA’s Public Education Division has produced numerous brochures of safety for people with disabilities and NFPA’s Fire Research and Analysis Division produced a research report on *Physical Disability as a Factor in Home Fire Deaths*.

- In 2010, NFPA added an *Accessibility Expo* section at its annual Conference & Expo which has continued to grow.
- NFPA’s website has a disabilities page with lots of information and free publications with the simple URL of [www.nfpa.org/disabilities](http://www.nfpa.org/disabilities).

Jim was committed to making NFPA’s codes and standards easily accessible and responsive to new and emerging needs. More than a decade ago, NFPA became the first standards developing organization to allow free access to all of our codes and standards.

Jim, who retired from NFPA last June, will be remembered for expanding NFPA’s role in advocacy, including NFPA’s work advocating home fire sprinklers in all new one- and two-family homes, another critical safeguard to enhance public safety particularly benefiting people with disabilities and to better protect our nation’s fire service.

For all that we have highlighted and much more, we thank Jim Shannon for the legacy he leaves behind.

NFPA’s Disability Access Review and Advisory Committee (DARAC) met in June in conjunction with the 2014 NFPA Conference & Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada. Over the very busy and productive day and a half meeting, DARAC discussed many subjects, took a number of actions, and received project updates from a number of NFPA departments. Seven of the nine committee members were present as were some twelve visitors over the course of the meeting.



*Sign outside DARAC meeting at 2014 Conference & Expo in Las Vegas*

The committee:

- Heard an update from Marty Ahrens on the NFPA’s Fire

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Research and Analysis Division’s research report, “Physical Disability as a Factor in Home Fire Deaths, written by Ben Evarts and published in May 2012. She requested input from the committee on the report’s updated fact sheet which the committee members provided.

- Discussed the proposed new document NFPA 1616: *Standard for Mass Evacuation and Sheltering* and will prepare public input for submission when the draft is released later this summer.
- Discussed the proposed new NFPA project: *Professional Practices for Facility Fire Safety Planning and Fire Safety Directors* and prepared a comment to be sent by staff to the Standards Council for their August meeting.
- Heard about the NFPA’s High Rise Building Safety Advisory Committee’s new guidelines on creating an *Emergency Action Plan for All-Hazard Emergencies* from staff liaison Kristin Bigda, via Skype.
- Heard an update on agendas, plans for products, information and programs related to people with disabilities from NFPA Public Education Division Manager Judy Comoletti and Karen Berard-Reed.
- Heard an update on RESNA’s product standard, RESNA ED-1, *Stair Evacuation Devices* from

RESNA Committee Chair Glenn Hedman.

- Heard an update from the Fire Protection Research Foundation’s Amanda Kimball on their projects
- Met with NFPA’s southwest regional director, Ray Bizal and NFPA’s regional sprinkler specialist, Jeff Hudson, who requested, and received, their help in identifying qualified and willing advocates to testify on sprinkler legislation in each region.
- Heard a presentation and request for a letter of support from Richard Roberts of Honeywell Life Safety regarding public comments to NFPA 72 to reduce the pulse width duration from 200 milliseconds to 20 milliseconds. This would particularly benefit people with low vision. The committee voted unanimously to send a letter of support to the technical committee chairs. They also sent a letter to the NFPA 72 project requesting annex language changes to effect proper terminology with respect to items affecting people with disabilities.



The highlight of the meeting was a visit from incoming NFPA President and CEO Jim Pauley who told the committee about his background and the path that had lead him to NFPA. Mr. Pauley and the committee discussed a number of items regarding the history of DARAC and some of its thoughts on future directions. DARAC members expressed their excitement at working with Mr. Pauley and he expressed his appreciation for their valuable of their input.

All DARAC meetings are open to the public.



## The Second NFPA Accessibility Expo in Las Vegas Was a Big Hit!

The second *Accessibility Expo* co-located with [2014 NFPA Conference & Expo](#) at Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada in June was a big hit with conference attendees. The exposition featured products and information sessions designed to empower people with disabilities and their families, friends, and caregivers, as

well as building managers, supervisors, and first responders, to help improve the quality of life and safety of people with disabilities far beyond those specified in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“Fire and life safety may be more important to people with disabilities than others because of the barriers they face accessing information and the physical barriers they face in the built environment,” says Allan Fraser, senior building code specialist and staff liaison to NFPA’s Presidential Disability Access Review and Advisory Committee. “With each passing day, I marvel at new technological advancements, particularly those that improve our access to information and communications, and that allow people with disabilities to be empowered on a par with others with respect to their own safety.”



*Stair Descent Device Booth in Accessibility Expo section*

Formal educational sessions were well attended and included:

- The 2015 Edition of ANSI/ICC A117.1, Standard for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities

- Human Behavior in Fire Research Planning Workshop
- A Case Study: The First Fire Service Access Elevator Installed in San Francisco
- Challenges of Planning for Mass Evacuation
- Missing 20 Percent of Your Population When Planning for Emergency Evacuations?
- Lessening Your Liability: Emergency Shelter Planning for Those with Functional Needs
- Firefighters and Home Fire Safety Solutions for People with Disabilities
- Ergonomic Evaluation of Stair Descent Devices: Final Results and Device Demonstration
- Autism Awareness for First Responders
- Remembering When<sup>®</sup>: A Fall and Fire Prevention Program for Older Adults
- Accessible Hotel Guest Rooms for Persons Who are Hard of Hearing or Deaf
- Augmentative and Alternative Communications
- Using Mobile Learning, Apps and Job Aids to Enhance Response and Recovery for People with Disabilities
- Assistive Devices for Special Populations

Preparations are already underway for the 2015 NFPA Conference & Expo in Chicago next June! Mark your calendars!



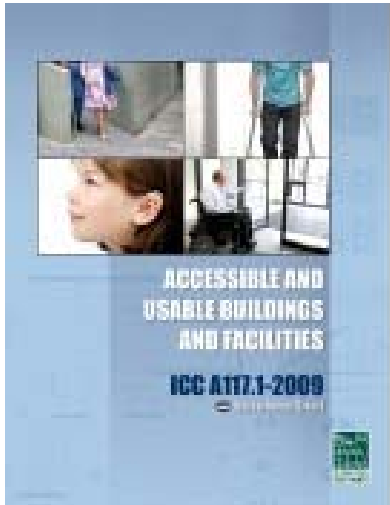
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Attendees also found the informational sessions in the exhibitor’s theater on the expo floor very well done.

- They included:
- Reaching the Whole Community: Examining Website Accessibility

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<b>Jan.-Feb. 2015</b>	Committee meeting to consider second draft comments
<b>Feb.-Mar. 2015</b>	Ballot sent and public comment report open for comments
<b>Mar- Apr. 2015</b>	Recirculate ballot and unresolved comments
<b>Apr-May 2015</b>	Ballot to publish standard
<b>May-Jun. 2015</b>	Recirculate ballot comments
<b>Jun-July 2015</b>	Publish standard



*Building and Facilities Accessible to, and Usable by, the Physically Handicapped.*

From the original 16 pages of requirements, the document has grown to some 136 pages and has been revised eight times over the past 52 years. As with all ANSI consensus codes and standards, the public can propose revisions to the document on a periodic, two-part cycle. During the most recent revision cycle, the entire document was open for changes submitted by the public until July 2012.

## ICC/ANSI A117.1, Standard for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities, Projected Schedule for 2015 Revision Cycle

For those of you who don't know, [A117.1 — Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities](#) is the private-sector consensus standard that, along with the Department of Justice's 2010 ADA Standard, is used in the design, construction, and modification of almost all buildings and facilities in the United States.

The standard, originally published in 1961 as the result of efforts by the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped, was originally called *Standard Specifications for Making*

The committee had three meetings to review and act on those suggestions, culminating in the *First Public Review Draft*, which was [opened to the public for comments](#) in October, 2013. Public comments related to changes made by the committee were received until December 2013.

The committee met again in January 2014 and in July 2014 completing its work on the comments. After the balloting in August, 2014 the *Second Draft Report* will be published and open for public comments.

Below is the tentative schedule for the rest of the cycle. For more updated information, [click here](#).

<b>July 14-16, 2014</b>	Committee completed first draft comments
<b>Aug. 2014</b>	Ballot sent
<b>Sept. 2014</b>	Deadline ballot returns
<b>Oct. 2014</b>	Ballot recirculation and post second draft

## Emergency Registries .....Just Because You Know Where I Live, Doesn't Mean You Know Where I Am!

*Part 2 of an interview with June Isaacson Kailes*



The idiom "the devil is in the detail" expresses the idea that whatever one does should be done thoroughly—



that is, details are important. This clearly applies to registries.

The establishment of registries was one of the early preparedness efforts the emergency management community made to improve its response to the specific needs of persons with disabilities during disasters. Emergency-related registries vary in form, but, in theory, they all try to collect the names, locations, and contact information of people in a given area or jurisdiction who are likely to need help with evacuation and shelter.

Unfortunately, users report that registries often yield mixed to negative results. Not only are they expensive to build and difficult to maintain, but they imply that responders will come to help you when, in mid- to large-scale disasters, that is generally not the case. When asked to discuss their experience with registries, most who had used one listed problems and most reported that registries were just not working.

e-ACCESS wanted to know more about the current thinking on registries, so we talked with June Isaacson Kailes. June operates a Disability Policy Consulting practice and is the Associate Director of the [Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy](#) at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California. In the early 1980s, June was one of just

a handful of people with disabilities who focused on disability- and aging-related emergency issues. She works on emergency issues internationally; with local, state, local, and federal agencies; with community-based organizations; and with an array of other emergency managers, planners, and contractors. She is a writer, trainer, researcher, policy analyst, expert witness, and advocate.

June is well known for her many practical publications about integrating people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs into emergency planning, response, and recovery. She is also known for her pioneering work in conceiving, promoting, and moving the emergency management world from the vague “special needs” focus to an access and [functional needs approach](#) to planning and response. Here is Part 2 of the *e-ACCESS* interview with her.

**e-ACCESS:** June I know you’re a big technology person. Any hope there

**JIK:** Better use of technology in the future does hold great promise! Access to the internet is increasing rapidly with new devices being released almost every day. In this world of shrinking budgets, scarce first responder resources need to be used wisely and as efficiently as possible but that’s not necessarily economically viable. In

2004, the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management “...conducted research on the costs of developing and implementing a voluntary registry. According to this research, a registry program in LA would require 14 full-time staff, including 10 analysts, two employees to do geographic information system (GIS) mapping, and two administrative assistants. The total cost was estimated at just under \$1.4 million per year for the first three years of the program, with two-thirds of the funds going towards staff and the remaining one-third for technology.”

**e-ACCESS:** So how do we harness technology’s potential to use scarce resources as effectively and efficiently as possible?

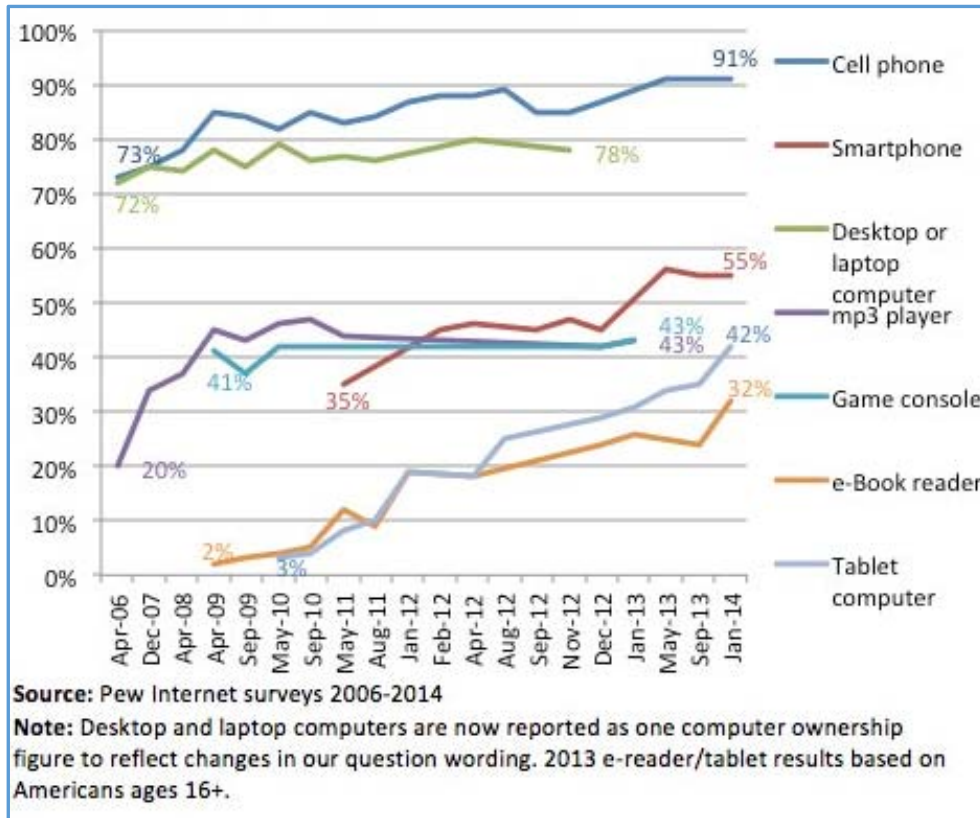
**JIK:** Of course these ideas apply when landlines and cell grids remain operational, or come back up quickly, which they do in a significant portion or outages.

My question is “why can’t we communicate in real time when, where and if we need help by using: “Check In” and “Find Me” apps?” There are plenty of examples already in use and many more are emerging. But they need to be harnessed.

The [graph](#) below shows the rapidly rising ownership of devices that provide internet connectivity. In this

world of inadequate, lean and mean budgets, scarce first responder resources need to be used wisely and as efficiently

as possible and these devices have great potential for communication in real time.



Here are some examples of technology we can be using:

### [Personal emergency response systems \(PERS\)](#)

- PERS systems are commercial products focused on emergency response. They link an individual to the resources needed to respond to an individual emergency, such as falls in the home and car crashes.
- OnStar® advertises that it will stay with you (by voice) until help arrives
- Commercial products such as LifeAlert®, LifeFone®, Lifeline® are evolving from home based, “I’ve fallen and I can’t get up” technologies, to mobile cell phone based systems like [5Star Urgent response](#)® and [MobileHelp](#)™.
- The vehicle-based systems such as [OnStar SOS](#)® and [Sync 911 Assist](#)® are also tied to mobile phone technology.

Global positioning system (GPS) satellites transmit precise signals, allowing GPS receivers to calculate and display accurate location, speed, and time information to the user.

Individuals use an on board or hand held GPS device, (Number 2 in graphic above) to determine their GPS location and then send their location and a preselected message to communication satellites (Number 3 in

the graphic above). Those satellites relay the message to specific satellite antennas (Number 4 in the graphic above), which in turn send the information through a global network (Number 5 in the graphic above) which delivers the information according to an individual’s instructions, via email, text message, or to [GEOS® Rescue Coordination Center](#) if they’re a member.

There are smart phone apps for your phone’s network that:

- Have “Follow Me” features that allow you to choose contacts who can track your location in real-time when you are concerned for your safety.
- You can activate an “I’m Safe” button to let your contacts know when you’ve safely arrived at your destination.
- In an emergency, you can press app’s SOS button to send a panic alert containing a link to your GPS location. The alerts go to your pre-selected emergency contacts via text message and/or email, and if you so choose, will be posted to your Facebook® page or your Twitter® account. Once the SOS is activated, the app automatically prompts you to dial 911.

- Other apps offer a one-button activations that will call everyone you designate with a pre-programmed message.

New sensor technologies are also becoming available that can detect falls without the person pressing the button for help.

Google® has built a prototype for a new smartphone that uses 3D sensors to map a user’s physical surroundings. “The prototype uses a motion-sensing camera and other sensors to take up to 250,000 measurements per second as the device is carried around” according to Google®. The data are crunched by software to create a constantly growing, virtual map of the physical world.

When Hurricane Sandy was approaching New York City there were only a few accessible public transit options. Just think how folks trying to evacuate with mobility disabilities could have benefitted from services such as [Uber](#)® or other ride-sharing, ride-getting apps, especially if accessibility were a built in feature, such as “Need a wheelchair accessible vehicle” or “driver able to lift/put my mobility device in the trunk.”

**e-ACCESS:** Any final words of advice?

**JIK:** You need to proceed cautiously and carefully before endorsing, advocating for or building a registry.

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Push back. Ask the hard questions. What is realistic? Don’t settle for fantasy or symbolic planning, don’t be naïve regarding registries. Plan for the government not being there. Strengthen your own support teams.

**e-ACCESS:** Where can readers go for more information?

**JIK:** Most of what we discussed can be found on my web pages at:

[“Emergency Registries for People with Access and Functional Needs”](#)

The site includes:

- [What Is a Registry?](#)
- [Access and Functional Needs Emergency Registry Assessment Tool](#) intended for any jurisdiction or potential registry sponsor considering the development or continuation of a registry as part of its emergency management system. Registries continue to be recommended and, in some places, required. This tool will help you evaluate whether a registry will achieve the desired objectives and help you decide if, where, and when a registry can be effective.
- [Flowchart: Deciding to Use an Access and Functional Needs Emergency Registry](#)
- [Stakeholder Opinions of Access](#)

[and Functional Needs Emergency Registries](#)

- [Access and Functional Needs Emergency Registry Websites](#) links to examples of registry websites.

- [Papers, Presentations, Webinars and Resources](#)

- [University of Minnesota researchers develop navigation app for people with vision disabilities](#)



## NFPA Coming Events

### September 2014

- [All NFPA Seminars this month](#)
- [All Electrical Seminars this month](#)
- [All NFPA 70E® Seminars this month](#)
- [All Fire Alarm & Signaling Code Seminars this month](#)
- [All Automatic Sprinkler Seminars this month](#)
- [All Life Safety Code® Seminars this month](#)
- [All Health Care Seminars this month](#)
- [All Certified Fire Protection Specialist Seminars this month](#)

Sep. 8-12 [NFPA Training Seminars, New Orleans, LA](#)

Sep. 8-12 [NFPA Training Seminars, Quincy, MA](#)

Sep. 8-12 [NFPA Training Seminars, Pittsburgh, PA](#)

Sep. 10-12 [Fire Safety Asia Conference Singapore 2014](#) – Fire Safety & Emergency Management: The Way Forward, Singapore Expo

Sep. 15-19 [NFPA Training Seminars, Las Vegas, NV](#)



By definition, a collection is a group of objects or works to be seen, studied, or kept together. The purpose of this column is to provide you with links to news items, stories, and general information that you may not be aware of but that may help you reduce the burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of your own life or that of family and friends.

- [Caregiver Tries to Save Women Killed in Group Home Fire](#)
- [Mentally disabled residents hurt in boarding home fire](#)
- [1 hurt in DeKalb high-rise apartment fire](#)
- [At least 3 dead in Jersey shore motel fire; 8 hurt](#)

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Sep. 22-26 NFPA Training Seminars, Northbrook, IL

- [All NFPA 70E® Seminars this month](#)

- **June 4-7, 2017, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA**

**October 2014**

- [All NFPA Seminars this month](#)
- [All Electrical Seminars this month](#)
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Nov. 3-7 NFPA Training Seminars, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ

See NFPA's complete online calendar.

**December 2014**



**Do you have a story to tell or information to share?**

Our readers are people with disabilities, and their relatives, caregivers, and friends.

Our goals are to:

- Provide specialized information about fire and life safety for people with disabilities directly to those with disabilities and to those who help them in order to reduce or eliminate death and injury from fire and other emergencies.
- Provide a forum for the collection and dissemination of information for people with disabilities in support of DARAC's mission.
- Provide personal stories about events, ideas, or solutions from our readers that can guide others in similar circumstances.

Oct. 6-10 NFPA Training Seminars, Denver, CO

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Oct. 6-10 NFPA Training Seminars, St. Louis, MO

Dec. 4 [The Smart Fire Fighter of the Future](#) webinar, 12:30-2 pm EST. Sponsored by [Fire Protection Research Foundation](#).

Oct. 6-10 NFPA Training Seminars, Milwaukee, WI

Oct. 13-17 NFPA Training Seminars, Research Triangle Park, NC

Dec. 8-12 NFPA Training Seminars, Kissimmee, FL

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- [All NFPA Seminars this month](#)
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